*Grace Notes* by Karen Comer |Questions by Trish Buckley | Brisbane South

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|  | Question | answer | page number + points allocation |
| 1 | How many times has Crux painted over the garage wall? In how many years? Why does he do that? | 23 times in 5 years. His father won’t let him do any street art on buildings. Because he is underage and it’s illegal for him to even buy cans of spray paint. | p. 2  ½ point for 23 times  ½ point for 5 years  1 point for reasons |
| 2 | In Grace’s first entry, she mentions three names – Ettie, Rani and Jay. Pick any two and explain who each one refers to. | Chose from:  Ettie – Ettie is Grace’s grandmother who lives in a nursing home. Across from it is a stationary tram which Grace refers to as ‘Ettie’s Tram’ because it’s where Grace sits before she visits Ettie  Rani – Rani is Grace’s violin teacher who asks Grace to accompany her when she sings  Jay – Jay’s bar is the place where Rani is planning to perform | p. 7  up to 1 point for each correct response including details |
| 3 | On what sort of device and with what application does Crux draw and design digitally? | He uses Procreate on an iPad | p. 17  1 point for procreate  1 point for ipad |
| 4 | What are the names of Grace’s sisters and their dog? What word do they use to describe themselves as a family? | Sisters are Liv and Sam  Dog is Griffin  They say they are overachievers | pp. 22-23  ½ point for each correct sisters’ names  ½ point for dog’s name  ½ point for ‘overachievers’ |
| 5 | What is the equivalent of marrying a non-Jewish man in the Dalfinch family according to Grace? | Following a musical career instead of an academic one. | p. 35  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 6 | Why does Crux go for an early morning ride with Dad after meeting up with Mack? | Crux feels guilty that he is breaking his promise to his father about his street art. He’s worried Dad will find out. | pp. 36-39  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 7 | What are the full names of Crux’s two best friends? Name two things they discovered they have in common back in Year 5. | Finn Mellor and Sam Welton. Pick from  they had the same level of football ability  They lived 3 streets apart  They all skateboarded | p. 45  ½ point for each full correct name  ½ point for each correct commonality |
| 8 | Describe two ways in which Crux’s dad’s actions reflect Crux’s words – ‘it’s hard to separate Dad from my art sometimes’. | Pick from  He lets him paint on a garage wall  He buys spray paint for Crux  He videos Crux for his YouTube channel  He gives enough freedom to express himself through his art | pp. 51-52  1 point for each correct response |
| 9 | What is Grace thinking about before she texts Rani to say she can play in the bar (even though she doesn’t have permission from her parents)? | Grace feels like she can’t fit into her skin anymore. She likens herself to a nesting doll who doesn’t have the space to grow, especially if she keeps conforming to her mother’s vision of her future. Something has to change | p. 52  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 10 | Name any 3 of the 4 paint colours Crux uses to create his pigeon. How does he sign his work? | Choose from  Battleship grey  Smoulder  Eggplant purple  Hunter green  Eureka Orange  He signs himself LeXX | pp. 73-74  ½ point for each correct colour  ½ point for his new signature name |
| 11 | What commissioned image does Fendix paint that is Crux’s first involvement? What is Crux’s contribution? | A bicycle race heading around a corner. Crux helps fill in the sky. Fendix asks him to add in a magpie swooping one of the cyclists. | pp. 84-88  ½ point for describing the image  ½ point for filling in the sky  1 point for detail about magpie addition |
| 12 | According to Grace, what two decisions about the pandemic does Scott Morrison make first? | Aged care and nursing homes are placed in restrictions  ANZAC day plans are cancelled | p. 99  1 point for each correct response |
| 13 | How are we introduced to Crux’s next door neighbours? | Crux sees the mum and the 2 young boys get out of the car with groceries. She drops the eggs and he helps clean up, then gets some from home to replace them for her. | pp. 113-114  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 14 | What is a grace note? | A tiny note that is there for embellishment. It can easily be ignored or left out. | p. 117  2 points for accurate description |
| 15 | How do the stories of Crux and Grace finally connect? | Crux sees Abby’s videos of Grace playing her violin and understands that Grace plays her instrument the same way he paints p. 132  He sketches her, and then is given the opportunity to put her image on Fendix’s commissioned work for the council p. 138 It gets printed in the newspaper, which is how Grace sees it. She tracks him down via his LeXX Instagram account, and they start messaging each other pp. 146-157 | Up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 16 | Why is Grace worried about her mother coming home? Give two reasons | Grace is worried her mother will micromanage her life again  Grace is worried that her mother might have contracted coronavirus | p. 160  1 point for each correct response |
