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Answer key

Class: 6

Subject: English ii

Chapter: Slum Children At Play

Fill in the blanks

Imps

Barefoot

Grinning, mocking

Crust

angles

Hungry

Hands

Write the meanings of the following words

1. Imps: small devils

2. grinning: smiling with the mouth open

3. mocking: making fun of

4. crust : a slice of bread or something to eat

5. strive: struggle

6. pelf: wealth

7. grime: dirt

Answer the following questions

1.The slum children are called Imps because they are mischievous and make fun of the people who they beg from also.

2.The slum children are described as Imps , hungry eyes ,eager hands who do not want any kind of pity and love as they know of life's struggle and hardship.

3.They get the money out of the rich by playing the smart game of guilt trip so as to get whatever they want in their own way and style.

4.The rich lead their lives in comfort striving for more power and wealth as they are never satisfied with what they have.

5.The difference between the rich and the slum children is that ,though the rich have everything they still want more and more and grumble and worry too much about life. Whereas the slum children who have little or nothing do not bother about the harsh world and live life to the fullest.

Work from the text book

Q1.B.The word 'dust' and 'crust' sound similar. Find three such pairs of words in the poem.

- 1.pity and city
- 2.money and funny
- 3.joke and smoke

Q3.Answer the following with reference to the context 'Your life is soft

And theirs are grime and smoke.'

- 1.The rich people's lives are soft.
- 2.The slum children's lives are hard
- 3.The rich live in a life of comfort.
- 4.The slum children and the poor live in grime and smoke.
- 5.Happiness is a state of mind the poet underlines this in the poem by comparing the life of the rich to that of the poor, thus stating that though the rich have everything but they are never satisfied with what they have as they want more of it and they always grumble and worry.

Whereas the slum people and children who have little or nothing living on the streets are very happy with whatever little they have to survive on and live life to the fullest.

6. The rich always give alms to the poor as the poor play upon their emotions to get what they want and need, which is either money or food.