

Class 9 English (Moments)

Chapter 1 – The Lost Child

Detailed Notes

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Theme:

The story highlights a child's innocence and the importance of parental love over material desires. It shows how a child's priorities change when separated from parents.

Summary:

The story takes place during a village fair. A little boy visits the fair with his parents. On the way, he is attracted by toys, flowers, sweets, balloons, and a snake charmer, but his parents keep refusing his requests. At the fair, the child gets lost in the crowd. Frightened and helpless, he cries for his parents. A kind stranger tries to comfort him by offering sweets, toys, and rides, but the child refuses everything. All he wants is to find his parents, showing that parental love is more important than worldly pleasures.

Main Characters:

- The Child – Innocent, curious, and loving.
- Parents – Caring but strict.
- The Stranger – Kind and helpful man who tries to comfort the child.

Message of the Story:

Parental love and security are the most important needs of a child. Material things lose value in times of emotional distress.

Important Points:

- Village fair setting
- Child's desires vs. emotional needs
- Sudden change in behavior after getting lost

Literary Devices:

- Imagery – Fair scenes, crowd, and colors
- Contrast – Desire vs. fear

Exam-Oriented Questions:

1. Why did the child lose interest in the fair?
2. What does the child's behavior show about human nature?
3. How does the stranger try to help the child?

Vocabulary:

- Gulmohar – A flowering tree
- Roundabout – A merry-go-round
- Hawker – A street seller

Moral:

Love and emotional security are more important than material happiness.