



Lesson- 8

IDGAH

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions:

i) When did the festival of Id arrive?

Ans: The festival of Id arrived after fasting for thirty days in the month of Ramjan ended.

ii) Who were the happiest lot?

Ans: The children were the happiest lot.

iii) Why was Amina worried?

Ans: Amina was worried because Hamid had no one to take him to the village fair. Amina's fear was that Hamid was just a little boy and what would happen if he got lost in the crowd. He had to walk to cover a distance of six miles to the fair and his tender feet might get hurt.

iv) What happened at the Idgah?

Ans: People gathered to offer prayers at the Idgah. There was no distinction between the rich and the poor, the privileged and the underprivileged. Thousands knelt and bowed. All the people became united by a single thread of brotherly love and affection.

v) What were the toys bought by Hamid's friend?

Ans: Hamid's friends bought different toys. Mahmood bought a soldier dressed in Khaki with a red turban on its head, it also had a gun on its shoulder. Mohsin bought the water- carrier. Nure wanted to become a lawyer, so he bought the toy lawyer which was dressed in a black robe and a white shirt; it had law books in its hands.

vi) What did Hamid buy?

Ans: Hamid bought a pair of tongs for his grandmother.

vii) Why didn't Hamid buy a toy?

Ans: Hamid's friends bought different toys of their choice, while his friends were enjoying themselves; he overcame his temptation and went to the hardware shop to buy a pair of tongs with the little amount of money he had, remembering how his grandmother usually burnt her fingers while making roti.

viii) What happened to the toys bought by Hamid's friends?

Ans: Mohsin's toy water-carrier was snatched by his little sister and as she jumped with joy, the toy fell on the ground and it broke into pieces.

Nure kept his toy on a plank, and the toy fell on the ground and broke into pieces.

Mahmood's toy-soldier, broke when he stumbled and it fell and broke into pieces.

ix) Describe Amina's reaction when she realised Hamid's act.

Ans: Amina was at first angry to hear that Hamid hadn't eaten anything and bought a pair of tongs with the money she had given. When Hamid told her that he bought it for her as that would save her fingers from getting burnt while making roti, she broke down. Her anger melted and spreading her chadar, she showered blessings on her grandson.



Exercise in Language

2. Choose the correct words from the pairs given in the brackets to fill in the blanks in the following sentences:

- i) She was happy that I could help her. (can/could)
- ii) The teacher said that the earth is round. (is/was)
- iii) Hamid loves his grandmother more than himself. (love/loves)
- iv) He told me that he would help me. (will/would)
- v) Tom says that he is not guilty. (is/was)
- vi) Mohan said that the sun rises in the east. (rose/rises)
- vii) We start early, lest we should miss the train. (would/should)
- viii) When I called at his house he had gone away. (have/had)
- ix) The bus had started before we reached the station. (had/has)
- x) Amina thought that Hamid would come in time. (will/would)

