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1 Complete the information about Nazneen in Chapter One.

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| Name: | Nazneen |
| Born in: | Gouripur in ¹ in ² |
| When she was born: | her body was ³ but her aunt dropped her and she started ⁴ |
| She didn't feed for: | ⁵ but they didn't take her to ⁶ |
| She never questioned: | accepting ⁷ |
| Her sister: | ⁸ was different and she ⁹ to no one. |

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2 Tick six true things about Nazneen in Chapter Two.

- 1 Nazneen had been in London for six years.
- 2 She did not know many people.
- 3 She was too afraid to try and talk to people.
- 4 She could not speak English.
- 5 She spent her days alone.
- 6 She did no housework or cooking.
- 7 Her husband thought she was beautiful.
- 8 Her husband thought that she was unspoiled.
- 9 She was twenty-eight.
- 10 She missed her sister.

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3 Complete the letter with the missing words.

*I heard ¹ your marriage and I pray your husband is a good man.
I am so happy now. Malek's uncle has got him a very good job in a railway company. Malek knows
² about trains but he is smart. Nobody is smarter ³
my husband.
⁴ we have nothing, I am happy. Sometimes I want to run and jump.
But I am 16 years old and a married woman.
⁵ is good between my husband and me now. I don't let my tongue make trouble
any more. If women understand this, no one ⁶ beat them.
Sister, I think of you every day and send love.*

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4 Complete the conversation between Chanu and Dr Azad. Choose the best answers (a–l) below. There are two extra answers.

Dr Azad: This week I saw two of our young men with terrible alcohol problems. They copy what they see here, going to the pub, drinking.

Chanu: ¹

Dr Azad: Everyone thinks that. But most people never save enough money to go back.

Chanu: ²

Dr Azad: I used to think of going back all the time, but something would always happen. And now, I just don't know.

Chanu: ³

Dr Azad: I wish you luck.

Chanu: ⁴

Dr Azad: I'm sure you have a good chance of getting the promotion.

Chanu: ⁵

Dr Azad: Who?

Chanu: ⁶

Dr Azad: No.

Chanu: ⁷

Dr Azad: He didn't say anything. I don't know him.

Chanu: ⁸

Dr Azad: It's possible. I have thousands of patients.

Chanu: ⁹

Dr Azad: He might be a patient. I do not know him.

Chanu: ¹⁰

Dr Azad: But I wish you luck.

- a Also, in a few months, I will have another university degree, this time from a British university.
- b Did Mr Dalloway tell you that?
- c He has red hair.
- d We educated men must help each other.
- e No, I see.
- f He's one of your patients. He saw you about his shoulder.
- g He said that I didn't have a good chance?
- h I agree with you. But these things won't happen to my children. We will go back to Bangladesh before they get spoiled.
- i Mr Dalloway. My manager. He told you that I have a good chance?
- j Of course, we don't know about the promotion yet. Other people have applied. But I've worked there for longer than anyone. In six years, I've never been late. And I've had only three sick days, even with my stomach problem.
- k I have been in this country for sixteen years.
- l Things are beginning to go well for me now. If I get the promotion, then many things are possible.

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5 For each question about Chapter Three choose the correct answer, A (Jorina), B (Nazneen) or C (Razia).

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Who is pregnant? | A | B | C |
| 2 Who likes gossiping? | A | B | C |
| 3 Who would rather die than allow her daughter to make a love marriage? | A | B | C |
| 4 Whose daughter was sent back to be married in the village? | A | B | C |
| 5 Whose mother died when she was 14? | A | B | C |
| 6 Whose sister made a love marriage? | A | B | C |
| 7 Whose son drinks alcohol every day? | A | B | C |

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6 Answer the questions about Chapter Four. Each question has two or more answers.

- 1 What did Nazneen think about the baby?
- a
 - b
 - c
- 2 What did she think about her own life?
- a
 - b
 - c

3 What did Nazneen think about Chanu?

a

b

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7 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Five.

1 What did Chanu bring Nazneen in hospital?

a some chocolates

b some clothes for the baby

c some curry

d some flowers

2 What was wrong with Raqib?

a He couldn't breathe.

b He couldn't eat.

c His body was covered in little red spots.

d His heart stopped.

3 What was Chanu doing to keep himself busy while Raqib was in hospital?

a bringing coffee

b moving hous.

c questioning nurses

d studying for his degree

4 What did Nazneen think about Chanu during this period?

a That he was a bad man.

b That her father chose well.

c That he was very quiet.

d That they were very different.

