Chalkline Questions

Chapter Twenty-One

- 1. How do you think Jameela and her mother felt the morning of their trip to the market?
- 2. Why did the men in the village know nothing of the women's trips to the market that day?
- 3. How did Jameela and her mother get from the bust station to the market?
- 4. What did Jameela's mother say they had to do before they left at the end of the day?
- 5. Do you think the two police officers were hard working? Why/ Why not?
- 6. List FIVE feelings that Jameela and her mother felt as they waited for their turn in the police station.
- 7. What last minute change did Jameela make at the fruit stall?
- 8. What was it that drew Jameela to the scruffy beggar boy on the step, do you think?

Chapter Twenty-Two

- 1. What was it that woke Rafiq up from his sleep?
- 2. How did Rafig initially feel when the girl offered him the fruit?
- 3. What does Rafig feel will give him 'ultimate peace'?
- 4. Do you think Rafiq's plan will give him peace? Why/ Why not?
- 5. What had Rafig stored in the sacks he had hidden?

Chapter Twenty-Three

- 1. How did Jameela's mother feel when she told her about the peach she gave to the beggar boy?
- 2. How did Jameela feel when the police officer shouterd 'Next!'.
- 3. Why did Jameela's mother shake her head in shame when the police officer handed her the forms to fill out?
- 4. Do you think her mother should feel ashamed? Why/Why not?
- 5. What news did the police officer give Jameela and her mother about the militant camp?

6. Describe the police officer's demeanour towards Jameela and her mother?

Chapter Twenty-Four

- 1. Why did Rafiq feel a sense of confusion as he stood outside the Mosque?
- 2. What did Rafiq notice about the girls demeanour as she left the police station?
- 3. Why do you think this girl stirred up memories within Rafiq?

Chapter Twenty-Five

- 1. What did Jameela's mother say to her in response to her sullen attitude upon leaving the police station?
- 2. Do you think her mother was right to say what she did to Jameela?
- 3. Who did Jameela's mother think she was speaking to when she left the stall?
- 4. What memories stirred in Jameela's mothers mind ad=s she saw Jameela talk to the boy.
- 5. What happened to Jameela's mother when she realised who the boy was?
- 6. How do you think Jameela felt when her mother shouted 'Rafiq!'?

Chapter Twenty-Six

- 1. What do you think went through Rafiq's mind when he heard his name being called?
- 2. Who did Rafiq think was calling him initially?
- 3. Do you think Rafiq would have been happy if the person who called his name was another freedom fighter?
- 4. Why did Rafiq hesitate when asked was it him?
- 5. Can you write Chapter Twenty-Seven? Make it as interesting as you can!
- 6. Did you like this book? Give reasons for your answer.