**Iqbal Novel Study Name: Raeesa Mohamed 8-14**

**Quotable Passages Date: January 31, 2011**

**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 quote is, Iqbal said this passage to all the other children that this kind of life isn’t right because they are forced to work all day with nothing in return and not even allowed the one thing that all children are supposed to have is freedom. We should return to our families he said to the others because family gives them love, care, respect, security which Master Hussain Khan doesn’t give them. We should not be chained to our looms he also said because in they are not animals, they shouldn’t be treated like things, or a dog chained to a pole, or it. We should not be forced to work like slaves he said lastly because they are not slaves or things, they are children who deserve freedom and choice without having to worry everyday about not having a future or not being able to see there families aver 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: The significance of this quote is, there is a precise rule among us, never talk about the future because neither Iqbal or Fatima or any of the other kid could even think about the day they would be allowed to leave the carpet factory and go home or talk about when they would see there families again. Not even a single one of them even dared to say “next summer” or “in a year” or “when I grow up” because all they know is that next summer I will be here making carpets for Hussain Khan again and again and again, tying knot’s over and over and over. They did talk about things they liked to do, and they talked about the day that they would be free when Master Hussain Khan would finally whip of all those lines of debt and they could go home. They all talked about it so much, but nobody really could believe it, it was just a ways for them to feel good a hope, a dream, that would all come true. Otherwise what was left for them.

**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 \_\_\_\_

**\* 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: The significance of this quote is that, before Iqbal was here everything was just normal Hussain Khan is the strongest and in charge of our life, they went to the washroom behind a filthy curtain they worked in terrible conditions, and there debt was never going away, Fatima couldn’t imagine a different one but that one. When Iqbal came everything changed they all had more courage to speak and talk to each other, instead of hiding everyday, some proof of that is that when Iqbal was sent to the tomb they went out every night and stole food from the garden to give to Iqbal, they were all starting to feel like they could do anything, and master Hussain Khan knew it, but he didn’t like it one bit, he knew they would be able to over power him very soon if he didn’t do anything. Lastly Iqbal had sown the seeds of hope, courage, freedom, and friendship, in all of them, just as a farmer plants seeds of carrots and tomatoes.