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1 Complete the information about Ram in the Introduction.

Name:	Ram ¹
Age:	²
Lives in a slum in:	³
They call people like him:	⁴
Job:	⁵
Arrested for:	⁶

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2 Who said these words? Write C (*The Commissioner*), J (*Johnson*) or N (*Nanda*).

- 1 "Mr Mikhailov doesn't have the money to pay the prize at the moment."
- 2 "Answer or I'll break your nose!"
- 3 "See? I told you – he doesn't have a clue. He must be a cheat! We just haven't worked out how he did it yet."
- 4 "No way! If the newspapers find out he's been badly treated, we'll be finished."
- 5 "Don't worry. Mr Mikhailov would . . . let's say . . . be sure to thank you afterwards."
- 6 "There won't be any signs of it afterwards, will there, Inspector?"

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3 Match the questions with the answers in Chapter One. Draw lines between them.

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| 1 So, Mr Thomas, what do you do? | a About nine hundred rupees. |
| 2 Tell me, how much money do you make every month? | b <i>Disappointment</i> . |
| 3 And what will you do if you win today? | c I'm a waiter in Jimmy's Bar and Restaurant in Mumbai. |
| 4 So, are you ready for the first question, which is worth one thousand rupees? | d I don't know. |
| 5 Can you name the popular film in which Armaan Ali starred with Priya Kapoor for the very first time? | e Yes. |
| 6 And did you see <i>Disappointment</i> at the cinema? | f Yes, I am. |

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4 Tick the five things we know about Ram.

- 1 He was found outside the church in a bin.
- 2 He stayed at the orphanage for two years.
- 3 He was finally given a home by Mr and Mrs Thomas.
- 4 Mrs Philomena Thomas was the first person to show interest in him.
- 5 She chose him because his skin was light, just like hers.
- 6 Within just three days of arriving in their home, Ram's time with them was finished.
- 7 Mr Thomas left his wife and newly adopted baby and ran away with his new lover.
- 8 Father Timothy couldn't think of a name for him.

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5 List the three different religions Ram Mohammed Thomas's name comes from.

- a
- b
- c

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6 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Three.

- 1 Who was Mr Shantaram?
 - a The famous actor who Salim liked.
 - b The man who looked after the building.
 - c The man who managed the cinema.
 - d The man who stayed in the flat next to Ram.
- 2 How does Ram know that he is lying?
 - a Because he hears him telling the truth to his daughter.
 - b Because he can see it in his face.
 - c Because people who can afford to live in Nariman Point never stay in chawls.
 - d Because rich people like him always lie.
- 3 What did Ram and Salim learn from him?
 - a About the stars and their place in the sky.
 - b About the clothes he sold in his shop.
 - c About how they should treat women.
 - d About how they should treat animals.
- 4 Why did Gudiya go to hospital?
 - a Because her father hit her.
 - b Because her father threw a hot drink at her.
 - c Because she had an accident at home.
 - d Because she was attacked on the street.

- 5 Where do Ram and Gudiya hold hands?
- a In the street outside the chawl.
 - b On the stairs up to the apartments.
 - c Through a hole in the corner of the room.
 - d Through the window of Gudiya's apartment.
- 6 What might the newspaper headline have been the day after Ram left Mumbai?
- a Astronomer falls to his death after being attacked by cat in chawl.
 - b Drunk man falls down the stairs in slum after failing to see cat.
 - c Man kills wife and daughter in chawl after coming home drunk.
 - d Mystery of man found dead at the bottom of the stairs in chawl.

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7 Read the answer. Write the question from *Who Will Win a Billion?*

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- The answer is A. Pluto.

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8 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–h) below. There are three extra sentences.

When Father Timothy died, I was put in the back of a van and taken to the Delhi Home for Boys. ¹..... It had only two toilets for all those boys, and the men who ran the home did not care about us. We were not well looked after, and they often hit us.

I quickly realized that my life with Father Timothy had been very different to that of many of the boys there. Some came from the slums of Delhi. ²..... Others had been so hungry that they had had to live on stolen food. It was here that I first heard the word “slumdog”, and it was not long before it was used to describe me.

One day, a new boy arrived at the home. His clothes were damaged and dirty, and he looked terrified. His name was Salim Ilyasi. ³..... The people there were mostly Hindu, he told me, but his family were Muslim. A week earlier, someone had damaged a statue of the Hindu god Hanuman in the village.

