Chapter 2: Going to the Mela

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2.1 Preparing for the Mela

Q1 How do you prepare yourself for a trip?

Sample answer: I fill my water bottle, pack snacks, and make sure I have everything I need in my bag. I get dressed quickly so we can leave on time.

2.2 On the Way to the Mela

Q1 What transport do you take to travel within your city/town/village?

Sample answer: I take a bus or an autorickshaw to travel within my city. Sometimes we also walk short distances.

Q2 Describe briefly any trip that you have taken with your friends, neighbours or family.

Sample answer: Once I went to a park with my family and neighbours. We took a bus together, played games, and shared food. It was a lot of fun.

2.3 At the Mela

Q1 What is the purpose of the 'Lost and Found' booth?

The 'Lost and Found' booth helps people who get separated from their family or lose their belongings. Volunteers there help reunite lost children and return lost items to their owners.

Q2 What is the role of the police dog?

A police dog helps the police officer with their work. It can sniff out missing people or suspicious items and helps keep everyone safe at the mela.

Q3 Have you ever been to a mela? What are the things you liked most in the mela?

Sample answer: Yes, I have been to a mela. I liked the rides like the merry-go-round and the giant wheel the most. I also enjoyed eating gol gappas and watching the magic show.

Q4 Sharing Experience: Imagine yourself in place of Nita, Radha, Sneha and Rohit. Share with the class the interesting things you would do in the mela.

Sample answer: I would ride the giant wheel and the merry-go-round. I would buy a spinning top from the toy stall, watch the magic show, and eat hot jalebis. I would make sure to wash my hands before eating and put waste in the dustbin.

2.4 Reading a Sketch

Q1 Find and circle Rohit and Sneha's house on the map.

Sneha and Rohit's house is in the top-right corner of the map, labelled 'SNEHA AND ROHIT'S HOUSE'. Find it on the map and circle it.

Q2 Find and circle Nita and Radha's house on the map.

Nita and Radha's house is in the centre-right of the map, labelled 'NITA AND RADHA'S HOUSE'. Find it on the map and circle it.

Q3 Whose house is closer to the parade ground?

Nita and Radha's house is closer to the parade ground. On the map, their house is in the middle of the sketch, much nearer to the Parade Ground on the left side, while Sneha and Rohit's house is far away in the top-right corner.

Q4 If you have to go from the police station to the parade ground, which places would you pass through?

Starting from the Police Station (bottom-right), you would pass through the School, then the Post Office, then the Bank, and finally reach the Parade Ground (on the left side of the map).

Q5 In the given space, sketch the route from home to school that you follow everyday.

Sample answer: Draw a map showing your home, the roads you take, landmarks like a temple or park, and your school at the end of the route. Label each place.

2.5 Let us Reflect

Q1 How can we care for our elders?

We can care for our elders by holding their hand while walking, helping them sit comfortably, listening to them, and making sure they have everything they need when going out.

Q2 What kinds of vehicles do we see around us?

We see many kinds of vehicles around us — buses, autorickshaws, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, trucks, and sometimes emergency vehicles like ambulances, police jeeps, and fire engines.

Q3 How can we ensure safety during travel?

We can stay safe while travelling by sitting properly in our seats, not putting our hands or heads out of the window, walking carefully on the road, and always being with an adult.

Q4 Match the pictures with the words: Volunteer, Firefighter, Halwai/Confectioner, Toy seller, Puppeteer, Bangle seller, Police officer, Medical attendant, Mehendi artist.

Match each picture to its word: Lost and Found booth = Volunteer (given example); Ambulance = Medical attendant; Spinning tops and toys display = Toy seller; Bangles display = Bangle seller; Fire engine = Firefighter; Police jeep = Police officer; Plate of sweets = Halwai/Confectioner; Hands with mehendi = Mehendi artist; Woman with puppet = Puppeteer.

Q5 Draw and label different vehicles that you see around your school and home.

Draw vehicles such as a bus, autorickshaw, bicycle, car, and motorcycle. Write the name of each vehicle below its drawing.

Q6 Why are fire engines and ambulances present in a mela?

Fire engines are present in case a fire breaks out in the crowded mela ground. Ambulances are present to give quick medical help to anyone who gets hurt or falls ill.

Q7 Talk to the elders in the family and find out how melas were different when they were young.

Sample answer: Elders say that melas earlier had more folk performances like puppet shows and folk dances. There were fewer electronic rides, and the food stalls sold mostly traditional sweets and snacks. People travelled to melas in bullock carts or on foot.