*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. 2one mark for exact numberone 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 – 9one mark for correct namesone mark for correct order |
| 3 | What are the names of the two flight attendants on the plane? | Rosetta and Martin | pp. 15 - 18one 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 fromOmar – Aunt Amel’s personal chauffeur. He has to do all the drivingKholoud – Aunt Amel’s personal stylist and beauty expert. She has to do all Amel’s hair and makeupSuha and Layla – personal tea-and-cookie-makers. Provide Amel with tea and biscuits any time she wants themAkear – The Butler. Basically, he does a lot of cleaningHuda – The maid. She also cleans a lot | pp. 47 – 49up 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. 62½ mark for namep.65½ mark for basketball (could also say he likes Akeal’s shoes)p. 128½ mark for helping themp.83½ 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 – 65up 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 – 91one mark for not turning on the right settingone 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. 91one mark for naming Kholoudone 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. 98one mark for how Huda knowsone 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. 101one 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 cashAkeal takes Raheed’s passport | p. 118one mark for Huda’s itemone 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. 153one 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 anxiousShe constantly mocks him for his worries about their secretsEveryone finds her charming and are completely disarmed by her, even though most of the time, she’ll be working to her own agendaDuring 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 – 155one mark for naming Mr Kostiki as Huda’s partner-in-crimeone 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 – 160up 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. 163½ mark for Jida½ mark for mother’s father½ mark for using words like respectful, polite½ 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. 182one mark for explaining Raheed’s disappearanceone 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. 194one mark for locationone 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. 194one mark for holiday to Lebanonone mark for taking the whole family |