*Huda and Me* by H Hayck Questions by Trisha Buckley Each question worth 2 points

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|  | Question | Answer | Page and points allocation |
| 1 | In the opening chapter, what is the flight number of the plan the children plan to board and where is it headed? | XFL60 going to Lebanon | p. 2  one mark for exact number  one mark for place name |
| 2 | Name Huda and Akeal’s siblings from oldest to youngest. | Omar, Kholoud, Suha and Layla (twins) and Raheed | pp. 7 – 9  one mark for correct names  one mark for correct order |
| 3 | What are the names of the two flight attendants on the plane? | Rosetta and Martin | pp. 15 - 18  one mark for each correct name |
| 4 | Aunt Amel gives each of the older children a job description on day two. Pick any child and provide his or her job title and what it means | Choose from  Omar – Aunt Amel’s personal chauffeur. He has to do all the driving  Kholoud – Aunt Amel’s personal stylist and beauty expert. She has to do all Amel’s hair and makeup  Suha and Layla – personal tea-and-cookie-makers. Provide Amel with tea and biscuits any time she wants them  Akear – The Butler. Basically, he does a lot of cleaning  Huda – The maid. She also cleans a lot | pp. 47 – 49  up to two marks for correctly matching the child to the job |
| 5 | Who does Akeal meet in Dubai? Give two reasons Akeal likes this person, and one reason he doesn’t. | Michael  (likes)  He loves basketball just like Akeal and he seems to be joining Akeal’s team in Melbourne.  He helps them avoid the authorities when they land in Lebanon  (doesn’t like)  On the plane he tries to take Huda’s scarf and acts like a racist towards her | p. 62  ½ mark for name  p.65  ½ mark for basketball (could also say he likes Akeal’s shoes)  p. 128  ½ mark for helping them  p.83  ½ mark for his treatment of Huda |
| 6 | Who does Akeal ask first for help with Aunt Amel? What response does he get? | Akeal’s teacher Mr Morrison. When he discovers that Akeal is ‘doing chores’, he tells Akeal to develop time management skills. He doesn’t listen to Akeal’s worries. | pp. 64 – 65  up to two marks for details & accuracy. Name & that he’s a teacher. Doesn’t help. Refuses to listen |
| 7 | Why can’t the children contact their parents? | Their father hasn’t turned on the international roaming setting even though Omar showed him ten times how to do it. | pp. 90 – 91  one mark for not turning on the right setting  one mark for Omar tried to help them |
| 8 | Where does Huda get the idea to catch a plan? | Kholoud says it in desperation and as a joke, really. She doesn’t really think they could do it | p. 91  one mark for naming Kholoud  one mark for explanation |
| 9 | Where does Dad hide the passports and how does Huda know this? | Huda was hiding under her parents’ bed from Kholoud when she saw him go behind all their clothes in the wardrobe and pull out a briefcase, right at the back | p. 98  one mark for how Huda knows  one mark for hiding spot |
| 10 | What conversation do Huda and Akeal have about their parents on the plane between Dubai and Beirut? | Akeal worries that their parents won’t believe them about Aunt Amel’s attitude. Huda convinces him that they will because they believe what their children tell them. | p. 101  one mark for Akeal’s worries  one mark for Huda’s optimism |
| 11 | What extra item does Huda take from her father’s briefcase as well as their passports?  What does Akeal take? | Huda takes bundles of cash  Akeal takes Raheed’s passport | p. 118  one mark for Huda’s item  one mark for Akeal’s item |
| 12 | How does Huda make Akeal see the noisy cars in Beirut differently? | Initially Akeal hears angry, meaningless beeping, but Huda says the drivers are just talking to each, letting everyone know where they are. It’s a much friendlier happy explanation | p. 153  one mark for Akeal’s negative reaction  one mark for Huda’s positive one |
| 13 | Describe any two of Huda’s actions or words that irritate and annoy Akeal. | Choose from:  She doesn’t tell Akeal that all the details about their trip even when he is very anxious  She constantly mocks him for his worries about their secrets  Everyone finds her charming and are completely disarmed by her, even though most of the time, she’ll be working to her own agenda  During the plane turbulence Huda’s fear means she reveals her true (lovely) feelings for Akeal but once it’s all safe, she pretends it never happen (pp. 106-107)  She pokes out her tongue at armed soldiers in Beirut (p.157) | One mark for each correct and accurate example.  Students may offer others not mentioned here, but are in the novel. |
| 14 | Even though Huda acts completely confident about her plan A, she also prepares a plan B. What is it? | She reveals everything to their neighbour Mr Kostiki and he has helped all the way. He also took photographic evidence of Aunt Amel’s terrible behaviour towards the children to help support their claims to their parents. | pp. 153 – 155  one mark for naming Mr Kostiki as Huda’s partner-in-crime  one mark for the photographs as evidence |
| 15 | How does the taxi driver respond when Huda begs for McDonalds’ food? | He says no. That food is bad. He gives them his own lunch – a wrap with cucumber and labni (yoghurt) which Akeal thinks is better than Maccas | pp. 156 – 157  one mark for driver’s rejection of MacDonalds.  one mark for offering his own food including what it is. |
| 16 | Why does Akeal try to give the taxi driver all their cash? | Akeal doesn’t understand the concept of exchange rates. He thinks the price quoted by the driver (one hundred thousand lira) is worth the same in Australian dollars. It isn’t. | pp.159 – 160  up to two marks for explaining exchange rates, mentioning the cost of the ride |
| 17 | Which member of the family is the first one the children meet in Beirut? How does Akeal try to impress this person? | They meet their Jida – their mother’s father. Akeal introduces himself and Huda in Arabic in a respectful and polite manner | p. 163  ½ mark for Jida  ½ mark for mother’s father  ½ mark for using words like respectful, polite  ½ mark for Akeal speaking in the language of his grandfather |
| 18 | What is Aunt Amel’s one last final twist? How is it resolved? | Mr Kostiki is able to collect the older children and bring them to his house. But Aunt Amel disappears and takes Raheed with her.  This is resolved when dad and Akeal intercept Amel trying to go to New Zealand with Raheed (for a ‘real’ holiday) | p. 182  one mark for explaining Raheed’s disappearance  one mark for explaining the resolution |
| 19 | Where is Huda at the end of the novel, and who is she helping? | Huda is still in Beirut with their mother, who says that Huda’s presence is making Huda;s grandmother stronger every day. | p. 194  one mark for location  one mark for Huda’s positive affect on Tatya |
| 20 | What is the plan for the next school holiday? | The children’s parents are organising a trip to Lebanon for the whole family | p. 194  one mark for holiday to Lebanon  one mark for taking the whole family |