5 What does Razia tell Nazneen about Mrs Islam?

a that she killed her husband

b that she is a usurer

c that she has a sewing job

d that Nazneen has offended her

6 What happens to Raqib?

a He gets worse and they don't know what to do.

b He gets better and they take him home.

c He disappears from the hospital.

d He dies suddenly, when they think he is better.

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8 Read the messages. Choose the correct description (a, b or c).

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May 1988

Sister, I pray for God to comfort you and your husband.

- a Hasina is worried that Chanu is going to leave Nazneen.
- b Hasina knows that Raqib has died.
- c Hasina thinks that Nazneen is going to have a baby.

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September 1988

I am living in a building in a nice area. My room is at the back, next to a family with three children. The other rooms are full of men who work at the jute factory. My landlord, Mr Chowdhury, says, "If they trouble you, come to me." He is like a father to me.

I work in a clothes factory. One room is for machines. I go there. Another is for cutting and finishing the material. Men go there.

- a Hasina is living and working with men in a clothes factory.
- b Hasina is living and working with her family and three children in a clothes factory.
- c Hasina is working in a clothes factory with men, but living separately from them.

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April 1990

I found out there is gossip about me and Mr Chowdhury. Everyone thinks I did something bad for cheap rent.

At least people do not make trouble outside the factory any more. But Abdul still walks home with me. He says it is better to be safe.

- a Nobody seems to be taking care of Hasina at the factory, not even Abdul or Mr Chowdhury.
- b The only person who seems to be taking care of Hasina at the factory is Abdul.
- c The only person who seems to be taking care of Hasina at the factory is Mr Chowdhury.

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August 1991

Sister, I want to come to London, too. But your husband is right. Save money for the new baby and your husband's new business.

Mr Chowdhury comes every week. Sometimes twice.

- a Chanu does not want to pay for Hasina to come to London.
- b Chanu wants to bring Hasina to London, but she won't take his money.
- c Chanu wants to help Hasina but Mr Chowdhury won't let her go.

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April 1995

*I give thanks to God. I am here in a new flat with my husband.
 He is always watching me with love. He only asks that the flat is kept tidy.
 Everything must be perfect.
 Before the rains come, my husband is taking me to his village.
 I am going to meet my new family. Sometimes I worry they will find out about me.
 I feel afraid.
 How is Shahana liking school? It is natural for a mother to cry when the child
 begins to grow up. But if your friend gives advice for you to see a doctor, then go.*

- a Hasina has gone back to her husband, but is worried about returning to the village after being away.
- b Hasina has married again, but is worried about meeting her new husband’s family in his village, because they might find out about her.
- c Hasina wanted to marry again, but was worried about her new husband’s family finding out about her life.

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9 Circle the correct words from Chapter Seven.

Shahana looked back . . .

a smiling / without smiling,

her lips . . .

b open / tight.

She . . . to listen to Bengali music.

c did not want / wanted

She . . . about the poetry of Tagore.

d cared / did not care

And she definitely . . . to go back to Bangladesh.

e did not want / wanted

But today, at least, Shahana . . . the poem her sister had started.

f did continue / did not continue

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10 List the things Chanu stopped doing when he couldn’t find a job in Chapter Seven.

a

b

c

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11 Match the names in the box with the facts about them in Chapter Seven.

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| Shaman | Nazneen | Chanu | Bibi |
|--------|---------|-------|------|

- 1 was always trying to make everyone happy.
- 2 was always offended.
- 3 was always angry.
- 4 If failed to manage everyone's needs, there was fighting, anger, crying.

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12 Read these sentences about Chapter Eight. Write T (true) or F (false) or DS (does not say).

- 1 Karim's father owned the clothes factory.
- 2 Karim ran away with a box of racist leaflets.
- 3 He knew the names of the men chasing him.
- 4 Chanu drove his taxi in the day and was home at night.
- 5 Chanu wanted to make enough money to go back home to Bangladesh.
- 6 Bibi really wanted to visit Bangladesh for the first time.

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

Razia came when Nazneen was reading Hasina's letters. She was angry because the government ¹..... closed her factory. People thought it was because it gave jobs to people ²..... were not supposed to be working in the UK.

Nazneen heard voices and looked outside. A group of young Bengali men were giving out leaflets. She thought that one of the men ³..... be Karim. She tried not to look again.

