**Iqbal Novel Study Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Quotable Passages Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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 the life that the children in the carpet factory have is not right for them because they are so young and yet they are working (child labour). Children should be free and be with their families, the ones that love them and care for them. Those being with Hussain Khan don’t have the happy life like we do because they are chained to their looms. Like us we aren’t chained to our desks during classes. Plus Hussain Khan is treating them like animals because people in non-developing countries like you and me, only chain animals so they don’t run away or get lost and that is not a way to treat a young child that is working for you because they don’t have a say or choice in what they want to do in their lives. Children at such a young age shouldn’t be forced to work like slaves because (slaves are bought by someone then sold which the children in the carpet factory are like because they are bought from one master to another and then sold to another master to live the same old devastating life with having no choice or freedom) they are also working really hard and not even getting anything in return. They also shouldn’t be forced to do anything like in school the teachers don’t force you to do your homework. It’s up to you if you want to do it or not.

**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 told Fatima that they were going to fly a *kite* next spring. He chose a kite because it represents freedom since it is flying in the air freely and happily with many colors. Iqbal is telling Fatima that they are going to be free one day, even if he has to convince them to run away from the carpet factory. Fatima was speechless she felt like Iqbal was going to do something rash and there was nothing that she could do to stop him or change his mind. But Iqbal gets to talk about the future but the other kids don’t, there is something fishy about that. He said whatever happens which means that he is going to do something rebellious like the kind of child he is and probably regret it in the end. Iqbal also told Fatima to remember this promise because he has hope, belief, and braveness that he will achieve his goal of being free and getting the other children free as well. (But he said to Fatima to remember this whatever happens which he is saying that he will come back for them and not leaving them there and living a life of terror.) (This reminded me of when my mom to me to remember that she will take me shopping the next day because that day I did chores for her and she said whatever happens we will go and we did)

**\* 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: Fatima is giving up in her life because she knows that there will be no hope in her being free someday and she knew that her life will never change since the day Iqbal arrived. She felt so upset when she knew that she would be stuck in a carpet factory fro the rest of her life that she couldn’t even imagine a new *free* life, one without listening to orders from Hussain Khan or being someone’s slave/pet. When Iqbal got sent to the Tomb he had taken all the hope out from inside the children because he wouldn’t be able to lead them anymore and no one had enough courage like Iqbal to rebel or stand up for what they believed in against Hussain Khan. They were all to scared that they would be sent to the Tomb like Iqbal. (The author is comparing Iqbal to a gardener because he plants seeds of hope like bravery, and courage and he also neuters them by watering them and taking care of them so they don’t die.)