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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: “It means this kind of life isn’t right. We should return to our families.” This part of the quote means that the way they are living now, is not right. It is not what children their age, do. Children should be free, children their age should be at school, having fun or playing outside. Not be forced to work like slaves. (They should feel the warmth and love of their families. They are not slaves, they are children. Slaves aren’t given freedom, children have the right to have freedom. Slaves can not make their own choices, children are supposed to be able to make their own choices.) This part of the quote makes me think and makes me want to know more because, it made me wonder about how the children lived, before they even ended up at the workshop. (It made me wonder if they were more happy in their past life than the present one.) “We shouldn’t be chained to our looms and forced to work like slaves.” This other part of the quote means that, people shouldn’t be forced to work by chaining them. That takes away their dignity. It makes them feel like, they’re just some kind of pet. It’s very disrespectful. Everybody should be treated equally and with respect.

**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 2

“There was a precise rule among us: *Never* talk about the future.” This part of the quote means that they think that they don’t have hope anymore. They will be stuck, working at the workshop. There is no better future for them. Some say never lose hope, but them. They just don’t want to get their hopes up for nothing. This part of the quote made me think and wonder about what there **is** hope for them. What if something is going to happen, that could change their WHOLE life. It would change their perspective of life, forever.

**\* 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: ‘Before Iqbal’s arrival I had been resigned to my life. I couldn’t even imagine a different one.’ This part of the quote means that, before Iqbal arrived at the workshop. Fatima thought, her life was destined to be at the workshop making carpets, her whole life. She was thinking so negatively that, not a single positive thought passed by her mind. If I was in her situation, I would’ve kept my hopes up. I have this never say die spirit, in me. This leads us to the next part of the quote ‘Iqbal had sown the seeds of hope in all of us.’ (When she said, “sown the seeds of hope in all of us” she meant Iqbal helped them stand up for themselves. Little by little.) Before Iqbal came, they all felt hopeless. One day, Iqbal did something that brought all hope to the children. He stood up for the children by cutting the Blue Bakhara carpet, knowing that he would get put in the tomb. This brave action from him, made the children realize that he would do something really crazy to get them all out of there.