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Subject : ENGLISH	Topic : The Lost Spring	Worksheet : _____5_____
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	Short answers questions	
1.	<p>What does Anees Jung want to reveal in her story ‘Lost Spring’?</p> <p>Anees Jung has portrayed two stories in ‘Lost Spring’ and both depict the grinding poverty, pitiable condition of life and the other traditions that condemn the children to a life of exploitation. For the rag-pickers of Seemapuri, garbage is gold and means of survival. The bangle-makers of Firozabad live in dingy cells and stinking lanes. Even after much toil, they do not get full meal.</p>	3
2.	<p>Why was not Saheb happy on getting a job?</p> <p>Saheb was not happy on getting a job in tea stall for a salary of Rs.800/- per month as he lost his freedom. He had to carry the stall owner’s steel canister in place of his bag. He had lost his freedom and carefree look. He was now no longer his own master.</p>	3
3.	<p>Why does the author say that the bangle-makers are caught in a vicious web?</p> <p>The family of bangle makers were caught in the vicious web of poverty. They are forced to practice their ancestral profession. They remain ill fed and ill clad throughout life. They have no money to switch over their profession. Their hard work is mind numbing. The police do not allow them to form co-operatives.</p>	3
4.	<p>What explanations does the author offer for the children not wearing footwear?</p> <p>The author comes across many shoeless rag-picker children in her neighbourhood. According to her, one explanation of this</p>	



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	habit of remaining barefoot is that it is a tradition among the poor children of this country. However, the author quickly mentions that calling it a tradition could be just a means of justification of the utter destitution.	
5.	Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry. The impoverished workers in the glass bangles industry toil in potentially hazardous working conditions while welding. The furnaces they work in have extremely high temperature and lack proper ventilation. Persistently working in low light conditions, without any protective eye gear, leaves them blind. Even burns and cuts are quite common. The workers are quite prone to ailments such as lung.	3
6.	What does the title 'Lost Spring' convey? The title 'Lost Spring' conveys and picturizes that childhood is like the spring. As everything blooms in this season, in the same way the childhood should bloom but through the poverty of Saheb and Mukesh, we come to know about their stolen childhood. It is being destroyed and dumped in the web of poverty, dirt and dust.	3
LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:-		
1.	What forces conspire to keep the workers in the bangle industry of Firozabad in poverty? The bangle makers firmly believe that having been born in the caste and community of bangle makers, they cannot escape their fate and must remain where they are. They believe that bangle making is the only skill they possess and that they must pass on the legacy to their children. Bangle making is not a lucrative source of income but they have no alternative and hence remain entrenched in the same. They have fallen into the vicious clutches of middlemen who had trapped their fathers and their forefathers. They are afraid to form cooperatives to safeguard themselves because they feel that they will be beaten up by the police and jailed for doing something illegal. Steeped	6



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	<p>in despair and apathy, they no longer have the will to aspire and better their lot. Some of the industrialists conspire in unison with the sahkars, the middlemen, the policemen and the politicians and then go on exploiting them. They see very little hope of escaping from their impoverished life of misery and privation.</p>	
2.	<p>Why should child labour be eliminated and how? Child labour should be eliminated because it takes away from the child his childhood and the prospect of elementary education. Moreover, since the child labourers are cheap, and consequently engaged in hazardous and dangerous employment, they are often vulnerable to mental and physical illness. In order to curb this problem, it is important to make education easily accessible. Apart from that, the parents must be made aware of the consequences of working in harmful environments. It is also important to make the public aware of the fact that child labour is a criminal offence and is punishable under law. The government must ensure stricter child labour laws and that the offenders are punished.</p>	6
3	<p>How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family? Mukesh belongs to a family of glass bangle makers in Firozabad. Even though the children of such families usually carry on their family profession, Mukesh wants to be a motor mechanic and drive a car. Unlike his family members, and others of his community, he has dared to dream. His grandmother's words about the unbreakable lineage represent the attitude they have towards their situation in life. They believe that it is their destiny to toil as bangle makers. But Mukesh dreams of a better and safer career. The resolute boy is willing to walk a long distance from his home to learn to be a mechanic, exemplifying the saying, 'where there is a will, there is a way'.</p>	