⁴..... The group came to Salim's small family hut while Salim was outside playing. While he watched, he saw the Hindu group burn down the hut, with his mother, father and young brother still inside it. He heard their screams as they burned to death. Salim ran to the station and jumped on the first train he saw, which brought him to Delhi. He spent several days wandering the streets of the city, hungry and in shock. Then, he was found and brought to the Home for Boys. ⁵..... So, when he asked my name, I told him it was Mohammad.

- a An angry crowd said that Muslims had done it.
- b He hated and feared all Hindus, he said, because of what had happened.

- c He was seven years old, and he was from a small village in Bihar.
- d In fact, Salim had already decided that he was going to be a famous actor when he grew up.
- e Others said that he owned a school in Mumbai.
- f Salim was more excited than I had ever seen before.
- g Some had awful scars where their parents or other relations had hurt them.
- h There were over one hundred and fifty children at the crowded, noisy and dirty home.

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9 Put the information about Ram and Salim from Chapter Four in the correct column.

wanted to become a famous film star was younger was a good singer was older
 was taller was quite good-looking spoke perfect English was useless at singing

Ram	Salim

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10 Match the names in the box with the facts about them in Chapter Five.

Mr Taylor Basanti Jai Raju Jagdish

- 1 , the gardener, stole something from the garden.
- 2 , the cook, opened the drinks cabinet and drank some whisky.
- 3 , a new servant, tried on one of Maggie's dresses.
- 4 On the very first night the family was away, , the new cook, broke into the house.
- 5 had watched every person in the house and probably people in other places, too. He was a spy.

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11 Match the places with the events in Prakash Rao's life in Chapter Six. Draw lines between them.

- 1 New York
- 2 Port-au-Prince
- 3 Port Louis
- 4 Mumbai
- 5 Hyderabad

- a He got married.
- b He met his wife Julie.
- c His brother made his comeback here.
- d His brother put him in a small office there.
- e They went on an amazing honeymoon.

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12 Answer the questions about Chapter Seven.

1 What did Ram buy before catching the train from Delhi to Mumbai?

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2 Where did he put the rest of his money?

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3 How does Akshay know that Ram is lying about the computer?

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4 Why did Ram show Akshay his money?

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5 Who did Ram see standing by his bunk at around 10 p.m.?

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6 What did Akshay tell the robber?

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13 Circle the correct prepositions.

I noticed that the train was slowing ¹ **down** / **up**. As the train pulled ² **into** / **out of** the next station, I ran and jumped ³ **on to** / **out of** the train ⁴ **with** / **without** the revolver still ⁵ **in** / **on** my hand. I ran ⁶ **across** / **under** the train tracks and jumped ⁷ **into** / **over** another train that was just about to leave the station. I stood ⁸ **around** / **near** the door, and, as the train passed ⁹ **over** / **to** a bridge, I threw the revolver into a dark river ¹⁰ **above** / **below**.

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14 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

About a year before ¹..... happened at the cinema, I was living at the chawl with Salim and working for Neelima Kumari, and India was at war with Pakistan. It was a ²..... time. We used to hear the sound of warning sirens almost every evening. We ³..... to go straight to the underground bunker beneath a school building near where we lived. The whole of the chawl would sit or lie in the big underground hall and wait ⁴..... the danger to pass.

One night, we were in the bunker when an old man called Balwant Singh started to tell stories. He had been a soldier, and he had ⁵..... one leg. He told us about another terrible war with Pakistan that had happened in 1971. Everyone sat and listened as he explained what he had experienced.

“We were protecting Mandiala Bridge when the Pakistanis attacked us. It was bad – many of our bunkers were destroyed, and a lot of people died. I was leading three other soldiers when the attack began. We were asked to move forward to try ⁶..... some soldiers using a big machine gun. But, as we did that, all of my men were shot dead.”

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| 1 a what | b when | c where | d why |
| 2 a frighten | b frightened | c frightening | d to frighten |
| 3 a had | b ought | c must | d should |
| 4 a at | b for | c from | d to |
| 5 a alone | b left | c only | d lonely |
| 6 a stop | b stopped | c stopping | d to stop |

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15 Complete the text. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

Without ¹..... (**think**), I just ²..... (**run**) towards one of the empty tanks and ³..... (**climb**) inside. I managed ⁴..... (**start**) it and ⁵..... (**begin**) to move towards the bridge. I ⁶..... (**can**) hear loud guns all the time, but I kept ⁷..... (**go**). I ⁸..... (**use**) the gun that ⁹..... (**be**) on the tank and ¹⁰..... (**kill**) several soldiers.