"They don't study and they don't have jobs," said Razia.

"You are lucky with Tariq."

"Yes. But I want him to go out and make friends. This morning, he didn't ⁴..... get out of bed. He says he needs money for books or he will fail the exam. If they don't re-open the factory soon, I'll have to go to see Mrs Islam!"

Razia was joking. She did not know that Chanu had borrowed money from Mrs Islam. Mrs Islam had been coming regularly with her sons. Chanu just counted out money ⁵..... Mrs Islam stopped him, and then he had to put it in her bag. Nazneen had no idea how much they were paying and when she tried to ask Chanu, he only said, "It's ⁶..... friends. She's helping me."

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|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1 a have | b had | c was | d were |
| 2 a what | b where | c which | d who |
| 3 a can | b have to | c might | d would |
| 4 a even | b just | c still | d yet |
| 5 a to | b until | c when | d while |
| 6 a between | b for | c on | d with |

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

On the estate, a leaflet war began between the Lion Hearts and the Bengal Tigers. The Lion Hearts complained about someone taking down pictures of women in the community hall. ¹ The Lion Hearts wanted dancing and alcohol in the community hall. The Bengal Tigers wanted to write to the government and complain. ² But the next Lion Hearts' leaflet called for a "march against the Mullahs" and Chanu did not laugh. "Stay away from marches," he told the girls.

Then the Bengal Tigers called for the Muslim community to march against the Lion Hearts' march. ³ Lion Hearts and Bengal Tigers, out with leaflets, often insulted each other. The estate began to feel dangerous. Nazneen started collecting Shahana as well as Bibi from school.

There were only a few more weeks until school ended for the summer. This made Nazneen sad as she could not spend much time with Karim if the children were at home. She loved the time she spent with him. ⁴ She listened to him pray. She listened to him talk about the Bengal Tigers or Muslims around the world.

She looked at him more openly now. When he saw her looking, she did not look away immediately. "You're always working," he said. "Talk to me."

"I will listen," she said. "You talk."

He picked up the buttons she was sewing and put them in the front pocket of his jeans. ⁵ She sat very still.

He talked about Muslims in Egypt for a while. Nazneen tried not to think of the buttons.

"It is sad," she said.

"You're so right," he said. He pulled the buttons out of his pocket and gave them back to her. Then he lay down on the sofa and closed his eyes. Nazneen could not concentrate on her work.

- a** Chanu laughed at this.
- b** Four police stood in front of two Lion Hearts.
- c** He wrote his leaflets at the dining table while she sewed.
- d** Nazneen felt electricity run through her body.
- e** Nazneen recognized the Questioner at their centre.
- f** Shahana and Bibi watched television and Nazneen tried to write a letter to Hasina.
- g** The Bengal Tigers announced their respect for women.
- h** Things seemed to get more serious.

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

riot leaflet burkhas shields community hall Muslim insulated destroyed

Nobody said anything. Shahana turned on the television. Chanu started to scream at her, but then he stopped and the ¹ fell from his hand. There were pictures of young men throwing stones and burning cars. They had scarves around their faces, but it was possible to see brown skin here and there. There were pictures of police, too. They were hiding behind clear plastic ² The riot was in a town called Oldham.

“You see,” said Chanu. “You see.”

In the afternoon, Nazneen needed to buy something, and as she walked past the ³ , the Secretary jumped out in front of her.

“Have you come for the meeting?” he asked. She had not, but now she felt that it would be rude not to go inside. She sat down in the front row. One seat away from her was the Questioner. Next to him were some girls, wearing ⁴ this time instead of hijabs. The black man was there again, and Nazneen noticed that he had started wearing traditional ⁵ clothes, too.

Nazneen was excited about seeing Karim. She watched him come up on to the stage.

“OK,” he said, “let’s get started.” He pulled a piece of paper from his pocket. It was the leaflet that had made Chanu so angry that morning. “This isn’t a Bengal Tigers’ leaflet. Who is responsible for this?”

He looked around the hall, being careful not to look at the Questioner. He saw Nazneen.

“We don’t have time for this,” shouted the Questioner. “We need to take action!”

“Anyone who wants to make their own group can get out now,” said Karim. “And take their leaflets with them.”

The Questioner went up to the stage and spoke to the crowd.

“Let’s not fight about leaflets. All around the world, Muslims are being ⁶ I will show you something.”

He began passing around pictures of suffering and dying Iraqi children. It made Nazneen cry.

