

Answer the following

1. The village is agog with excitement. Everyone is up early to go to the Idgah mosque. One finds a button missing from his shirt and hurries to his neighbour's house for thread and needle. Another finds that the leather of his shoes has become hard and runs to the oil press for oil to grease it. Many dump toddler before their oxen.

2. Hamid is thin, famished- looking and poorly dressed. He has no shoes on his feet and the cap on his head is soiled and tattered with its gold thread turned black.

3. Ameena is worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself because Hamid is only four years old and the Idgah is four miles away. Besides, he has no shoes. Ameena worries what Hamid may get lost in the crowd.

4. Other people are wearing expensive dresses and perfumes. They are coming on tongas and motor cars, whereas the village rustics aren't bothered about the poor show they make. They are a calm, contented lot.

5. Men embrace each other after the prayers are offered. People move on to the sweet and vendor's stores after that.

6. Hamid bravely defends his choice of buying a pair of tongs by giving witty reasons against his friends toy.

7. Nooreys lawyer met an end befitting his grand status. Two nails were driven into the wall, a plank put on them and a carpet of paper spread on the plank to make the lawyer sit. Noorey began to wave a fan over him. We do not know whether it was the breezeor the fan or something else that brought the honourable counsell down from his high pedestal to the depths of hell and reduced his gown to mingle with the dust. The lawyer's bier was dumped on a heap of dung.

8. Mr. constable was short of one leg. Mahmood being a bit of a doctor knew of an ointment, which could quickly rejoin broken limbs. But no sooner was the constable put on his feet the leg gave way. One leg was of no use because now ne could neither walk nor sit. Mahmood cut another leg of the constable to the size of the broken leg, thus making him sit like a holy man. The plume on his turban was scraped off.

9. We realize Hamid's intelligence at two instances in the story. The first is when he bargains with the shopkeeper to buy the pair of tongs for three pice. He also cleverly outwits other children in defending his choice of buying a pair f tongs.



10. ( Fill only in the text.)

Name	Toy	Description
Mahmood	Policeman	Khaki uniform,red turban and a gun on the shoulder.
Mohsin	Water carrier	Back bend, water bag on the back, singing.
Noorey	Lawyer	Black gown, long white coat, gold watch chain in pocket and a law book in hand.

11. Ameena starts crying seeing little Hamid's sacrifice. Her heart is too full for words. She spread her apron and beseeches Allah to bless the little child.