| 17 | When Grace goes to play outside Ettie’s room the first time, what song does she choose? What happens before grace is finished playing it? | ‘Somewhere over the rainbow’  A nurse comes and asks grace to go. | p. 174  1 point for song title  1 point for what happens while she’s playing it |
| 18 | Name any two items that Grace’s mum brings home from overseas for her daughters | Choose from  Sliver anklets  Pastel-coloured handbags  Halter-neck tops made from silk  Tiny samples of perfume in enticing bottles  Lip-gloss with fancy packaging  Three carefully wrapped glass figurines | p. 187  1 point for each correct and detailed response |
| 19 | In the zoom lesson with Mr Hullan’s Maths class, what 3 tattoos do Crux and Finn imagine he might have? | Sleeping kitten that he thinks is a dragon  Equation inside a love heart  ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ | p. 193  ½ point for each correct response  2 points if all 3 are right |
| 20 | What does Crux do after Fendix invites him to join the exhibition in Mid-July? | Runs a victory lap in the garage, around Dad’s leatherwork table, canvases and the lawnmower | p. 199  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 21 | What is Crux’s favourite blue? What words does he paint in the underpass using this colour? | Cyanometer 23. He writes, ‘Hang in there Melbourne’. | p. 201  1 point for correct shade of bluw  1 point for exact phrase |
| 22 | What routine does Crux’s mother go through when she comes home from work? | Leaves her work shoes outside  Takes her phone out of a bag that she throws away  Takes off her scrubs in the garage and puts on an old dressing gown – throws her clothes in the washing machine then has a shower and only sees her family when she has fresh clothes on. Scrubs her hands after putting the dressing gown in the laundry | pp. 205-206  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 23 | Name any four repercussions for Crux when his parents find out about him painting as LeXX? | Choose from  Can’t paint  Can’t see the other street artists  Can’t play footy  Can’t hang out in Finn’s garage  Not getting any new paint cans for a month | pp. 212-213  ½ point for each correct response |
| 24 | At one point the restrictions ease and Ettie is allowed to visitors. When can she have a visit and for how long? When can Grace visit? | Ettie is allowed **one visitor a day** for **15 minutes** at **4.30 pm**. Grace’s day is **Tuesday** | p. 218  ½ point for each bolded section |
| 25 | What happens to Crux’s painting of Grace? Who did it? How does Fendix try to explain it? What is Crux’s reaction? | Mack paints ‘end restrictions’ over it. Fendix says it’s part of the conversation. Not respectful but art is temporary. Crux feels it’s personal. He’s upset | p. 220  ½ point for what happens to the painting  ½ point for identifying Mack  ½ point for what Fendix says  ½ point for Crux’s reaction |
| 26 | Where are Crux and Grace the first time they kiss? What are they both wearing? What happens when they leave? | In Ettie’s tram. They both have masks on. They are discovered by Grace’s parents. | pp. 251-252  ½ point for location  ½ point for masks  1 point for being discovered |
| 27 | How does Ettie end up with Coronavirus? | One of the carers had the virus but didn’t report it. The virus spreads through the nursing home. Ettie is infected. | p. 254 and p. 258  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 28 | How many days after Ettie’s funeral does Grace not play her violin? What happens that she finally does? | She doesn’t play for 3 days. On the 4th, Abby turns up with her cello and persuades Grace to play with her out the front of her house. | pp. 283-284  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 29 | For his sister’s birthday, Crux paints a portrait. How does he, his mum and his dad each describe the painting of Molly. | Mum – An angel of destruction  Dad – A fairy of light  Crux – Fire-breathing girl | p. 285  ½ point for each correct answer  Full 2 point for all 3 |
| 30 | What does Crux paint on the side of his garage for Liam and Etham? | A superhero with a laughing face | pp. 301-302  2 points for correct respons |
| 31 | What and where does Crux paint his first commissioned work? Who helps Crux when he feels overwhelmed? | Jay’s Bar – Jay commissions Crux and he chooses to paint a floating Grace like the Chagall painting. Mack turns up to try to make amends. | p. 315 pp. 319-320  up to 2 points for detail and accuracy |
| 32 | What compromise does Grace make to plan A to appease her parents? | She changes music composition for Biology | p. 322  up to 2 points for correct response |