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1 Complete the information about Saroo from Chapter One.

Lives in: <sup>1</sup> .....

Was born in: <sup>2</sup> .....

As a child could not: <sup>3</sup> ..... or <sup>4</sup> .....

His mother: was <sup>5</sup> ..... with  
<sup>6</sup> ..... hair

He had: two <sup>7</sup> .....  
and a <sup>8</sup> .....

He did not see: <sup>9</sup> ..... because he had  
<sup>10</sup> .....

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2 Tick  five things we know about Saroo's family home in India.

- 1 It was in a poor part of town.
- 2 It was near the railway station.
- 3 It had two rooms.
- 4 It had a mud floor.
- 5 It was small and simple.
- 6 There was no TV, radio, books or toys.
- 7 The family was not poor.
- 8 The family had no fun.

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3 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.

In the next few weeks	Suddenly	At this time of day
Today	Later in the afternoon	Then

- 1 ..... , I cannot believe that anyone washes or plays in a dirty river like the one in Kolkata, that had dead people and animals in it.
- 2 ..... , the other children went home but I stayed by the river.
- 3 ..... , the water was much deeper and the river was higher, but I did not notice this.
- 4 ..... , someone jumped into the water next to me.  
..... I was pulled out and dropped on to the ground.
- 5 ..... , I started looking around the area near the station.

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4 Complete the sentences from Chapter Three. Use one, two, three or four words.

- 1 I was still afraid ..... me, so I continued walking.
- 2 For the first time, I ..... the river.
- 3 The long bridge was ..... the train station.
- 4 There were big families moving in groups, people carrying ..... heads, and a lot of homeless people begging.
- 5 I ..... until I reached the other side of the river.
- 6 After ..... railway man, I was much more careful of talking to people.

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5 Answer the questions about Chapter Three.

- 1 What was exciting about Saroo's first time on an aeroplane?
  - a .....
  - b .....
  - c .....
- 2 What new things did the children have?
  - a .....
  - b .....
  - c .....

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**6 Read the questions about Chapter Four. Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).**

- 1 When did the children arrive in Australia?
  - a 5th February 1985
  - b 15th May 1986
  - c 25th September 1987
- 2 Who was waiting for them?
  - a their new families
  - b their new friends
  - c their new teachers
- 3 What was the first thing that Saroo's new mother did to him?
  - a cleaned his hands
  - b kissed him
  - c put her arms around him
- 4 Why did he not have a conversation with his new parents?
  - a Because he was afraid.
  - b Because he did not know what to say.
  - c Because he did not speak the same language.
- 5 Where did they stay for the first night?
  - a in the airport
  - b in a hotel
  - c in a school
- 6 What did he think of his new city?
  - a It was busy and noisy.
  - b It was calm and pleasant.
  - c It was old and clean.

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**7 Complete the text from Chapter Five with the missing words.**

After I started high school at the age of 12, the map of India was <sup>1</sup> ..... on my bedroom wall, but now there were also pictures of my favourite bands. I was an Australian.

But I never wanted to forget my life in India. I often lay in bed and saw the streets of my town in my mind. I could see myself walking through them <sup>2</sup> ..... home. When I opened its door, I saw my mother and Shekila sleeping inside. I sometimes tried to send them a message through my mind across the world, to tell them <sup>3</sup> ..... I was OK.

At high school there were a lot of children from different countries, so I did not feel so different here. I made good friends, played a lot of sports and had a girlfriend. Mantosh was happier in high school, too. I was not the best student in my class, and sometimes I preferred having fun with my friends <sup>4</sup> ..... than studying. But I passed my exams

and went to college to study accountancy. <sup>5</sup> ..... I was studying in college, I worked in bars and restaurants in the evening. I enjoyed these jobs a lot, and I wanted to continue working in hotels and restaurants after college. So when I had to think about my future, I decided to train in the Australian International Hotel School. The school was in Canberra, another city in Australia. Moving there in 2007 was <sup>6</sup> ..... start of some big changes in my life, because I began to think about India much more.

