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1 Complete the information from Chapter One about Archibald Jones.

Name:	Archibald Jones (known as ¹)
Age:	²
Lives:	³, London
Job:	⁴
Status:	⁵ single / married / divorced
Plan:	⁶

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2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Things do need to be folded, or the wind will pick them up
 - 2 His marriage had been like buying a pair of shoes that
 - 3 They looked OK, so he continued to wear them
 - 4 Then suddenly, after thirty years, the shoes had picked themselves up
 - 5 Usually women cannot do this,
 - 6 They just shake them off, like an unwanted coat,
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- a he had taken home and found did not fit.
 - b even though they were uncomfortable.
 - c but some men are able to leave a family and a past.
 - d and move quietly back into society as changed men.
 - e and take them to get lost somewhere down the street.
 - f and walked out of the house.

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3 Put the information about Clara and Ryan in the correct column.

found God was waiting for God to come again delivered copies of a magazine
 didn't expect to live long rode a green scooter had flat feet had huge front teeth
 was a mod lost all their front teeth was a Jehovah's Witness

Clara	Ryan

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4 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–g) below. There is one extra sentence.

Three months later, Clara had been let down gently, and now they were moving in. Clara pulled several boxes out of the van in her tiny pink T-shirt, then stopped to rest against the garden fence.

¹..... It was nice, not as nice as she had hoped, but not as bad as she had feared. It had a small garden at the front and one at the back, a doorbell and an inside toilet. ²..... And love is not a bad thing to give up if you have never really felt it. She did not love Archie, but she had decided to spend her life with him if he took her somewhere nice. And it was nice – nicer than anywhere she had ever been.

³..... Oh, he could be sweet, and he drove well. He was even a good cook. And if she had to be with a dull, middle-aged man like this, then surely he should love her for being young and beautiful?

⁴..... One month into their marriage and he already had that strange look some men have when they are looking right through you.

He had already gone back to his old habit of drinking with his friend Samad Iqbal in that bloody place O'Connell's. "Why are you never here?" she asked him. "Why do you spend so much time with the Indian?" But he patted her on the back, kissed her cheek, put on his coat and always gave her the same answer. "Me and Sam? We've known each other for years." She could not argue with that. ⁵.....

Yes, Archie was dull and average, she thought as she watched him now, his stomach hanging over his trousers. He was old and boring, and he could only make decisions by flipping a coin. ⁶..... She had recognized it in him that first time on the stairs in the same way she could recognize a good piece of fruit in Brixton market.

- a They had met before she was born.
- b There were lots of people getting married that day, and they'd had to wait around.
- c Looking around her, she tried to decide what she thought about the place.
- d Clara quickly understood that Archie was not a romantic hero.
- e But not Archie.
- f But he was a good man, and that was something.
- g And she had not paid a big price for it – only love.

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5 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Four.

- 1 What does Alsana believe about her husband and Archie?
 - a They didn't tell each other or their wives anything.
 - b They told their wives and each other everything.
 - c They told their wives everything but each other nothing.
 - d They told each other everything, but chose to tell their wives nothing.

- 2 Why did Maureen only like Archie a little?
 - a Because he did not even seem to notice that he spent all his time with Indian and black people.
 - b Because he often seemed to notice her at work.
 - c Because he spent all his time with white people.
 - d Because he would not spend time with Indian and black people.

- 3 How do we know that Mr Hero feels guilty about stopping Archie coming to the next work's dinner?
 - a Because he gets somebody else to tell him.
 - b Because he gives Archie some lunch vouchers.
 - c Because he tells him so.
 - d Because he tries to make an excuse.

- 4 Where did Alsana and Clara start going together?
 - a Shopping.
 - b To the cinema.
 - c To the doctor's.
 - d To the pub.

- 5 Why did Alsana call Neena the "Niece-of-Shame"?
 - a Because she had a baby but was not married.
 - b Because she was divorced.
 - c Because she wore Western clothes and make-up.
 - d Because she wouldn't agree to an arranged marriage.

