“The Water Cell”

1. Why does Persepolis love the king?
2. What do her parents think about that reason?
3. What explanation does her father give her for how their current king attained his position?
4. Who was her grandfather?
5. How was he treated in prison?

“Persepolis”

1. What was the only food available to Persepolis’s grandmother?
2. What does Persepolis’ father take pictures of?
3. What does Persepolis do when she is confused about adult reactions?

“The Letter”

1. Why did Persepolis feel shame?
2. Why did Mehri have to work as a maid?
3. How old was she when she began working for Persepolis’ family?
4. Why does Mehri’s boyfriend stop seeing her?
5. What do Mehri and Persepolis do in response?

“The Party”

1. What happens to the Shah?
2. Why does Persepolis’ father think that the US will not let the Shah live here?
3. Where does the Shah go? Why?
4. What happens in schools after the Shah leaves?

“The Heroes”

1. What were Jari and Shakiba arrested for?
2. What torture did the men endure?

“Moscow”

1. Who was Anosh?
2. What happened to Fereydoon?
3. Where did Anosh go for safety?
4. How long was Anosh in prison when he returned to Iran?
5. What made Marjane happy?

“The Sheep”

1. What did the Republic want to be called?
2. Why could this happen?
3. What was the problem with religious leaders running the country?
4. What was the percent of people voting for the religious leaders? Why is this number unrealistic?
5. What happened to many of Marjane’s friends and family members?
6. Why didn’t her dad want to emigrate?
7. What happened to Siamak’s sister?
8. How did Siamak and his family leave the country?
9. How does Marjane visit in prison?
10. What happens to him?
11. How do Marjane and her family know the war began?

“The Trip”

1. What embassy is occupied?
2. How did this affect Marjane?

3. What closed a few days later? Why?

1. How long were the universities closed?
2. What happened to Marjane’s mother?
3. Describe the two kinds of men and women.
4. Where did Marjane’s family go for a vacation?
5. Who was Iran at war with?

“The F-14s”

1. What city was bombed?
2. How did Iran retaliate?
3. Who was released from jail?

“The Jewels”

1. What problem did the war cause in supermarkets?
2. What did Marjane’s father desperately need?
3. What happened to border towns?
4. What is flatulence?

“The Key”

1. What was a headline story?
2. What was one of the countries rituals?
3. Why did Mrs. Nasrine have a gold key?
4. Who was the Key to Paradise for?

“The Wine”

1. What became a target for bombing?
2. Where did Marjane and her family go during bombings?
3. What two reasons did Marjane’s mother give for covering the windows?
4. What happened to Tinoosh’s dad?
5. Why does the guard think that Marjane’s father was drinking?
6. What do Marjane and her grandmother do once they get home?

“The Cigarette”

1. What does Marjane do instead of going to school?
2. How does her mother react?
3. How many people die in the war?
4. When did Marjane feel she was an adult?

“The Passport”

1. Why does Marjane’s uncle feel there are a lot of people who oppose the government in his neighborhood?
2. What does her uncle worry about?
3. What happened to the uncle?
4. Where does he need to go for surgery?
5. Who supplied the Iranians and Iraqis with chemical weapons?
6. Why does Niloufar have to hide?
7. What happens to Niloufar?
8. What happens to Marjane’s uncle?

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Question Set #4

“Kim Wilde”

1. What happened for Marjane’s family to rush to get passports?
2. What does Marjane want her parents to bring her?
3. How do they smuggle in her presents?
4. What presents do her parents give Marjane?
5. Who stopped Marjane when she was on the street?
6. Where did they want to take her?

“The Shabbat”

1. What began happening to Marjane’s town?
2. Why did the Baba-Levys stay?
3. What was bombed?
4. Why did the bombers choose that day?
5. What does Marjane find in the ruins?

“The Dowry”

1. What does Marjane wear that her teachers finds objectionable?
2. How does Marjane react?
3. What happens to young girls who are arrested?
4. Why do Marjane’s parents worry about her being arrested?
5. Where do they want to send her?
6. How old is she when they make this decision?
7. What does Marjane do with her posters?
8. Who does Marjane sleep with her last night in Iran?
9. How does Marjane’s mother react when Marjane looks at her parents before getting on the plane?

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Write a four to six sentence paragraph for each of the following questions.

1. What was the most difficult decision Marjane’s parents had to make? (Hint: identify the problem in your topic sentence and then support it with examples.)
2. What is the most difficult decision Marjane makes? (Hint: identify the problem in your topic sentence and then support it with examples.)
3. Select the most restrictive practice of the Iranian government. Explain your choice with examples.
4. Select a problem Marjane encountered. How would you have handled it differently? What would the possible consequences have been for you?
5. Predict if you think Marjane is reunited with her parents. Describe where and when you think they will see each other again. Will it be a visit or permanent?
6. How do you think Marjane will change in Austria?