**Iqbal Novel Study Name: Dorian Belcourt**

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**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 marks**

There are many quotable passages from chapter 7 in *Iqbal*. Below are four important quotes.

**You must respond critically to Passage 1 and Passage 4. Then choose either Passage 2 OR 3 to reflect on**.

In your response, consider commenting on some of the following: special meaning, connection to a character’s thoughts and feelings, or why this quote makes you think and want to know more.

You can write your response directly beneath the passage.

**\* PASSAGE 1**

**“It means that this kind of life isn’t right. We should return to our families; we shouldn’t be chained to our looms and forced to work like slaves.” Page 50**

RESPONSE: This single quote makes the readers think and know how he is feeling because Iqbal tells the others that the kind of life that they’re experiencing is not right. They shouldn’t be treated this way especially at the age they are at. Iqbal explains clearly that they should all be able to go home to there families and have rights to go home to have freedom as any ordinary person. They should be cared with love and happiness and not working at a carpet factory to pay of a little debt and risking to give they’re child to be forced to child labour and having the right to freedom and civil rights. they shouldn’t be chained to their looms like as if they were animals and not having dignity I think Iqbal is right the only thing that is suppose to be on a leash is a animal not a human child everyone is the same and they’re life is not suppose to be that way. Iqbal still continues on how they shouldn’t be treated like slaves and not have the right to freedom and they should not be doing this child labour to pay off debt especially when they are only children at a young age that has not had any experience and have not be treated the way they want to be treated so I think that’s not fair to experience the days from dawn till dusk as slaves and not being cared about so this quotable passage really stands out and make the reader think and related to this novel as it interests them. They are not being treated as if they were humans they’re being treated like animals that none is paying attention to.

**PASSAGE 2**

**‘There was a precise rule among us: *Never* talk about the future. Not a single one of us dared to say, “next summer,” or “in a year,” or, “when I’m grown up.” Oh yes, we talked about things we liked to do, and we talked about the day our debt would be cancelled. We talked that hope into the ground. But nobody really believed it. It was sort of litany, a way to feel good. Otherwise what was left to us?’ Page 53**

**PASSAGE 3**

**“Fatima,” he said in a low voice, “next spring you and I are going to fly a kite. Remember that, whatever happens.” Page 54**

RESPONSE: PASSAGE \_2

I think this is a very important Quotable Passage that really interested me as because all of them have a rule to ‘’Never talk about the future. They say this rule because they don’t know what will happen to them in the future or where they will be and it hurts them to think about it after all the days gone by waiting to be free but it never happened and when they think about it they’re hurt on the inside feeling alone, tortured and forgotten about hoping soon a miracle will come and free them from child labour and end this horrible nightmare that they are living day after day. So none of them talk about what will happen in the future none of them even dared to the most they talked about is wondering when that immortal debt will disappear and hope find them soon but as days gone by all of them stopped believing that they would ever get out. So when they feel sad they try of think of all the good things that use to happen because that’s all they got is memories but they faded like washable paint so they have nothing left just old memories that are washing away slowly by slowly.

**\* Chapter 8 - PASSAGE 4**

**‘Before Iqbal’s arrival I had been resigned to my life. I couldn’t even imagine a different one. Iqbal had sown the seeds of hope in all of us.’ Page 62**

RESPONSE:

Fatima talks about how her life was miserable until the day that one day when Iqbal arrived and made a difference showing us his bravery, courage and his strategy

On turning a normal ordinary working dawn to dusk on carpets as hard as they can, to a day that actually turned out different then usual so Iqbal was there only hope of a miracle and he showed them if they stand up that they can stop this careless child labour. He helped Fatima and the others think that there is still hope waiting for us somewhere and that Iqbal made a difference and if it wasn’t for him coming in with us to the carpet factory no one can ever figure out what would of happened or what would it have been like without the knowing of Iqbal so Fatima cant thank him enough knowing what he has did for her and the others. Iqbal is known for sewing the seeds of hope in the others for showing why everything happened and that there is still hope that they will escape soon and freedom is driving on its way.