(a) A/ Candidates are free to concentrate on any part of Said’s life, both before and after entering prison. Therefore, the rest of their answer should be related to this and to events as they come in the story. They are then given an opportunity to criticise and evaluate Said’s actions and amend these to how they would have dealt with the various situations he comes up against. References for their reasons must come from the book.

(b) B/ Education comes in the form of the student hostel where Rauf stayed and where Said worked when he was younger; also in the books that Rauf gave Said; in the ‘education’ that Said got from Rauf; the newspapers as a source of education and a symbol of where you could work after receiving a ‘good’ education; etc. Candidates are expected to give examples such as these. The importance would be on the theme that none of the forms of education in the story were of any use to Said. They were used to destroy rather than help the individual (p48) & (p28). This is an example of society being let down by the promises of the educated and those in control.