**The Lost Child**

1. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind?  
 On his way to the fair, the child sees toys, balloons of different colours, a garland of Gulmohar, a swing and a snake-charmer playing the flute. He gets attracted to all these things. So, he lags behind.

2. In the fair he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?  
 The child wants many things at the fair. He wants to have toys, different sweets, garlands, balloons of different colours and has a keen desire to enjoy the roundabout. He moves on without waiting for an answer because whenever he stops to see things, his parents gave him a cautionary call, “Come, child, come!”

3. When does he realise that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?  
 The child sees a roundabout in the fair and gets attracted to it. He wants to have a ride on it. He asks his parents for permission to enjoy it. Having no response on the part of his parents he realises that he has lost his way. He starts crying bitterly at once and runs here and there in search of them.

4. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?  
 The lost child loses interest in the things he had wanted earlier because he got lost in the fair. He is panic-stricken from being lost. Now he first wants his parents. He is afraid and feels unsafe.

5. Why did the lost child refuse to take his favourite things to the fair after losing his parents?  
 The child refused to take his favourite things to the fair after he lost his parents as he missed them and wanted to meet them only. Now, he had lost interest in all his favourite things.

6. How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents? The child was very innocent. He gets confused and panic-stricken on not seeing his parents. He felt lonely without his parents amidst so much of the crowd. The man who tries to console the child also does not achieve any success as the boy only needs his parents and no monetary benefit.

7. What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?  
Write your own answer.