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16 Complete the text with the missing words.

When I¹.....arrived in Mumbai from Agra, I decided not to contact Salim. It had been five years²..... I had last seen him, and I missed him. However, I had plans that might put him in danger. But, then, three months³....., I was walking down the street when I suddenly saw him. "Mohammad!" he cried and put his arms around me. "Where have you been all these years?"
⁴....., we were sitting in a park and talking. Salim looked good –

he was taller and even more handsome than⁵..... He was excited to tell me that he was now having acting classes.
 "Guess who is paying for my classes!" he said.
 "I don't know. Who?"
 "Abbas Rizvi, the famous producer. He's offered me the role of a hero when he makes his⁶..... film, which will be in two years' time, when I am eighteen. But he's training me now."

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17 Write *yes* or *no* after these sentences from Chapter Nine.

- 1 Ahmed Khan carried a handgun.
- 2 He was crazy about football.
- 3 He watched Mumbai Crime Watch.
- 4 Big yellow envelopes sometimes used to come in the post for him.
- 5 Ahmed cried when he heard the name of a murdered man on TV.
- 6 He was paid to find people.

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18 Complete the lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

her pictures in magazines	a film star	angry	DVDs of her films
awards	sad	beautiful	kind
			tall

What Neelima looks like:

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What Neelima is like:

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What Neelima likes:

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

137 km after one month two months forty-four in 1985 ten million rupees

1 When did Neelima win her “National Award for Best Actor”?

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2 How long had Neelima paid Ram’s rent for?

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3 When did police find Neelima’s body?

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4 How old was Neelima when she died?

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5 How long is the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka?

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6 How much does Ram win for question ten?

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20 Complete the sign on the gates of the Taj Mahal from Chapter Eleven.

Entry: ¹..... 20 rupees, ²..... 20 dollars,
 Mondays ³....., Fridays ⁴.....

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

During the next year, I made a lot of money ¹ **a** as an illegal guide. I enjoyed meeting

- b** by
- c** like
- d** similar

different types of people. One Friday, I met an Indian girl who had come to visit the Taj Mahal on her

day ² **a** in . She was very beautiful, and her name was Nita. We talked together, and I really

- b** of
- c** off
- d** on

enjoyed it. Like me, she was an orphan, and she told ³ **a** I that she worked as a cleaner in an

- b** me
- c** my
- d** to me

expensive hotel. Two Fridays later, Nita came to the Taj Mahal again. We met many times during the

next few months, and I quickly ⁴ **a** fall in love with her.

- b** fallen
- c** fell
- d** felt

Her work at the hotel was very hard, the hours were ⁵ **a** length , and the hotel manager, Shyam,

- b** long
- c** longer
- d** longest

was a frightening and controlling man. My biggest wish was to marry her and take her away from all that. But, when I suggested it, she looked very sad and said that I had to ask Shyam. “Shyam is not

only the manager of the hotel,” said Nita, ⁶ **a** quiet . “He’s my brother, too.”

- b** quieter
- c** quietest
- d** quietly

I was shocked. How could her own brother treat her so badly? It was then that Nita told me that he did not even pay her for the work she did.

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22 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a-i) below. There are three extra answers.

Ram I didn't come here to win money, I came to take revenge.

Prem: ¹.....

Ram: On you.

Prem: ².....

Ram: I saw you outside Neelima Kumari's flat about five years ago. Then you attacked my lovely Nita.

Prem: ³.....

Ram: She's the girl who you treated badly and almost killed in Agra.

Prem: ⁴.....

Ram: Let me remind you. Four months ago, you stayed at the Palace Hotel in Agra. You tried to have sex with a girl there, but she refused you. You beat her up, broke bones and cut her, and you burned her with a cigarette, just as you did to Neelima Kumari.

Prem: ⁵.....

Ram: Yes, it was. I promised to take revenge on the person who had hurt Nita so badly. But I didn't know how to find you. Then, I saw an advertisement in a newspaper for this quiz, and it showed your face. That is why I'm here.