- 6 When Alsana and Clara are both pregnant, what are they expecting?
- a Alsana is expecting twin boys and Clara is expecting a girl.
 - b Alsana is expecting twin girls and Clara is expecting a boy.
 - c They are both expecting a boy.
 - d They are both expecting twins.

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6 For each question about Chapter Five, choose the correct answer, A (Archie), B (Dr Perret) or C (Samad).

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| 1 Who had a grandfather who started a mutiny? | A | B | C |
| 2 Who became sick and couldn't move? | A | B | C |
| 3 Who did terrible things in the war? | A | B | C |
| 4 Who started wearing the dead captain's uniform? | A | B | C |
| 5 Who was fighting for a country that was not his? | A | B | C |
| 6 Who was fighting for sausages, football and Sunday dinners? | A | B | C |

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7 Tick the five things that Samad did at his children's school.

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| 1 He became a parent governor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He became the football coach. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He gave money for the roof. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 He helped at Sports Day. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 He organized concerts. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 He started a science club. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 He talked about plans for a new music room. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 He went on school trips. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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8 Answer the questions about Chapter Six.

- 1 Why did Alsana feel embarrassed at the school governors meeting?
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- 2 What was Samad's new motion?
- 3 Where and when did he go to discuss the motion further with the music teacher?
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- 4 Where did some of Shiva's past girlfriends come from?
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- 5 Who was sitting in the park watching Samad and the music teacher?
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9 In Chapter Seven, Samad thinks about sending Magid or Millat to Bangladesh. List one reason Magid should go and one reason he shouldn't; and one reason Millat should go and one reason he shouldn't.

- a Magid should go because
- b Magid should not go because
- c Millat should go because
- d Millat should not go because

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10 Put the conversation between Millat and Irie in the correct order (1–6).

- a "I do not fancy you!"
- b "I don't want you! You love yourself. You've got a big nose, and you're trouble."
- c "No, you're not. You're always looking at me. I know you fancy me."
- d "Well, enjoy. Because that is all the trouble you're getting."
- e "What do you mean? I'm fine."
- f "You fancy me. But it's no good. You're getting a bit big. I don't like big. You can't have me."

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11 Complete the text with the missing words.

Millat and his gang were a new kind of teenager. They called ¹ Raggastanis and spoke a mix of Jamaican patois, Bengali, Gujarati and English. They all wore gold, and colourful scarves around their heads, and everything had "Nike" ² all over it. They believed that Allah was strong and cool, and that he ³ fight for them if necessary, but what they most wanted was to put the bad and strong back ⁴ Bengali and Pakistani. All of them had experienced racism when they were younger, and they had ⁵ attacked because of it. But no one would ever try to fight them now.

As they went towards the Bradford train, they had no tickets to get on it. But the guard saw that they ⁶ trouble, and he did not try to stop them.

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12 Complete these lists about Millat. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

a hero a cigarette smoker thin a leader beautiful cool tall a lady lover

To Irie he was:

To white boys he was:

To Muslims he was:

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13 Correct the sentences.

1 Joyce and Marcus Chalfen had an unhappy marriage.

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2 They met when they were at school together in 1969.

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3 Joyce had not thought immediately that he was the man for her.

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4 It had taken her three years to write *The New Flower Power*, while Joshua was a baby.

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5 Marcus did not just make things – he created things that people did not really want.

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6 The children all hated their parents, and, unusually, that became stronger as they got older.

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14 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

Four months ¹ **a** pass , and Irie realized that she was learning a lot of things from the Chalfens.

b passed

c past

d to pass

Her science grades had greatly improved. Millat's had not, and when he came to the Chalfens' he was

usually rude and smoked cigarettes all ² _____ the house, but Joyce never seemed to mind.

- a around
- b down
- c out
- d up

She had decided that his home ³ _____ was the cause of his problems and there must be a huge

- a life
- b live
- c lives
- d living

sadness inside him. He needed love, and she wanted to give him that love.

