ENGLISH LITERATURE (MOMENTS)
CHAPTER 01: THE LOST CHILD
(Textbook Q&A)

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 mustard fields, toys, dragon flies and butterflies fluttering their wings, insects and worms and wild capers round the banyan tree. Besides, he sees many crowded footpaths having people going to and returning from the fair. He lags behind because he is fascinated by all these things and starts watching those things.

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 such as toys, his favourite sweet burfi, gulmohar garland, balloons of different colours, wanted to enjoy a ride on the roundabout and listen to the flute of snake-charmer. The boy moves on without waiting for an answer because he knows that his parents will refuse him for everything.

3. **When does he realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?**
   The child sees a roundabout in the fair and expresses his desire to ride on it. When he seeks permission from his parents, he doesn't get any response. Then he realizes that he has lost his way. He panics, wails, cries bitterly and runs here and there in search of them. While searching for his parents, his yellow turban gets untied and his clothes become soiled but he couldn't get his parents. Finally, he starts sobbing and desperately looking for them in the crowd.

4. **Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?**
   The child loses his interest in the things that he had wanted earlier because he is lost in the fair. He is afraid and panicked upon the separation from his parents. All the things that attracted him in the fair no longer appealed to him because he considered his parents invaluable and incomparable to all other tangible things he wanted earlier. Now, he only wants his parents back.