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**8 Answer the questions. Use words from the box in your answer.**

months      search      internet      obsession      circle      nervous

**1** What did Byron have that helped Saroo?

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**2** What did Saroo use it for?

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**3** What did this become for Saroo?

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**4** What idea did his friend's dad give him?

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**5** How did Saroo feel about his search?

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**6** How long did the search last?

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

On 31 March 2011, I came home from work and, as always, I sat <sup>1</sup>

- a** at
- b** from
- c** in
- d** on

the computer. After a

few hours of searching, I decided to have a rest. I moved past the line of the circle to a place

- 2 **a** that the land looked different and interesting. I was enjoying looking at the hills, mountains  
**b** what  
**c** where  
**d** which

and villages, but then I noticed that there were <sup>3</sup> **a** any stations here. This was a little strange.

- b** no  
**c** none  
**d** some

How did the people travel? I looked around more. The land changed from hills to fields and I finally saw a station. It was small with a few buildings around it.

I was getting very tired now and wanted to go to bed <sup>4</sup> **a** before . But I continued following the

- b** late  
**c** long  
**d** soon

track from the station, and I came to another station. It had one platform and buildings on both sides with an overpass over the tracks. And . . . was that a *water tower* near the platform? I looked

<sup>5</sup> **a** close . Yes! It was a water tower. I looked for the name of the station. It was called Burhanpur.

- b** closer  
**c** closest  
**d** more close

My heart <sup>6</sup> **a** almost stopped. *Burhanpur*.

- b** always  
**c** near  
**d** next

I checked again. The overpass, water tower and road were in the same places that I remembered.

So somewhere near here should be my home town, Ginestlay. Feeling both <sup>7</sup> **a** excited and nervous,

- b** exciting  
**c** surprising  
**d** worrying

I moved the map along the train track. I saw it go over a bridge, and I<sup>8</sup> travelling over one with my brothers on the train.

- a quickly remembered
- b sudden
- c suddenly
- d then

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**10 Read the texts. Choose the correct description (a, b or c).**

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**CAN ANYONE HELP ME, I THINK THAT I'M FROM KHANDWA.  
I HAVEN'T SEEN IT OR BEEN BACK TO THE PLACE FOR 24 YEARS.  
IS THERE A BIG FOUNTAIN NEAR THE CINEMA?**

- a Saroo wants help to visit Khandwa.
- b Saroo wants information about Khandwa.
- c Saroo wants to find someone in Khandwa.

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**WELL, WE ARE NOT SURE . . . THERE IS A GARDEN NEAR THE CINEMA BUT THE  
FOUNTAIN IS NOT VERY BIG . . . THE CINEMA HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR YEARS . . .  
WE WILL TRY TO SEND YOU SOME PICTURES . . .**

- a The people do not know, but they will try to find the information Saroo wants.
- b The people do not know the answer because they do not live in the village now.
- c The people cannot help Saroo because everything has changed in the village.

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**CAN ANYONE TELL ME THE NAME OF THE AREA AT THE TOP  
RIGHT OF KHANDWA? I THINK IT STARTS WITH A "G" . . .  
I THINK THAT IT'S SOMETHING LIKE "GINESTLAY".**

- a Saroo does not think that the area that he is looking for is called Ginestlay.
- b Saroo knows that the area that he is looking for is called Ginestlay.
- c Saroo only remembers the first letter of the name of the area that he is looking for.

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11 Complete the text. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words.

platform notice railway calm suitcase got off homeless single

On 11 February 2012, I arrived at the airport in the city of Indore. I 1..... the aeroplane and my feet touched the ground in India for the first time in twenty-five years.

It was very exciting to be back, but after all this time, I felt like a foreign visitor in the country. My 2..... was lost at the airport. When I tried to ask someone about it, he replied in Hindi and I did not understand a 3..... word. The man found an English-speaking person, but I still felt like a lost boy again, trying to find someone to help me. On the bus journey to the hotel, I noticed that lots of things were the same as twenty-five years ago. There were still animals in the street, 4..... people and large crowds. But I was surprised at how dirty everything looked, which was so different from Hobart.

