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**Quotable Passages Date: January 31, 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:

Iqbal is trying to say that they shouldn’t be treated like that and they should be free if I say free they should be going to school, having enough time to play with their friends and spending time with their family, they shouldn’t be going to the washroom behind some dirty certain, they also should be fed proper food and clean water. **(They are having a horrible time with Hussian Khan by treating them like that. Children are suppose have a better like with their own families.)** Most of all children shouldn’t be chained to anything, in laws children or anyone should never be chained expect for animals. Children at the age of kids in the book should not be working they should be in school learning to write and read instead of making carpets. Children also shouldn’t be put into a Tomb after doing a mistake like what Iqbal has done, Hussian Khan just could’ve talk about it with Iqbal instead of dragging him into a place called the Tomb where it’s dark, not very clean, insects everywhere and worst of all Hussian Khan does not fed him while he was in the Tomb for 3 whole days. **(No they had no choice but to work in the workshop, because Hussian Khan bought them off their families.)**

**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 \_\_3\_\_

Iqbal has told Fatima that they will fly a kite next spring, I think Iqbal was trying to say is that next spring they will be free. A kite represents freedom. I think that one day before or during spring Iqbal will try to get their freedom back by maybe running away, Iqbal can tell one of the foreign buyers of what Hussian Khan is doing to them. The other children said that **“*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.”** But Iqbal was brave enough to talk with Fatima about the future for them. **(When Iqbal said “whatever happens” I think he was trying to say is even though he does something like run away he will still come back to Fatima.)**

**\* 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 Fatima was trying to say is that if Iqbal haven’t came to the factory children won’t be able to have hope into their self. When Iqbal haven’t been in the factory it was a quite place no one ever talked back to the master. When Iqbal came into the factory he was the only one that has been chained to the loom he was the only brave one to talk back to the master, the master would always keep an eye to Iqbal and he was the first one to cut the carpet on the day that foreign buyers came in and in front of the master. **(The sown seeds of hope which made the children even braver.)** Then since Iqbal had come the children aren’t as scared of Hussian Khan anymore. When Iqbal was put into the Tomb for 3 whole days the children would sneak out to workshop and visit Iqbal down into the Tomb. The children would bring food down to Iqbal by saving food that they have eaten and Ai would go to the garden and steal some fruits for Iqbal.

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