“Should we keep quiet about these things? Should we do nothing?” said the Questioner.

Everyone jumped up and the hall was filled with voices.

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

£2 £20 £40 £50 £1,000 £164,000

- 1 How much had Chanu agreed to pay Mrs Islam per week?
- 2 How much did the family still owe her?
- 3 How much of her own money did Nazneen give Mrs Islam?
- 4 How much money did Razia have in her purse when she went to pay for her material?
- 5 How much did she think she had?
- 6 How much money did Mr Iqbal sell his flat for?

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

money a wife who behaves herself respect daughters who behave themselves

What Dr Azad has:

What Chanu has:

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

Chanu's only project now was going back to Bangladesh. He drove his taxi ¹ long hours

- a for
- b from
- c since
- d yet

and when he returned, he was ² tired to talk. Nazneen returned to her sewing and

- a enough
- b more
- c too
- d very

worked until she could ³ see. All the money she had secretly saved for her sister had gone,

- a hard
- b harder
- c hardest
- d hardly

used up for the payments to Mrs Islam. Nazneen was very careful not ⁴

- a open
- b opened
- c opening
- d to open

the door to her

any more. Twice now she had hidden while Mrs Islam shouted outside.

Nazneen worried about Karim, too, and wondered if Chanu knew ⁵

- a that
- b what
- c which
- d who

was going on. After

her illness, Chanu ⁶

- a bought
- b had bought
- c have bought
- d was buying

her one or two pretty gifts but she had told him to take them back.

He had found a Bengali love story and read to her in bed, but she told him to go back to his own books.

One evening, he had seen that there was ice skating on television. He had called Nazneen over

but she had told him to ⁷

- a it off turn
- b off it turn
- c turn it off
- d turn off it

. Ice skating used to make her dream of being free, but now

all she saw was false smiles.

Then one day, Chanu came home in the afternoon while Karim was still there. Luckily, Karim was

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- a always
- b ever
- c just
- d never

using the computer.

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

There was going to be a Bengal Tigers meeting about a week before the
1 Chanu said, "Let's go to that meeting. I think
it will be interesting."

Nazneen dropped her scissors. "I have to work," she said.

"I think you'll find it interesting," said Chanu.

Nazneen was worried. What was he going to do? On the day of the
meeting, they both got ready to go. Chanu put on a suit and got out a file
2 "Speech". He took out a piece of paper
and began to read to 3 So that was it,
thought Nazneen. He wanted to fight Karim with words.

The community hall was about 4 with
young men. There were a few girls of similar age. The young men had
formed two groups. The group on the right were in a circle, listening to
5 in the centre. The group on the left kept
looking over to the circle and shaking their heads. They did not seem to be
feeling 6

Karim jumped on to the stage, with the Secretary following.

"Brothers and sisters," Karim said, "thank you for coming together against
those who insult our religion. When we march, we'll show them we are strong
and 7 Today we need to discuss how we
can get more people to join us. I want two 8
for every estate . . ."

- MARCHED
- MARK
- SELF
- HALF
- ONE
- FRIEND
- PEACE
- ORGANIZE

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20 Circle the correct words to complete the letter.

October 2001

One day I ¹ **was helped** / **was helping** Lovely in the bedroom. She looked in the mirror and said, "I'm so beautiful but I can't do ² **anything** / **nothing** with it. It makes me wish I was just ordinary, like you." When she ³ **has gone** / **was gone**, I looked at my face in her mirror. It looked like a stranger's face. I brushed my hair and used her things ⁴ **making** / **to make** myself look beautiful. Then I felt someone was watching. It was Zaid. He looks at me and I know this look.

Baby Daisy wants me to carry her all the time. ⁵ **Never** / **Sometimes** she falls asleep on me. Her hair is beautiful. She is beautiful. But Zaid saw me with her once and said, "She is not yours."

In fact, ⁶ **everything** / **nothing** is mine. Sister, I know a big house is a good house. But a one-room house feels big if it belongs to you. Amma always said, "We are women – what ⁷ **can** / **can't** we do?" But I am not like Amma. She ⁸ **always** / **never** did anything until the end. She thought all roads were closed for her.

Forgive me, sister. I ⁹ **must** / **mustn't** tell you the secret I have kept for so long. I followed Amma to the store hut that day. I saw her touch three spears with her finger, testing them. We both know what she did next. She saw ¹⁰ **another** / **no other** way. I ask God to put light in my heart so I can see the ways more clearly.