After a few hours' sleep in the hotel, I got a taxi to Khandwa. The journey took two hours, and I smoked a few cigarettes during it to try to 5..... my feelings. When we reached the town, I did not recognize it at all, and I immediately felt worried. I asked the driver to go straight to the 6..... station. When we arrived there, I knew where I was.

I was not far from home.

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12 Match the people with what happened to them. Draw lines between them.

Guddu

a married and had two sons.

Kallu

b had to look after the family.

Saroo

c had a big surprise.

Shekila

d finally found his family.

Their mother

e died in a train accident.

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

- 1 Saroo’s Indian family were surprised that he was not married. ....
- 2 Kallu was now a teacher and Shekila worked in a business. ....
- 3 Shekila was sometimes frightened of sending her children to school as it was dangerous. ....
- 4 Saroo’s real name, Sheru, means lion. ....
- 5 Saroo was really happy to go back home to Australia. ....
- 6 Saroo’s mother never lost hope because somebody told her that her son was not dead. ....

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14 Answer the questions. Choose numbers from the box.

twenty-nine                      five                      thirty                      1,000                      twenty-five

- 1 How old are most people when they get married in India?  
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- 2 How many hours was the train journey from Burhanpur to Kolkata?  
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- 3 How many kilometres did Saroo’s search go?  
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- 4 How long ago did he get on the train?  
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- 5 How old was he at that time?  
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15 For each question about Chapters Nine and Ten, choose the correct answer,

A (Kamla), B (Mrs Brierley) or C (Mrs Sood).

- 1 Who can Saroo help with money and food?                      A      B      C
- 2 Who did Saroo not want to feel that she was not his mother any more?                      A      B      C
- 3 Who did Saroo not want to feel uncomfortable?                      A      B      C
- 4 Who found the forms and identification of Saroo’s time in Kolkata?                      A      B      C
- 5 Who was nervous about visiting India?                      A      B      C
- 6 Who was Saroo helping with the Nava Jeevan orphanage?                      A      B      C
- 7 Without which one could Saroo not be here now to write this story?                      A      B      C

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16 Write the passive form of the sentences.

1 Trains hit many children here.

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2 The next morning, they gave me food and then they put me inside a truck with other children.

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3 They took us to a building where some people asked us lots of questions.

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4 Somebody taught me how to use a knife and fork.

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17 Circle the correct words.

1 I think **that** / **which** I started screaming and hitting the window hard.

2 I noticed a group of children **who** / **which** slept at the end of a platform. I thought **that** / **which** they were like me, homeless.

3 I was taken to a huge building with hundreds of children, **who** / **which** were playing or sitting in groups.

4 They slept in an enormous hall **which** / **who** was full of beds.

5 Mrs Saroj Sood, **which** / **who** was from the Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption (ISSA), came to speak to me.

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18 Complete the sentences. Use adverbs formed from the adjectives in brackets.

1 The train was moving ..... (**fast**) and when I looked outside, I did not know the land that I saw.

2 I learned to feed myself in the station quite ..... (**easy**).

3 I kept running until a train ..... (**sudden**) appeared and was coming towards me!

4 ..... (**final**) somebody was helping me, and I ..... (**happy**) followed him to his home.

5 The men gave me a small bed and I slept very ..... (**comfortable**).

6 ..... (**luck**), a woman called Cheryl lived in the area. She could speak both English and Hindi well.

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

- 1 holy                                      album                                      .....
- 2 home                                      tower                                      .....
- 3 over                                      less                                      .....
- 4 photograph                              man                                      .....
- 5 water                                      station                                      .....
- 6 railway                                      pass                                      .....

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20 Match the words from exercise 19 with the definitions.

- 1 a tall building; water is put there and it goes into houses and buildings .....
- 2 a place where trains arrive and leave from .....
- 3 a book with empty pages where you can put pictures to look at them .....
- 4 a person who does not have anywhere to live .....
- 5 a path or road that, like a bridge, goes over another road or train tracks .....
- 6 a person that follows a religion (= a way of believing in God) and lives a good life .....

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Total...../120