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QUESTIONS

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Look at Paragraphs 1 and 2.

1. "I had been able to relax for a while" (Paragraph 1)

(a) Why was Christopher able to relax?

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(b) What does the expression "for a while" suggest about Christopher's usual state of mind?

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2. Write down an expression from Paragraph 2 which suggests that the family had been under strain for some time.

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Look at Paragraphs 3 to 6.

3. Uncle Philip seemed at first to be a generous and caring person.

What evidence is there in this section that he was **both** generous and caring?

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4. Christopher became very excited about Uncle Philip's plan.

Give **three** ways in which the writer indicates Christopher's excitement in Paragraph 4.

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(iii) _____

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5. Why do you think Christopher was delighted to hear his mother laugh?
(Paragraph 4)

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6. Explain the function of the dashes in “. . . this very atmosphere—this feeling that things were perhaps starting to return to what they had been—which played . . .”
(Paragraph 4)

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7. **In your own words**, explain what Christopher means by “lower my guard”.
(Paragraph 4)

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8. Give **two** reasons why Christopher did not object to wearing a jacket.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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Look at Paragraph 7.

9. Give **two** pieces of evidence which might suggest that Uncle Philip was feeling tense.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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10. “But I thought nothing of it at the time” (Paragraph 7)

What does this statement suggest?

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Look at Paragraphs 8 and 9.

11. What explanation does Christopher suggest for his uncle’s silences on their journey? (Paragraph 8)

Use **your own words** in your answer.

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12. **In your own words**, explain how the writer indicates the changing surroundings along the route towards the city centre.

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13. “From here, we’ll go on foot . . .” (Paragraph 9)

From your reading of the passage as a whole, what was the real reason for Uncle Philip’s decision to leave the carriage and start walking?

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Look at Paragraph 10.

14. Quote **three** examples of effective word choice used by the writer to describe the busy streets “off Nanking Road”.

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15. "We moved from bright sun to shade" (Paragraph 10)

Why do you think the writer refers to **light** and **darkness** at this point in the passage?

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Look at Paragraphs 14 to 17.

16. The writer describes the strong feelings experienced by both Christopher and Uncle Philip.

(a) Quote **two** expressions which show Christopher's strong feelings.

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(b) Quote **two** expressions which show Uncle Philip's strong feelings.

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17. Why did Uncle Philip repeat "I didn't want you hurt"? (Paragraph 17)

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Look at Paragraph 19.

18. “Then suddenly I began to move . . .” (Paragraph 19)

Comment on the writer’s use of word choice **and** sentence structure in this paragraph to describe Christopher’s journey back.

(a) Word choice:

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(b) Sentence structure:

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19. “all sense of decorum” (Paragraph 19)

Tick (✓) the box beside the best definition of “decorum”.

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Look at Paragraph 20 to the end of the passage.

20. In Paragraph 20, the writer describes Christopher as physically tired but mentally determined. Give **one** piece of evidence showing he was tired and **one** piece of evidence showing his determination.

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21. “I knew as soon as . . .” (Paragraph 21)
“I knew, as I had known . . .” (Paragraph 22)
Why does the writer repeat “I knew” in this way?

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Think about the passage as a whole.

22. Explain what you think happened to Christopher’s mother.
Support your answer by referring to evidence from the passage.

Explanation _____

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