



## Lesson 2

## LOST- SPRING

- Anees Jung

## Main Points :-

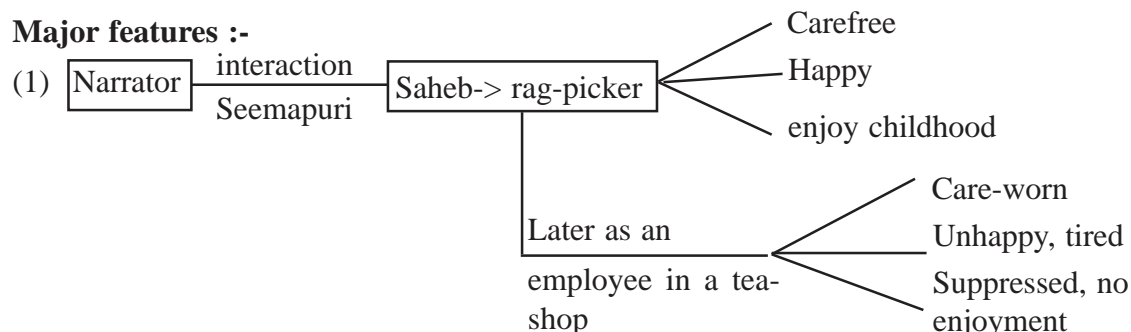
## Part A : Seemapuri

1. The boy Saheb-e-Alam meaning. 'The Lord of Universe' lives in Seemapuri, on the outskirts of Delhi
2. A refugee from Bangladesh, he does rag-picking for survival. He lives in miserable unhygienic conditions.
3. Bangladesh refugees have been living in Seemapuri since 1971, without permits but with only ration cards.
4. Rag-picking has gradually acquired the proportions of a fine art, Sometimes it brings them coins, a ten rupee note and even some valuable surprises.
5. On her next encounter, the author comes across 'Saheb' as an employee in a tea-stall, doing hard work.
6. Now, the care-free look of Saheb has been replaced by worries and anxieties on his face.

## Part B: Firozabad

1. Mukesh, living in Firozabad, employed in the family business of making bangles, is ambitious to become a motor mechanic.
2. His grandmother considers 'bangle-making' to be God-given lineage owing to their caste and tradition.
3. Savita, also engaged in bangle-making, does not understand the importance of bangles in Indian society.
4. Those engaged in 'bangle-making' lose their eye-sight owing to the glass-dust, their working conditions are very tough.
5. They are ill-treated, ill-fed and ill brought up for want of money.
6. They fail to organise themselves into a co-operative as they are in the trap of vicious circle of Middlemen , Sahukars, policemen and politicians.
7. Their 'family traditions' and the 'Vicious Circle' keep them in this perpetual trap.
8. Mukesh dreams big but lack of resources such as-money, education etc put a check on his dreams, will he be able to pursue his dreams?

## Major features :-

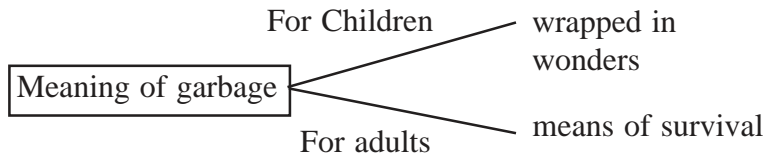





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Issues- Raised :

- (a) Child-labour
- (b) Exploitation in the name of traditions
- (c) Corruption by those in power and position.

**Questions:**

- 1- What does the name of 'Saheb-e-alam mean? Bring out the irony
- 2- Why does Mukesh want to become a motor-mechanic?
- 3- Does Savita understand the importance of bangles?
- 4- What keeps bangle-makers in the trap?

**Ans-1** Saheb means- 'The Lord of Universe' The irony is that he doesn't even have a roof over his head but his name means, the lord of universe

**Ans-2** to become self-reliant, to improve his lot, doesn't like bangle-making.

**Ans-3** Too young to understand the significance of the bangles.

**Ans-4 :** Irrational adherence to tradition, perpetual poverty, Vicious circle of Sahukar , Police-men , Middlemen , Politicians,etc.

**Questions:**

- 1- Mention the hazards of working in bangle industry?
- 2- Why should child labour be eliminated and how?

**Ans-1** Value-Points-- Unhygienic conditions, loss of eye-sight, high temperature etc.

**Ans-2** Value- Points- A curse, affects child's proper growth cause of social backwardness through awareness, implementation of strong legislations.