*Beyond Belief* by Dee White

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|  | Question | Answer | Page no. & score breakdown (each question worth 2 points) |
| 1 | Why did Rueben both love and hate the yellow star? | He loved it because it linked him as to his Jewish heritage and community, something he was proud of He hated it because it identified him as a Jew, a person to be locked up and treated badly by the Nazis | pp. 5-6one mark for love and one for hate |
| 2 | Who is hiding with Reuben at the beginning of the novel? | His mother and father | p.6 |
| 3 | What did Rueben call the stray cat in the cellar? Why | He referred to the cat as Tiger, hoping the ‘fierce spirit of her namesake might somehow keep her safe’ | p. 7one mark for ‘tiger’one mark for reason |
| 4 | Name two any facts we learn about Rosa in the first chapter. | Choose fromShe is Reuben’s sisterShe married Adam in a small ceremonyThey left Paris 10 months ago They moved to the south of France to look after Adam’s fatherThe place they moved to has already been bombedReuben’s family haven’t heard from her sinceReuben’s mother calls her ‘the fixer’She has a cat called Bina who also loved Reuben | Chapter 1One mark for each correct answer |
| 5 | Who is Uncle Abe? | A nice non-jewish man who admires Reuben’s father’s shoes and who offers to keep them hidden in his cellar in Paris. | p. 12one mark for each of two correct facts |
| 6 | What does Reuben’s father say about Spain? | He tells Rueben that Spain is safer than France because the ‘Nazis have not planted their heavy boots there’ | p. 118one mark for ‘safer’one mark for Germans/Nazis not there |
| 7 | What is the name of the mosque to which Reuben and his mother flee?  | Le Grande Mosquee de Paris | p. 20 2 marks for exact correct title |
| 8 | How do Reuben and Amra meet? | She runs into him with her arms full of ripe tomatoes which spill everywhere | p. 31one point for the collisionone point for the tomatoes |
| 9 | What is Rueben’s nickname? How did he get it? | Little pigeon. He befriended a pigeon in his family’s garden before the war and after Rosa called him that. | p. 34 |
| 10 | What three languages can the mosque director speak? | French, Yiddish and Arabic | p. 66½ point for each correct answerAn extra ½ point for all 3 correct |
| 11 | Where is the entrance to the tunnels?  | In a room, behind the library, behind a bookshelf, there is a hidden door that opens to the tunnels | p. 82one point for location e.g. room behind the libraryone point for secret hiding space e.g. have to press a hidden button to open the disguised door |
| 12 | The German soldiers visit the mosque often while Reuben is there. Who is the first child they take, and why? | They take Amra, believing she is Jewish because she has blond (wheat-coloured) hair | pp. 88 – 91one point for name, Amraone point for hair colour |
| 13 | What is the name of the Jewish holiday that Rueben’s mother said would mark the time they would be reunited? What holiday does it represent? | Rosh Hashanna. It’s the Jewish new year | p. 95one mark for correct nameone mark for ‘new year’ |
| 14 | What does Daan say when Rueben shares his plan to leave with him? | He says ‘that’s the stupidest idea I have ever heard’. | p. 105two marks for exact quotepart marks for reflecting the right sentiment |
| 15 | What secret does Daan reveal to Reuben? | Daan’s real name is Nuri. He is also Jewish, living in the mosque trying to hide from the Nazis. | pp. 106 – 108 up to two marks for each correct fact |
| 16 | What does the first note from the Fox tell Reuben to do and not to do? | Do meet the Fox at the *Jardin des Plantes*, corner of *Rue Cuvier* and Rue Linne, tomorrow 11 and 20 hour.Do not tell anyone | p. 110up to 1 and ½ marks for accuracy of address and time½ mark for tell noone |
| 17 | What other religious celebration begins on the same day as the Jewish new year at the time of the novel? | Ramadan – the holy month of Islam | p. 122one mark for ‘Ramadan’one mark for explanation |
| 18 | Where do Reuben, Hana and Momo meet the two people who help them after the bread incident in the mosque. What are their names and who do they work for? | They meet in the tunnel.Fida & Evette.They say they work for the Fox. | p. 150½ mark for tunnel½ mark each for the two names½ mark for the fox |