Joshua saw that his mother seemed to love Millat more ⁴ _____ him, and also saw that Irie

- a from
- b of
- c than
- d that

(who he liked) still loved Millat. He also knew that having Millat as his “friend” had made him

⁵ _____ more popular at school, but he did not care. He was pissed off.

- a enough
- b many
- c much
- d too

Irie was pissed off about it, too. The better her grades got, the ⁶ _____ interested Joyce seemed

- a least
- b lesser
- c little
- d less

to be in her. But the more Millat went wild (bringing round girls, smoking and drinking ⁷ _____

- a they
- b their
- c them
- d themselves

expensive wine, calling Bangladesh on their phone for three hours, and telling Marcus and Joshua to

piss off), the more Joyce seemed to love him. In four short months he ⁸ _____ owed her three

- a yet
- b since
- c just
- d already

hundred pounds and a bicycle wheel.

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15 Answer the questions about Chapter Ten. Choose numbers from the box.

A thousand people	14th January 1907	May 1906
Three times a week	Thousands of people	2,000 people

1 How many people did Captain Charlie Durham kill to save one woman he did not really know?

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2 When did Clara’s grandmother, Ambrosia, get pregnant?

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3 How often did the Captain teach Ambrosia?

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4 When was the Kingston earthquake?

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5 How many people died in the earthquake?

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6 How many people lost their homes?

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16 Write *Irie, Joyce, Magid, Marcus or Millat*.

1 was even offering to pay so that could go to university at Oxford or Cambridge and train to become a lawyer.

2 “ is an intelligent girl, and she has the most enormous breasts. But, sadly, I don’t think she will ever become a scientist, because she doesn’t understand the ideas.”

3 All women – black ones, brown ones and white ones – wanted

4 was trying to help him with his problems with white women.

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17 Answer the questions about the leaflet Millat received from KEVIN.

1 What was the leaflet called?

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2 What effect did it have on Millat?

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18 Circle the correct words.

- 1 At eighty-four there is nothing ahead but **dead** / **death**.
- 2 The waiting and the **afraid** / **fear**, and the joy of escape were all there.
- 3 Her basement flat had lots of tiny statues everywhere and **crossed** / **crosses** on the walls.
- 4 The only thing **missed** / **missing** was Darcus.
- 5 “You’ve hardly got any clothes on. You must be **freezing** / **froze**.”
- 6 “Still, you came from the marriage, and that’s **good** / **well**.”

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19 Match the people with how they felt about Magid’s return. Draw lines between them.

- Alsana
- Irie
- Millat
- Samad

- a would have hidden the boy away forever – locked him under the stairs or sent him to Greenland.
- b did not want to meet him.
- c did not want to touch him because he was so clean and English.
- d was unsure, it was like another actor had come to play him with a similar haircut.

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20 Complete the instructions from the KEVIN leaflet in Chapter Thirteen about how to pray properly.

1 must be closed,
 and next to the 2
 The 3 must be
 between the 4

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21 Change the direct speech into reported speech.

1 “So you’re going to keep helping him, yeah?” asked Millat.

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2 “Yes, I want to help Marcus where I can. It is a great project.” said Magid.

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3 “It’s a terrible project!” shouted Millat.

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4 “I prefer to see it as correcting the Creator’s mistakes,” replied Magid.

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5 “The Creator doesn’t make mistakes,” argued Millat.

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6 “So you and KEVIN mean to continue?” asked Magid

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22 Read these sentences about Chapter Fourteen. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (does not say).

1 Joshua was glad he had told Crispin the joke his family shared about their name.

2 People were searched for weapons as they entered the Perret Institute for the conference.

3 Millat was drunk as he entered the conference.

4 Irie wanted Millat to be the father of her child.

5 Hortense was inside the conference carrying a gun which she was planning to use.

6 Samad suddenly realized that Archie had not killed Dr Marc-Pierre Perret all those years ago.

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23 Read the questions about Chapter Fifteen. Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

1 What did the doctor ask Archie for when Archie said he was going to shoot him?

- a a cigarette
- b his life
- c to take a message to his family

2 Why did the doctor use Archie’s name?

- a to be nice to him
- b to get power over him
- c to confuse him

3 How did Archie plan to decide what to do with the man?

- a ask his opinion
- b ask Samad's opinion
- c flip a coin

4 Where did the doctor shoot Archie?

- a in his thigh
- b in his neck
- c in his arm

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24 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.