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21 Answer the questions about Chapters Fourteen and Fifteen.

1 Who was Shahana going to meet?

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2 Where were they going to meet?

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3 Why were they running away?

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4 What were they going to do?

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5 How did Nazneen get to Brick Lane?

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6 Why wouldn't the police let her through?

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22 Change the reported questions into direct questions.

1 Nazneen asked the policeman why she couldn't go through.

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2 Karim asked Nazneen what she was doing there.

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3 Nazneen asked Karim what was happening.

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4 Nazneen asked Chanu what he meant by Big Man.

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5 Shahana asked her father who would cook for him.

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6 Bibi asked her mother when they would go to Dhaka.

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23 Match the names with what they did in Chapter Sixteen. Draw lines between them.

Chanu

a ran away with the cook.

Hasina

b started a business.

Karim

c went away, maybe to Bangladesh.

Nazneen

d flew to Bangladesh.

Razia

e designed clothes.

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24 Read the questions and choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

- 1 How do Nazneen, Razia, Shahana and Bibi travel across London?
 - a By bus.
 - b By train.
 - c On foot.
- 2 Why must Nazneen close her eyes?
 - a Because she's tired.
 - b Because she's afraid.
 - c Because it's a surprise.
- 3 Where do they go?
 - a To a shop.
 - b To an ice rink.
 - c To the cinema.
- 4 What does Shahan give her mother?
 - a A new sari.
 - b A mobile phone.
 - c Some boots.
- 5 What does Razia say you can do in England?
 - a Anything you want.
 - b Nothing you want.
 - c Some things you want.

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25 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box with *used to*.

say be make belong think

- 1 "I of going back all the time," said Dr Azad.
- 2 People he was crazy because he was always reading.
- 3 Everything they own to someone else.
- 4 Nazneen worked and worked, and Chanu was busier and happier again, like he
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- 5 Ice skating her dream of being free, but now all she saw was false smiles.

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26 Circle the correct words.

- 1 They say it is **sin** / **sinful** for men and women to work together.
- 2 "She's a girl from the village: totally **spoil** / **unspoiled**."
- 3 "The parents can't control them. They bring **shame** / **shameful** on the family."
- 4 He had seen two white men pushing **racism** / **racist** leaflets through front doors.
- 5 "Mrs Islam hasn't called. I **offend** / **offended** her. Chanu doesn't know."
- 6 Karim had even started wearing traditional **Islam** / **Islamic** clothes.

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27 Complete the sentences with words that use a stem and a suffix from the table.

| Stem | | | Suffix | | |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| accept | centre | confident | -al | -ance | -ence |
| govern | journal | sad | -ist | -ment | -ness |

- This is a cycling course, and this is my letter for a computer course.
- Out of the dark, a ran up to him and a white man with a camera followed her.
- She had loved his, the idea that he knew his place in the world.
- After that, she took the train to London to meet Karim.
- filled every inch of her.
- “You know, when I was a young man like you, I wanted to work for the”

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

pick it up clear your throat get out of wear away give up on come up to

- “By the way, I’m going to stop doing this boring degree,” he added.
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- In time, all his hope disappeared.
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- Karim lifted it from the ground. “Yes!” he said. “Let them come. We’ll be ready!”
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- Chanu coughed and put his speech back inside his file.
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- “That boy left hospital today. You know, the one that got stabbed.”
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- A white couple approached the policeman and asked something.
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29 Write C (clothes) or F (food and drink) in the boxes after these words.

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|---------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> | burkha | <input type="checkbox"/> | curry | <input type="checkbox"/> | hijab | <input type="checkbox"/> | jeans | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| oyster | <input type="checkbox"/> | rice | <input type="checkbox"/> | sari | <input type="checkbox"/> | sweets | <input type="checkbox"/> | trainers | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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30 Match the words in the box with the definitions.

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|---------|-------|-----------|------|-------|---------|
| revenge | drugs | promotion | riot | march | project |
|---------|-------|-----------|------|-------|---------|

- 1 When you move to a more important job in a company.
- 2 Something that you are trying to do or make.
- 3 When you do something bad to someone because they did something bad to you or to another person.
- 4 When a group of people behave in a violent, angry way, often because they do not agree with something.
- 5 Something that people take to make themselves feel happy, excited, etc. Buying and selling them is against the law.
- 6 When a large group of people walk together to show that they are angry about or don't agree with something.

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