**Section B Dal Delight**

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Summary

The story is about how Nawab Hasan Ali once comes to Mohammed Qadir’s shop because he had heard a lot about Qadir’s cooking. He is surprised to hear that Qadir’s specialty is a dal preparation, called shahi urad dal. He asks for some dal, but Qadir says he has none. Qadir offers to prepare the dal for the next day’s lunch. He adds the provison that the Nawab must come as soon as he is called, or else he would either give it away or throw it away. The nawab’s interest is piqued and he decides to try the dal the next day. Qadir and his son Sadiq get all the ingredients and prepare the dal. Sadiq is hopeful that the nawab will reward them handsomely if he is pleased. When the dal is ready, Sadiq goes to call the nawab, but he is busy flying a kite. The nawab is preoccupied and does not respond to Sadiq’s call. A disappointed Sadiq returns home. He is worried about his father’s temper, and is upset that their dream of owning a big shop might not come true. He sees his friend Aman flying a kite and suddenly, an idea strikes him. He asks Aman to cut the nawab’s kite and Aman does so. As soon as that is done, Sadiq once again invites the nawab to accompany him to the shop. When the nawab accompanies him to the shop, Sadiq is relieved to see that his father is cheerful. Sadiq helps his father serve the guests. The nawab likes the dal and rewards Qadir with a bag of money to open a new shop. Sadiq is happy and relieved that his plan worked.

**A N S W E R S COURSEBOOK**

Understanding the Text

A. Arrange the statements in the order in which they occur in the story.

5 Qadir said the nawab would have to come to the shop to eat the dal.

9 The nawab reached the shop in time to taste the dal.

 1 Nawab Hasan arrived at Mohammad Qadir’s food stall.

4 The nawab asked Qadir to bring the dal to his house.

2 Nawab Hasan Ali wanted to taste the dal.

10 The nawab rewarded Mohammad Qadir.

 6 Sadiq went to call the Nawab as the dal was ready.

7 The nawab said he would come later.

3 Qadir promised to make the dal the next day.

8 Sadiq asked Aman to cut the nawab’s kite.

C.Answer these questions:

 1. The nawab had heard that Mohammad Qadir was a famous cook, and the nawab liked tasting new dishes. He wanted to know what Qadir made best.

2. Qadir made the shahi urad dal only on order. He used a special masala to make it, and it took him a day to cook it. That is why it was special.

3. Qadir told the nawab that to enjoy his dal, the nawab would have to come to his shop as it has to be eaten immediately after it has been made. So he refused to send the dal to the nawab’s house.

4. Sadiq knew that nawabs often gave generous rewards to cooks if they liked a dish. He hoped his father would get a reward if the nawab was pleased with his cooking.

 5. He ran all the way because the dal was ready. It had to be eaten immediately. If the nawab was late in arriving at the shop, Sadiq knew his father would refuse to serve him the dal.

6. Aman helped Sadiq by cutting the nawab’s kite. This made the nawab give up kite-flying and come to taste the dal.

7. The nawab rewarded Qadir by giving him enough money to open a new shop.

D. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. a. Sadiq’s father, Mohammad Qadir, said this to Nawab Hasan Ali.

b. He hasn’t got the urad dal ready.

 c. He offered to make the dal for lunch the next day.

2. a. Nawab Hasan Ali said this to Mohammad Qadir.

b. Qadir replied that he would throw the dal away or give it to the poor if the nawab was late.

 c. Nawab Hasan Ali shook his head. He thought Qaidr was like no cook he had met, and decided to taste his dal, thinking it might turn out to be worth the trouble.

3. a. One of the servants who had accompanied Nawab Hasan Ali to Qadir’s shop said this to Qadir and Sadiq at the market.

 b. Eating was the nawab’s favourite hobby.

 c. Another of his hobbies was flying kites

Playing with Words

 A. 1. at the drop of a hat 2. missed the boat 3. kill two birds with a stone 4. a picture paints a thousand words 5. cut corners 6. in the heat of the moment

 B. 1. I took Pooja, my friend’s sister, to the dentist yesterday.

2. Mummy said, ‘Why don’t you go along with her?’

3. You said I shouldn’t take the Physics exam, didn’t you?

4. To try to climb the mountain, you must have previous experience.

5. I need carrots, broccoli and yellow pepper for this dish. 6. ‘Please, Mama, come as soon as you can.’