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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:

They are saying that the life that the Iqbal and the children are in is child labour and how kids shouldn’t be forced to work at such a young age and not to be forced to work where at a dangerous job where it can risk their life. Children shouldn’t be forced to be taken away from their families where their parents give them love and respect and also give them all the needs to stay healthy, taken care of, be fed. At such a young age children should have the right to be free, the right to have freedom and to do what is right and what they want to do and not to be treated like slaves. ( The children shouldn’t be forced to be chained to their looms because they didn’t do anything bad, only animals can be chained so they don’t run away.) ( children shouldn’t be treated like slaves because slaves don’t have the right to be free and the right to do whatever they want.) I think the meaning of this is that people should pay attention more to those in need is the most and that are suffering and that those who can’t go back home, and stop thinking about things that are not worth it.

**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**

**OR**

**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 \_\_\_\_

Passage 2 :

The reason why the children never talk about the future is because they spent 3 years hoping their debt would be erased so they can go back to their families where there are free but after those 3 years there debt would always never change. Those 3 years they have stopped hoping to go back home or dare ever talking about the future because it will hurt them to much thinking about how their family is doing, the memories they had with them before master Hussain Khan took them to the factory to pay off their debt. The children can never say “next summer”, “in a year”, “when I grow up” because they know that they will not ever have the chance to go back home and have the freedom to be happy again. I think the meaning of this is that whatever happens you should never stop believing/hoping because what if in the future it will happen one day.

**\* 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:

I think what Fatima means is that before Iqbal came she was just focused to loom and never had the chance to be herself. She also never thought about how her life would change before Iqbal came because Iqbal taught everyone how to stand up themselves and to master Hussain Khan and also just to be yourself. Iqbal also taught them to start believing and hoping again. ( Iqbal had sown the seeds of hope in all of them because ever since Iqbal came to the factory he taught the children how to have courage, be themselves, and to be happy and have fun.) I think the meaning of this is that you don’t really know your life is going to change but know that something will come to make it even better, because no one can predict the future. I can connect to Fatima’s feelings because I know how it feels not to be yourself until you find someone that can make you who you truly are.