Prem: ⁶.....

- a But, if you shoot me, you'll be arrested and hanged.
- b But we've never met before!
- c I don't care about that!
- d I don't know what you're talking about.
- e Maybe I did hurt them, but that is done now. Drop the gun, and I promise I'll help you to win.
- f Nita? I don't know anyone called Nita.
- g Revenge? Revenge on whom?
- h Thank you! Thank you so much!
- i That wasn't me.

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23 Complete the text. Choose the correct words from the box.

make change buy achieve buy

For the first time, I think about the money. With a billion rupees I could ¹..... many things. I could ²..... Nita's freedom. I could ³..... Salim's dream of becoming a film star come true. I could ⁴..... the lives of orphans and street children like me. I could even ⁵..... myself an expensive sports car. I make my decision.

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

Six months have passed since the longest night of my life.

Smita kept her promise, and she ¹ for me as hard as she could. She used the DVD recordings to prove that I had not cheated. NewAge Telemedia finally paid me the full one-billion-rupee prize money. The company had no more money after that, and so I became the first and last ² on the show.

Prem Kumar died two months ago. The police say that he ³ himself, but I am not so sure. I think the men running the show probably took their revenge on him.

Money can buy you ⁴ things. Even the police will listen to you when you show them money. So, along with a large number of ⁵ , I went to visit the home for disabled children that Mr Pillai had owned. The police arrested five men and freed thirty-five disabled children. The children are now all safe and being well ⁶ for.

Salim has finally got the part of a hero in a film, and he is busy recording in Mehboob Studios. He thinks the ⁷ is a man called Mohammad Bhatt, but it is actually me.

The love of my life has joined me in Mumbai. She is now my wife, and her name is Nita Mohammad Thomas.

Smita and I are walking along the ⁸ in Mumbai, and I have parked my sports car not far away.

- FIGHTING
- WIN
- KILLER
- EXPECT
- MEN
- CARING
- PRODUCE
- SEA

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25 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words.

- pass out thrown back pulling down take out put out mixing up

1 “Ram Mohammad Thomas – what kind of a name is that, confusing all the religions?” he says.

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2 I am still feeling sick, and I am still in pain. I fall to the ground suddenly.

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3 I get from a pocket my lucky one-rupee coin.

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4 I was found outside the church in a bin that the nuns had left outside for old clothes.

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5 He began taking from the walls the pictures of Armaan that had been all over the walls of our small room for almost three years.

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6 The bed covers were opened with energy, just as I had left them twenty minutes earlier.

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26 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box in the *used to* form.

treat love shout think

1 We are all the police that we must be guilty of some crime or other.

2 I am people me badly and laughing at my name.

3 I to sit and stare at that statue and watch the coloured light shining on it through the windows.

4 I did not need my glass to hear the terrible things he or the things he threw.

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27 Write the passive form of the sentences.

1 People adopted and took away all the other babies one by one to new homes.

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2 Someone was waking me up by roughly pushing my arm.

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3 But Mr Taylor didn't allow anyone into his office, which he protected with three different locks.

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4 Someone said, "The Soldiers' Care Group are visiting us tomorrow."

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28 Complete the sentences with a stem and a suffix from the table.

Stem				Suffix			
advertise	happy	care	use	-less	-ment	-ness	-ful

- 1 “No, sir. I’ll be There won’t be a mark on him.”
- 2 If there has been anything near in my life, it was in the time I spent with Father Timothy.
- 3 “Then, I saw an in a newspaper for this quiz, and it showed your face. That is why I’m here.”
- 4 “He’s But who cares? Either he gets us at least a hundred a day, or he just stays hungry.”

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29 Complete these lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

chawl	telescope	astronomer	cell	suitcase	bunker
diplomat	hut	ambassador	commissioner	revolver	bunk

- Jobs:**
Places:
Things:

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30 Match the words in the box with the definitions. There are three extra words.

star operation respect clue audience hero beg revenge glance

- 1 A piece of information that helps you find the answer to a question.
- 2 A person that you like very much because they are intelligent or they are very good at sport, for example.
- 3 All the people who are watching a show or a concert.
- 4 When a doctor cuts open a person's body and repairs it or takes something out.
- 5 You take this on someone when you do something to hurt them because they did something to hurt you.
- 6 To ask someone for something or to do something for you, in a way that shows that you want it very much.

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