

Key points:

- i. The story is written by Mulk Raj Anand.
- ii. 'The Lost Child' gives an account of a child who has been lost in a fair and how to react when lost.
- iii. The child goes to a fair with his parents.
- iv. He sees lots of things like toys, balloons, beautiful flower garlands, and sweets but he knows that his parents would not buy any.
- v. But when he sees roundabout he can't resist the temptation and tries to seek his parents' permission.
- vi. During this period he gets separated from his parents in a fair.
- vii. The boy wanders around trying to find his parents, but in the end he gives up and goes back to his parents' shop.

Very Short Answer Question;

1. Who wrote the story?

Ans. The story is written by Mulk Raj Anand

2. What is the moral of the story?

Ans. Every child loves his or her parents unconditionally.

3. In which season is the story set?

Ans. The story is set in the Spring.

4. What did the child ask from his father?

Ans. The child asked for a toy from his father

5. What did he gather after entering the grove?

Ans. He gathered the falling of the petals

6. Write the meaning of 'capers'?

Ans. 'Capers' here means running in a playful manner.

7. Which flower he sees on his way to the fair?

Ans. Mustard flowers

8. What are the favourite sweets of the child?

Ans. Burfi.

9. Who rescued the child?

Ans. A man.

10. What was the child watching when he got lost?

Ans. The child was watching a roundabout in the fair.

11. What kind of lady was his mother?

Ans. His mother was a very kind lady.

Short Answer Questions

1. Who was playing the flute in the fair?

Ans. The juggler was playing the flute to a snake in the fair.

2. Where did the child's parents stop?

Ans. The child's parents stopped under the shade of a grove.

3. Where did the child go with his parents?

Ans. The child went to a fair with his parents, which had been organised to celebrate the festivals of Spring.

4. What are the things that the child sees on his way to the fair?

Ans. The child sees toys, insects, worms, and flowers on his way to the fair.

5. How did the child's mother distract him from the toy seller?

Ans. The child's mother drew his attention to the flowering mustard field to distract his mind from the toy seller.

Long Answer Question

1. Describe the village scene when the child was heading towards the fair?

Ans. The story 'The Lost Child' is based on child psychology. It was a Springtime when the fair was held in the village. A crowd of men, women and children were going to the fair. They were dressed in colourful clothes. Some of them were on foot, some rode on horses and others went in bullock carts. Even the child went to the fair along with his parents. He was attracted by the colourful

and beautiful things. He saw balloons, toys, and sweets and juggler showing tricks. The child was in a joyful mood.

2. How do you know that the lost child was a nature-lover?

Ans. When the child was on his way to the fair he became very happy and excited seeing the mustard field. He saw the flowers which were in the nascent stage and flowering. The mustard were pale like melting gold. He also enjoyed by seeing a group of dragonflies which were bustling about on their colourful wings in search of sweetness from the flowers. Even he got the sunshine. The child was showered with the young flowers as he entered the fair.

3. Who rescued the child ? Explain.

Ans. In this story the child goes to a fair with his parents. But unfortunately when he wishes to enjoy a ride in the roundabout he misses his parents. Then he starts weeping. Suddenly a kind man tries to console him. And he offers to buy him a number of things. But the child goes on weeping. He cried, 'I want my mother. I want my father !'. He lifted him up and tried to soothe him. He takes him near the roundabout. He also offers to buy him flowers, balloons and sweets. But the child has lost interest in them.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Who is the writer of 'The Lost Child'?

- a. Mulk Raj Anand b. Ruskin Bond
- c. Robert Frost d. R.K. Narayan

2. Where did the child go with his parents?

- a. to the park b. to the market
- c. to the school d. to the fair.

3. What did the child see on the way to the fair?

- a. coffee shop b. bookshop
- c. toyshop d. grocery shop

4. What did he gather in the grove?

- a. petals b. grass
- c. seed d. leaves

5. whose eyes were red?

- a. brother b. uncle
- c. father d. grandfather

6. Who had saved the child?

- a. policeman b. a man
- c. watchman d. armyman

7. What was the colour of people's clothes?

- a. yellow b. red
- c. green d. purple

8. Which flowers were the garlands made up of?

- a. rose b. gulmohur
- c. lotus d. jasmine

9. What did the child want to have at the flower shop?

- a. garland of roses b. garland of marigold
- c. garland of gulmohur d. garland of lilies

10. What shop was there at the entrance of the fair?

- a. toy shop b. balloon shop
- c. sweetmeat shop d. flower shop

11. How did the flowering mustard-field look?

- a. white like silver
- b. red like a rose
- c. pale like melting gold
- d. lovely like a rainbow

12. Who was the little boy going with?

- a. with father
- b. with his mother
- c. with his father and mother
- d. none of the above

13. How were the people dressed for the festival?

- a. shabbily b. daily
- c. carelessly d. scantily

14. What is the theme of the story?

- a. close bonding between parents and children
- b. village people are good
- c. we must go to Village fair
- d. none

15. What does the story show?

- a. working of a fair.
- b. working of a village
- c. village people are good
- d. working of a child's mind

16. What did the child realise?

- a. the fair was charming.
- b. toys were attractive
- c. parents are the most valuable.
- d. none

