

CHAPTER -13

THE FINAL VICTORY

A. Answer these questions :-

Q1. What was special about kite flying in Afghanistan ?

A1. The kite flying tournament was an old tradition in Afghanistan . It started early in the morning on the day of the contest and didn't end until only the winning kite flew in the sky . Once the tournament outlasted daylight , people gathered on sidewalks and roofs to cheer for their kids .

Q2 . Why should a kite fighter have an assistant ? What was Hassan's role here ?

A 2. When the kite was cut , the assistant was the one who chased the windblown kite and if he had his hands on a kite , no one could take it from him . That was a custom .

Hassan was Amir's kite runner and assistant . He held the pool and fed the line.

Q3. Why did Amir want to withdraw ? What was he afraid of ?

A 3. (Omitted)

Q4. Explain Hassan's favourite trick ?

A4 . Hassan tested the wind and then ran in its direction . On those rare occasions when they flew kites in the summer, he would kick up the dust to see which way the wind blew.

Q5. Amir kept looking at Baba during the kite -flying tournament . Why ? What do you think he wanted to prove ?

A5. He wanted to gain his father's approval . He wanted to prove that he is truly his father's son .

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context :-

1. I felt his glare on me like the heat of a blistering sun . This would be failure on a grand scale , even for me .

a) Who is the speaker and whose glare is he speaking of ?

a) Amir , his father whom he called 'Baba'.

b) What would be a failure ?

b) Failure of losing the tournament as well as disappointing his father and would never be able to gain the love of his Baba.

2. But this was my one chance to become someone who was looked at, not seen, listened to, not heard.

a) What one chance is Amir talking about?

a) The chance of winning the kite tournament and pleasing his father.

b) What does he mean by 'someone who was looked at, not seen, listened to, not heard'?

b) He was deprived of emotional connection, didn't receive Baba's affection and attention which he always longed for.
