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| Night Ride into Danger  Jackie French | Q 1 | How many horses were in the night mail team and how many times were the teams changed during the 14 hour journey? | 5 horses - 3 leaders and 2 on the pole p.2  The teams were changed 4 times at the coaching posts p.4 | E |
| Q 2 | What were 2 concerns about the Shoalhaven River that would make the crossing more difficult? | Rising river levels from rain upstream  Rocks dislodged from the ford/wide road of stones built up under the water that allowed the coach to cross easily p. 23-24 | M |
| Q 3 | What were 2 uses for the straw on the coach floor? | Keep feet warm p. 10  Keep the mail dry during the river crossing p. 23  Wipe the horses down after the river crossing p. 31 | E |
| Q 4 | Both Paw and Senorita Rodriques plan to buy farms. What do they each plan to do on their farm? | Paw and Jem will breed horses p. 35  Senorita Rodriques and Juanita will grow cherry and pear trees and special plants for health cordials p. 36 | M |
| Q 5 | Mr Smith tells Jem about the bushranger Jackey-Jackey. Why was he called the gentleman bushranger? | He wore a suit and tipped his hat to the ladies  He never stole from a lady  He only took what valuables he thought people could spare p. 41 | E |
| Q 6 | What were the two causes of the coach tipping and Lady Anne injuring her leg? | Icy patch and a tree root p.53 | E |
| Q 7 | What did the Senorita use to keep Paw’s broken leg straight and how did it work? | Strips of leather from her coat  As the wet leather dried it shrank and tightened keeping the leg straight p.57 | H |
| Q 8 | Mr Lee was actually Miss Lee. Give 2 reasons for her pretending to be a man. | A Chinese woman wasn’t allowed to land in Sydney. They had to land in Robe and walk to Sydney. Miss Lee’s disfigured feet would have made the walk impossible.  Cobb & Co would take a Chinese man  It was not safe to travel as a woman p. 90 | H |
| Q 9 | What was Juanita’s real name and why was she able to climb so expertly from the coach window to steal the pistol? | Janet Jones p. 115  Mrs Alberto from the Flying Alberto Family who did an act with ropes and trapeze had taught her to climb p.111 | M |
| Q 10 | Name 2 native Australian animals Jem encountered on the journey. | Emus p. 70  A wombat p. 131  Kangaroos p.137 | E |
| Q 11 | Name 2 dangers Jem thought he’d find on the last 15 miles to Goulburn | Carts, stock, herds of dairy cows on the road  Dogs that might chase and nip the horses legs p. 139-140 | M |
| Q 12 | What had caused the train to be delayed and what caused the delay getting the trunk of gold onto the train? | There was a cow on the line p.156  The trunk needed a label p. 159  OR the crowded platform slowed progress to the luggage compartment p.161 | M |
| Q 13 | Name 2 instructions Mr Smith gave to Jem about the gold bars if the trunk didn’t get loaded in time | Make sure no one knows you have it, only use a few at a time, take a few at a time to the mint to exchange them for sovereigns, don’t be conspicuous or let people suspect you have money, half was Jems, he would write to Jem p.162-163 | M |
| Q 14 | What did Mr Pickle’s mother in-law believe about cameras and what information changed her attitude to Mr Pickle? | “Cameras steal people’s souls from their bodies” p. 170  She was told that Mr Pickle had delivered baby Patrick, her grandson p.171-172 | H |
| Q 15 | Apart from Jem, name 2 people Mr Smith shared his gold with | His two sisters p. 191  Kate and his son p. 97 | H |
| Q 16 | Name 2 things that tell the Donavans that the Pickles and Lee Chou stayed friends? | Paw received a letter and photograph showing the happy women with their babies smiling at each other  The Pickles called their baby girl Leeanne and Lee Chou may be her Godmother  Lee Chou travelled from Sydney to Goulburn for the photograph  p.193-195 | H |
| Q 17 | Following Mr Smith’s letter, what were the 3 names Jem sent bank drafts to in America and how much did he send each time? | Frank Gardiner, Francis Christie and John Smith p.197  Twenty guineas p.197 | M |
| Q 18 | When Mr Smith heard the yarn of ‘the boy from Cobb &Co’ name 2 additions that had been made to the actual journey | Stampeding horses, mud up to the axles, flooded rivers, held up by a bushranger, ferocious natives or Chinese miners or flying wombats attacked the coach  p. 198-199 | H |