17. **What festivals were the people going to celebrate?**
 - a. festival of Holi b. festival of Spring
 - c. festival of Dussehra d. festival of Diwali
18. **According to the little boy, his parents were:**
 - a. loving b. caring
 - c. friendly d. greedy
19. **Name the things that the child saw on his way to the fair?**
 - a. toys
 - b. sweets and garlands
 - c. balloons
 - d. all
20. **How did the little boy feel while going to the fair?**
 - a. nervous
 - b. frightened
 - c. sad and alone
 - d. full of life and laughter
21. **What is lost in the fair?**
 - a. a child a. dog
 - c. a book d. a school bag
22. **Name the characters in the story 'The Lost Child'?**
 - a. parents b. generous man
 - c. the lost child d. all
23. **List the things that the generous man did after picking up the child?**
 - a. asked his name
 - b. consoled and offered many attractive things
 - c. asked his parents name
 - d. all
24. **What happened as the child entered the grove?**
 - a. shower of young flowers on him
 - b. a dove flew above his head
 - c. his father started shouting at him
 - d. his mother started shouting at him
25. **What was it that attracted the child on the footpath?**
 - a. the butterflies.
 - b. the dragonflies
 - c. the doves.
 - d. the little insects and worms
26. **Who said to the child,"come child. come, come on to the footpath?**
 - a. the father.
 - b. the mother
 - c. both mother and father.
 - d. neither father not mother
27. **What did the father do when the child said,'I want that toy'?**
 - a. he at once bought the toy for the child
 - b. he said,'look child,what is before
 - c. he looked at the child red-eyed
 - d. he began to beat the child
28. **What did the parents say when the child lagged behind?**
 - a. come. child, come
 - b. come.or you'll be lost
 - c. come.have these toys
 - d. come.we're getting late
29. **Why were the parents holding the hand of their child?**
 - a. to protect him from the crowd
 - b. because of their fear to lose child
 - c. to help him
 - d. none
30. **What did the child do when he realised that he had lost way?**
 - a. cried and ran here and there
 - b. felt happy
 - c. reported to the police
 - d. none
31. **What did the child want to eat at the fair?**
 - a. burfi b. pastry
 - c. laddoo d. jalebi
32. **Why did the child move without giving any answer?**
 - a. because of distractions
 - b. because of too many attraction
 - c. because of his experience and assumed notion
 - d. none .
33. **What did the child say repeatedly after losing his parents?**
 - a. i want my parents b. i want to ride
 - c. i want toys d. i want swings

34. The rainbow glory the silken colours possessed to:
a. dresses b. people
c. balloons d. garland
35. The flute was played by the....
a. child b. parents
c. hawker d. snake charmer
36. Who was there in the fair in full swing?
a. snake charmer b. vendor
c. balloons d. roundabout
37. How did the child watch the people enjoying the roundabout?
a. silently b. eagerly
c. intently d. sadly
38. What was pale like melting gold in the way of the fair?
a. a doll b. building
c. mustard field d. corn
39. The wings of the dragonflies were of which colour?
a. pink b. black
c. red d. purple
40. Who called the child from the shade of a grove?
a. his brother b. his aunt
c. his parents d. balloon- seller
41. Whose throat tore into a thousand shrill sobs with shouting?
a. father b. mother
c. child. d. a man
42. The child's eyes still lingered on the receiving:
a. joys. b. toys
c. sweets. d. balloons
43. Between whose legs did the little boy run?
a. father's b. mother's
c. horse d. parents
44. The child wanted to have balloons yet he walked on why?
a. he knew his parents would
b. he knew his parents would never buy him the balloons say he was too old to pay such toys
c. both A and B
d. neither A and B
45. The sweets were decorated with:
a. leaves of silver and gold
b. flowers
c. ribbons
d. nothing at all
46. The butterfly was in search of:
a. another butterfly
b. a black bee
c. sweetness from the flowers
d. some leaves leaves
47. Write down the opposite word of 'sweet'.
a. bitter b. sour
c. salty d. tangy
48. Identify the correct spelling of given word:
a. dregasonfly b. dragonfly
c. dragoonfli d. dreagonfly
49. choose the correct spelling of the word:
a. separate b. seperete
c. soperate d. saperate
50. The child was lost the fair.
a. at b. in
c. on d. with

Answer Key

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| 1-a. Mulk Raj Anand | 26-b. mother |
| 2-b. to the fair | 27-c. he looked at the child red eyed |
| 3-c. toyshop | 28-a. come, child, come |
| 4-a. petals | 29-a. to protect him from the crowd |
| 5-c. father | 30-a. cried and ran here and there |
| 6-b. a man. | 31-a. burfi |
| 7-a. yellow | 32-c. because of experienc and assumed notion |
| 8-b. gulmohur | 33-a. i want my parents |
| 9-c. Garalnd of Gulmohar | 34-c. balloons |
| 10-c. sweet mood of | 35-d. snake charmer |
| 11-c. pale like melting gold | 36-d. roundabout |
| 12-c. with his father and mother | 37-c. intently |
| 13-b. daily | 38-c. mustard field |
| 14-a. close bonding between parents and children | 39-d. purple |
| 15-d. working of a child's mind | 40-c. his parents |
| 16-c. Parents are the most valuable | 41-c. child |
| 17-b. festivals of Spring | 42-b. toys |
| 18-d. greedy | 43-a. father's |
| 19-d. All | 44-c. both A and B |
| 20-d. full of life and laughter | 45-a. leaves of silver and gold |
| 21-a. a child | 46-c. sweetness from the flowers |
| 22-d. all | 47-a. bitter |
| 23-d. all | 48-b. dragonfly |
| 24-a. a shower of young flowers on him | 49-a. separate |
| 25-d. the little insects and worms | 50-b. in |