So everyone watched with horror as the bullet entered Archie's thigh and threw him against the mouse's glass box. Then glass was flying
¹..... . "If this was a film, the music would start now," Archie thought. "But first you need an end." And that's when he imagined Millat and Magid,²..... about who did what, and the police telling them that they had to do four hundred hours of community³..... – as gardeners in Joyce's new project, a huge park by the Thames. And he imagined, in seven years' time, Irie, Joshua and Hortense sitting by the sea in Jamaica (for, of course, Irie and Joshua became

⁴..... in the end) while Irie's little girl wrote to Bad Uncle Millat and Good Uncle Magid, and felt as free as a bird because she did not have her father's past to trouble her. And then he imagined himself and Samad and Clara and Alsana all sitting in O'Connell's (which had
⁵..... decided to let women in) and playing cards.

But that would all be a lie. The past was never simple, and the future was always perfect. And, as Archie knew, it was not like that. It had never been like that. But, all the same, it would be ⁶..... to know how many people this evening had chosen to watch a
⁷..... man fall across a table, and how many instead had chosen to watch a small brown mouse running away. Archie watched the mouse. It stood very still with a look of joy on its tiny face. Then it ran over his wrist and along the table, through the hands of those who were trying to catch it. He saw it jump off the end of the table and ⁸..... under a door. "Go on, my boy!" thought Archie.

- WHERE
- ARGUMENT
- SERVE
- LOVE
- FINAL
- INTEREST
- BLEED
- APPEAR

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25 Circle the correct verbs.

- 1 For forty years, he had **travelled** / **been travelling** along life's road without thinking about children at all.
- 2 Then he did what Joyce **had waited** / **been waiting** for these last twelve months.
- 3 Last night he had **found** / **been finding** a bottle of whisky in his bedroom.
- 4 He had not **understood** / **been understanding** what he was doing to his father.

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26 Complete the mixed conditional sentences. Use the words in the box.

want	take	not fight	not be	feel
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- 1 Love is not a bad thing to give up if you never really it.
- 2 She had decided to spend her life with him if he her somewhere nice.
- 3 The life that might have been hers if she at the top of some stairs one day as Archie Jones waited at the bottom.
- 4 "If it wasn't for some stupid Indian soldier shooting a bullet through my wrist by accident I a stupid war for a country that isn't mine."
- 5 There was no money to bring Magid back anyway, even if he to.

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27 Match the words and write the new words or phrases.

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| 1 animal | a wheel | |
| 2 bubble- | b rights | |
| 3 exhaust | c mistress | |
| 4 head | d pipe | |
| 5 root | e gum | |
| 6 steering | f canal | |

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28 Match the words from exercise 27 with the definitions.

- 1 A long, thin space in the bottom part of a tooth.
- 2 What you turn to make a car go right or left.
- 3 A woman whose job is to control a school and be responsible for it.
- 4 Believing that we should be kind to other creatures and not kill them or use them for science experiments.
- 5 A sweet (which is often pink) that you blow into and move around your mouth with your teeth.
- 6 A long, thin piece of metal at the back of a car where waste gas comes out.

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29 Which six jobs are in the book? Complete the words.

- 1 w _ _ _ _ _
- 2 d _ _ _ _ _
- 3 s c _ _ _ _ _
- 4 b _ _ _ _ _
- 5 l _ _ _ _ _
- 6 s e _ _ _ _ _

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30 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words. Use the correct tense.

shake off pick up pack off let down

- 1 Three months later, Clara had been disappointed gently, and now they were moving in.
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- 2 Just then the telephone rang. Maureen smiled and answered it.
- 3 Her angel's wings were soon sent to the garage with all the other things that Archie had promised to mend one day in the future.
- 4 They just lose them, like an unwanted coat, and move quietly back into society as changed men.
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