

## Before-reading questions

*Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 He thinks that it is strange to marry someone you have never met, and he does not want to have one.
- 2 He wants to find a way not to have the arranged marriage.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 He feels very shy and embarrassed because he likes her so much.
- 2 She holds it to make him feel better when he is talking about his problems.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Manny's dad believes that white people have a different way of living that traditional Punjabis should not follow.
- 2 He believes that it is the only way to stop his parents from becoming very unhappy with him.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 **Example answer:** Mr Sandhu understands that it can be difficult for a Punjabi like Manny to go out with a white English person, as he has had the same experience.
- 2 People look at them because they have different skin colours.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 **Example answer:** He is feeling more and more angry and upset about the arranged marriage.
- 2 **Example answer:** It probably makes him feel like he does not need to stay in Leicester if Lisa isn't going to be there.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 He feels tired, hot and uncomfortable for the whole journey.
- 2 He says that Manny is a man now. He probably also wants to make him feel part of the family.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 He might not be telling the truth and does not want to see Manny's upset face.
- 2 He does not want to say something that he has been told not to say.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 He is not from Manny's family. Mohan's family have no money and he has had a different experience of India.
- 2 He does not think it is fair that some people are higher and others are lower in the system. He thinks all people should be equal.

### CHAPTER NINE

- 1 They do not think he is a good member of the family because he doesn't follow Punjabi traditions and no one really knows how he lives or what he does. They also think he can be uncaring and selfish.
- 2 It is when you read or listen to different ideas or stories without having an opinion too quickly.

### CHAPTER TEN

- 1 **Example answer:** He thinks Manny might be giving it to him because he is poor.
- 2 **Example answer:** They probably have a plan for the *parathas* and Manny's escape, but we do not know what it is yet.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 They were asleep from the weed in the *parathas*.
- 2 He says that Manny can do what he wants to do with his life, like getting an education. He tells Manny that achieving his goals does not make him selfish.
- 3 **Example answer:** Manny has escaped from India. He has probably hurt the family's reputation by doing this.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 He is too embarrassed and/or scared.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 He means that he will help Manny in any way that he can.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 **Example answer:** He doesn't feel part of the family and he knows he is going to leave them.
- 2 When his dad says it is for his life, Manny feels angry because he does not want the life his dad is talking about. He feels angry about all the things his dad has done to him. He will also need the money for his new life as a free man.
- 3 **Example answer:** It is probably Ady or someone who is helping Manny with his plan.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 He lives with Lisa's parents.
- 2 He does not see Manny as his son any more. He wants to forget Manny.
- 3 He feels happy that he is doing what he chooses to do.

## After-reading questions

- 1-2 *Reader's own answers.*
- 3 **Example answer:** Manny was only 13 at the beginning of the story. He was much angrier about his life, which is why he did not study at school and started stealing and going out to parties. At the end of the book, he still goes out but he is calmer and he has become an adult. He has chosen what he wants from life and he is working hard to achieve his goals.
- 4 **Example answer:** Manny is happier because he is finally free and doing what he wants to do with his life, so he wants to work hard to achieve this.

## Exercises

### CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 **Manny** has to share a room with his brother.
- 2 **Harry** is going to get married soon.
- 3 **Manny's dad** is often angry and drunk.
- 4 **Ady** doesn't really care about studying hard in school.
- 5 **Ekbal** has a family who are less traditional and more relaxed about things.
- 6 **Lisa** is Sarah's cousin and goes to the same school as Manny.

### CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 1 Harry slapped Manny **because** he had been caught stealing.
- 2 **Despite** his feelings, Manny decides that he has to get married.
- 3 Manny's school grades are getting worse, **so** Mr Sandhu wants to talk to him.
- 4 Manny doesn't want to do what his parents want, **but** he doesn't know what he wants to do himself.
- 5 Lisa's mum arrives at the school in her car **while** Lisa and Manny are kissing.
- 6 **Although** Manny tries to be a good student again, it doesn't last long after he goes to a party with Ady.

## CHAPTER FIVE

- 3 1 e 2 c 3 d 4 a 5 f 6 b

## CHAPTERS SIX AND SEVEN

- 4 1 a 2 b 3 c 4 a  
5 c 6 a 7 c 8 b

## CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 5 1 I **was** so angry after I realized that they had lied to me.  
2 They had told me that they were just going to Delhi, but they **had lied** and gone back to England.  
3 I remembered that Harry **had laughed** about me still being in India next month.  
4 Uncle Jag knew that I smoked because Mohan **had told** him earlier.

## CHAPTERS TEN AND ELEVEN

- 6 To get back to England from India, Manny needs to find his <sup>1</sup>**passport**, and he is lucky because Inderjit tells him where it is. Inderjit is worried about Manny leaving, but Manny <sup>2</sup>**tricks** him and makes him believe that nothing will happen. When they make *parathas*, which are a kind of <sup>3</sup>**chapati**, the family <sup>4</sup>**congratulate** Manny and Jag on how tasty they are, but they do not know that the *parathas* will make them fall asleep. In Delhi, Jag tells Manny that he is not <sup>5</sup>**selfish** for doing what he wants to with his life. When he finally gets back to England, Manny is happy to see the <sup>6</sup>**multicultural** restaurants and shops of his city, but he is not looking forward to seeing his family.

## CHAPTER TWELVE, THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 7 1 false *No one says sorry to him.*  
2 false *He is sure about running away.*  
3 true  
4 false *At first he does not want to take it.*  
5 false *He packs his things into black bags and takes them to Ady's place.*  
6 true  
7 true  
8 false *They moved to a different part of Leicester and never speak about him.*

## ALL CHAPTERS

- 8 1 couldn't they  
2 haven't you  
3 don't you  
4 don't you  
5 isn't it

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*