**Iqbal Novel Study Name: Ghelo Hipolito 8-14 Quotable Passages Date: Jan. 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:

The significance of this passage shows that the life of a child labourer isn’t right. (They shouldn’t be working at a young age because they have to work with dangerous machinery and work in dangerous situations, like undernourishment.) The children should have the life they want and deserve. They should return to their families to receive love, respect, and care and should be treated like a human being that has rights. The children shouldn’t be chained to their looms because only animals are chained, to tame them. Chaining a child only dehumanizes them and makes them lose their dignity! They shouldn’t be forced to work from dusk to dawn because kids should have the right to be able to go to school and become educated. This allows them to have a successful life and possibly break the cycle of poverty in their family. (Children shouldn’t be treated like slaves because slave don’t have freedom, the right of speech, they can’t decide for themselves, they are treated badly and the most important things that slaves have are that they are forced!) I can relate to this because I watch Filipino shows that include various types of slavery like having to work for their families because they have not enough money to carry their families life, so the job that they take forced to take can be from being a prostitute and also be include in human trafficking and drug dealing.)

**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 5**

**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

This signifies that they don’t want to talk about their future because to them it hurts too much for them. Even though they talked about the day their debt will be cancelled, they knew that, that will never happen. Even thought there was not a lot of hope to be free and that their debt will be cancelled, they had a little hope that someday they will be free. This was the way that they kept their hopes up and a way to bond the children together and not separated them apart. This makes them stronger and more courageous. If they didn’t talk to each other, nothing would be left of the children, they would be forced to do the same thing everyday. The children would be treated as if their lives were picked up like paper and be thrown out like garbage.

**\* 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 shows that Fatima had no hope in herself and gave up her life. She knew that she will never be happy with the life she had, like looking in the mirror and not liking what you see. She knew that she had to accept her destiny. She couldn’t even imagine a different life because she is too depressed to think about things that will possibly not happen, and know won’t happen. When Iqbal arrived though, Iqbal gave her and the other children that there is hope and that they should fight for what they want. The children also gained courage from Iqbal and knew how to stand together. They knew without Iqbal that no one had enough courage to rebel against Hussain Khan. Without Iqbal the children will feel alone because no one will bond each other. Without Iqbal Hussain has taken the kids souls and controlled them like a demon possessing a human.