***A Little Spark* by Barry Jonsberg** Brisbane South

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|  | Question | Answer | Page number and points allocation |
| 1 | Before the first chapter, Cate tells the reader what the book is about. Name any two things she says. | Pick from:  **Love**, **Pain**, and the **mysteries of people**.  **Madness and why we need it**. | (p. 2)  2 points – must mention any 2 of the bold phrases to get full points |
| 2 | According to Cate, what are the three reasons you don’t get to see the Milky Way properly when you’re close to Melbourne? | Humanity has washed it away with **streetlights, football stadiums** and **television sets** | p. 5  1 point for each correct phrase in bold. 2 points for all 3. |
| 3 | Who is Cate’s mother’s new partner? How did they meet? | Sam. They met when Cate’s mum started going to the gym after her divorce where he worked a personal trainer. | p. 17  ½ point for ‘Sam’  1 and ½ points for ‘gym’ and ‘personal trainer’ |
| 4 | Why doesn’t Cate share weekend details with her mother and her new partner? | She wants to protect both her dad and herself from their judgements about what she and her dad do. | p. 20  2 points for accurate explanation |
| 5 | What do Cate and her mother discuss when they go to the Chinese restaurant alone? | The possibility and implications of moving to London with Sam where he has a permanent job opportunity | pp. 39-44  up to 2 points for accurate answer |
| 6 | What films are Elise’s favourites? Why? | Elise loves the *Beethoven* movies. She wants a Saint Bernard dog. | p. 47  1 point for the name of the films  1 point for Elise wanting a Saint Benard |
| 7 | What is Elsie’s advice to Cate regarding her problem about moving to London? | Elise encourages Cate to think about what Cate wants – not about how much everyone else will be hurt depending on what she decides | p.p. 54-55  up to 2 points for accuracy of answer |
| 8 | Name 2 of the 4 things that stuns Cate when she is told the results of the short story competition. | Pick from:  She came second in a literary competition  She was going to meet the Victorian Premier  Her whole Year 8 cohort was applauding her  She won $2000 | p. 59  1 point for each correct answer |
| 9 | Describe in detail one of Dad’s attempts to feed Cate’s imagination. | Pick from:  He creates a laser/drone show so that Cate thinks they are being watched by aliens  He organises two young men to serenade Cate with a song, so she thinks someone is keen on her  He pretends they are on the run, with someone chasing them so they have to disguise themselves | Up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 10 | Name any two of Cate’s injuries from the car accident. | Pick from  Three broken ribs  One compound fracture of the femur  Some non-life-threatening internal bleeding  Life-threatening bleeding on the brain | p. 81  1 point for each correct and exact injury |
| 11 | How does Cate use Liam Cooper to explain her weekends with her father to Elise? | Cate pays Liam $200 to read out a note explaining why he is not good enough for Elise and to deliver the letter to her. She uses this show to explain about the adventures her father creates for her to spark her imagination | pp. 128-133  up to two points for accuracy and detail of answer |
| 12 | Outline the progress of the discussions between Cate and the people who work at Blake McDonald Publishing House. | Initially Cate submits her first chapter through the BPP (Book Pitch Program) p. 48  Then Jane Brown emails Cate to ask for the rest of the manuscript which she does pp. 87-88  Then Mo Axon rings Cate to say that they won’t be publishing her novel *Unicorn Girl*, but would like to meet up to discuss further possible ventures (pp. 141-145  Mo Axon meets Cate in person to say even though *Unicorn Girl* won’t be published, Cate should keep writing and keep in touch. Cate doesn’t tell her she has no stories left in her. p. 189-190 | ½ point for each interaction |
| 13 | On the day of the hearing, whose testimony does Cate hear and whose does she sit out from hearing? | Cate hears her mother’s testimony, but not her father’s | pp. 160-164  1 point for getting each parent correct |
| 14 | What does Cate’s mother tell her that leads Cate to say ‘I understand that if I win, everyone loses’? | Lois explains that if the judge choses to let Cate remain in Australia with her father that Lois won’t be going to London to join Sam. | pp. 179-180  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 15 | In the courtroom what reason does Dad give to Cate regarding granting approval for her to go to London to live with her mum and Sam?  What is the real reason? | Dad tells Cate that he has changed his mind. That Cate will be better off with her mother.  The truth is that Mike discovers he has inoperable pancreatic cancer and not long to live. | p. 186  1 point  p. 202  1 point |
| 16 | When Cate thinks about leaving, she lists nine things about Melbourne she will miss (not the important stuff, but other stuff). Name any 4. | Pick from  The Melbourne Cricket ground  The Stupid grinning face at Luna Park  The way the wind can make you feel you’re in a fan oven  Four seasons in one day  The people from every corner of the world milling around Elizabeth street  The weirdos who bail you up on the trains  The smells on Little Burke Street  The Vic market with all its food stalls  The trams | pp. 188-189  ½ point for each correct response |
| 17 | What are the words Cate and her dad say to each other before she gets on the plane to London? | ‘I’m sorry’, he said.  ‘Me too’, I replied. | p. 193  1 point for each quote |
| 18 | Cate tries to persuade her London peers that several Australian animals are deadly. Name any 4 she mentions | Pick from  Snakes, blue ringed octopus, koalas, spiders and sharks and drop bears. | pp. 197-199  ½ point for each correct animal |
| 19 | How does Cate describe her feelings when she visits Paris? | Cate realises she is surrounded by strange buildings, strange people and a strange language but it makes her feel alive, and that worlds and possibilities were all around | p. 202  up to 2 points for details and accuracy of answer |
| 20 | Why do Elise and Cate have trouble talking to each other on the telephone? | The time difference between Melbourne and London. When it’s eveing in Melbourne, Cate is getting ready for school, and when she gets home in the afternoon, Elise was already asleep. | p. 202  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 21 | Why does Cate feel lonely on the night before her birthday? | Her mother has plans for school the next day, Elise isn’t answering her phone and she has no one to talk to about her father’s death. | pp. 214-215  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 22 | When mum hands Cate the letter from her father what does she say to Cate? | ‘You have choices. You don’t have to open it if it’s too upsetting’. | pp.216-217  1 point for ‘choices’  1 point for ‘don’t have to’ |
| 23 | In the first part of Dad’s video message what three things does he hope this game will bring Cate? How many experiences does he say he’s planned? | Some laughs, some drama, and much happiness over the 4 experiences. | p. 223  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 24 | Who goes to Harry’s Nosh House with Cate? What do they do there? | Cate goes there with a queen double and a corgi. They eat a big fried up breakfast while the comedian regales Cate with silly (fake) stories about the royal family | pp. 229  ½ point for fake queen  ½ point for corgi  ½ point for what they eat  ½ point for what the conversation |
| 25 | What is the last line of ‘A Little Spark’? | ‘And we made snow angels in a park in Angel.’ | p. 243  up to 2 points for exact quote |