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**Quotable Passages Date: January 30, 2012**

**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 quote reflects on how wrong child labour is, the children deserve a better life. The children should be allowed to go back to their family, where they will get respect, get feed, and get love. Also, they should not be chained, because in our societies, we only chain animals, these children shouldn’t be treated like animals. Another thing is that children should never be forced to do anything. That is against the basic human rights. Lastly, slavery is inhumane. Nobody should ever be brought and sold or have to work for nothing. (They all don’t have freedom, but all of them deserves it.) These children work from dawn to dusk, but they were never paid. This is not fair, and we need to stop this from happening again.

**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**

RESPONSE: PASSAGE 2

This quote shows how hopeless these children are in the carpet factory. None of them wants to talk about, “next summer,” or “in a year,” or, “when I’m grown up.” because all of them clearly knows that no matter how far later they talk about, they will still be in the same place, in Hussain Khan’s carpet factory with the same lines on their slates. (All of that is too painful for them to talk about.) Maybe they would be sold to another place when they get too old to make carpets, but everything is going to be the same, they will never pay off their depts. The only day they can talk about is the day their debt would be cancelled, because it is always nice to have a dream in your heart, although they all know that the day is not going to come.

**\* 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:

This quote shows how Fatima changed after Iqbal’s arrival. Before he arrives, Fatima always says to herself that “I was just a little girl”. She didn’t believe in herself at all, she just keep quiet, and follows wherever life is taking her. After Iqbal came, she actually tried to help him by visiting him in the Tomb. She actually had the guts to do it, instead of just saying “I was just a little girl”. This shows how much Fatima changed. She has started to hope again, she believed that Iqbal is going to take her to fly a kite, instead of doubting. Iqbal also have given courage to all of the children (or sown the seed of hope, which have make them much braver), they’re not so afraid of Hussain Khan anymore, they even talked in the factory. Iqbal has made everyone start hoping again.