| 19 | What happens to Rueben in the sewer water? | His shoe falls off when he saves Momo from falling in. He refused to let go of it because it was made for him by his father. When he tries to get back out, the sandy bottom sucks him down. | pp. 158 – 159½ mark for saving Momo½ mark for losing shoe½ mark for mentioning Dad½ mark for getting stuck |
| 20 | The Imam tells Reuben that on the Night of the Power people ask for their greatest wish. What is that for Reuben? What does he ask for instead? | He really wants to ask to be with his family.He wishes and hopes that everyone is well and safe at the mosque | pp. 156 – 157one mark for the wish he wants to makeone mark for the wish he makes |
| 21 | Where do Reuben and the others come out when they leave the tunnels? Why are they there? | They end up at the Bercy Wine Market along the Seine River. They are waiting on one more passenger. | p. 162one mark for the name of the marketone mark for the reason |
| 22 | How does Rueben and his friends escape on the next part of their dangerous journey after leaving the tunnels? What happens to them? | They must hide in wine barrels and travel by barge down the river. The barge is boarded by soldiers, the wine barrels fall off, and split open, and the children get separated. Rueben, Hana and Momo find each other, but Daan is captured and killed. | pp. 168 - 181½ mark for barge½ mark for wine barrels½ mark for ending up in the river½ mark for information about the children |
| 23 | Why and how does Reuben miss his birthday? | Rueben’s feet become very infected by the sewer water. He remains unconscious for a week in Evette’s house while he recovers | p. 186½ mark for infected feet½ mark for being unconscious½ mark for healing time½ mark for Evette’s house |
| 24 | What is the next place on the children’s journey? What is their mode of travel this time and what do they do differently? | Muret (south of France near Toulouse). This time they travel in a small compartment in a truck next to the petrol tank. Evette gives Momo a sleeping pill in a lolly to make sure he is quiet | pp. 190 – 192one mark for location½ mark for vehicle information½ mark for sleeping pill |
| 25 | Towards the end of the novel, Evette says the children have to walk to a farm. She gives them a direction, a time and 3 details about it. List any 4 of these 5 pieces of information. | They must travel west through cedar treesWalk for at least an hourIt’s the only farm for milesIt has a barnThe roof is burnt out | p. 197½ mark for each correct detail |
| 26 | Who is at the farm to meet the children?  | A blind man called Gerard, a dog called Cado, and a cat called Lacene | p. 208one mark for the man’s name and his disabilityone mark for the animals and their names |
| 27 | What do each of the children do when they are allowed to play at the farm? | Rueben put his arms out, spun around feeling the sun on his faceHana sang and chased Momo while he ran after sparrows | p. 211up to 2 marks for mentioning each of the children and their actions. |
| 28 | How does the Fox end up with a truck, and who arrives at the farm in it? | Fida and his friends ambush a truck with a tree that collapses across a road, that is taking Amra away. They repaint the truck and now use it to help Jewish children escape the Nazis. Reuben is reunited with Amra | pp. 215 – 218up to 2 marks for including details about Amra’s rescue |
| 29 | Reuben makes one more brave act before the end of the book. What is that? | Reuben rides a bicycle to a village to warn Fida and Amra that they are going into a trap set by the Nazis | pp. 220 - 230 |
| 30 | Who is the Fox and how are they connected to Gerard? | The Fox is revealed to be Rosa, Reuben’s absent sister. Gerard is her (now deceased) husband Adam’s father.  | p. 249one mark fox’s identityone mark for connection to Gerard |
| 31 | Who asks the Fox to stop helping people? How does the Fox respond? | It’s Rueben who asks Rosa to stop putting herself in danger. She says there are more people who need her. That giving into fear is how the Nazis thrive and instead she uses her fear to make her stronger | p. 259up to 2 marks for detail and accuracy of answer |