*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynne Barnes Readers Cup questions by Trish Buckley Year 9/10 Readers Cup 2022

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|  | Question | Answer | Pages and point allocation |
| 1 | What reason does Avery have for actually studying for her Physics test at the start of the novel? What are the consequences of her efforts? | She knew the Physics teacher gave impossibly hard tests and she wanted to challenge that idea.  Avery scored a **perfect result** and the teacher **accused her of cheating**. She is **pulled into the principal’s office to explain.** To try to prove her innocence she **takes a new test.** | pp. 2 – 4  ½ mark for reason  1 and ½ marks for details of consequence |
| 2 | What does it mean when Avery says that Libby is a ‘apology cupcake baker’? Give an example. | Avery knows that when Libby has done something she knows Avery will be cross about – e.g. let her abusive boyfriend back into her life – she bakes to try to keep Avery happy. | p. 6  up to 2 marks for accuracy of explanation |
| 3 | List four distinct first impressions Avery has of Grayson Hawthorne. | Choose from  He was wearing a suit  He looked like the kind of person who should have an entourage  He had a low rich voice, measured and precise  Light hair, pale eyes  Features sharp enough to cut rocks | pp. 12 -13  ½ mark for each correct description |
| 4 | On the plane what information does Avery discover about Tobias Hawthorne? List any two facts. | Choose from  Tobias Hawthorne made his money in oil then diversified  He’s not just rich, he’s the ninth richest person in the US  Richest person in Texas  Net worth 46.2 billion dollars |  |
| 5 | What is the name of the law firm overseeing the reading of Tobias’s will? How many lawyers are present? | McNamara, Ortega, and Jones.  Four lawyers are present | p. 34  ½ mark for each name in the law firm  ½ mark for number |
| 6 | Who is Tobias’s head of security detail? What did Tobias leave this person in his will? | John Oren.  The contents of Tobias’s toolbox and three hundred thousand dollars | p. 36  1 mark for full name  ½ mark for toolbox  ½ mark for $300 000 |
| 7 | What one stipulation does Tobias make in the will for Avery to inherit his fortune? | She must live in Hawthorne House for a year, commencing no more than three days from the reading of the will. | pp. 45 – 46  up to 2 marks for accuracy and detail of response |
| 8 | Max posits four different theories as to why Tobias makes Avery his heir. What is one of these? | Choose from  Maybe Avery was switched at birth  Maybe Avery’s mum saved Tobias’s life sometime in the past  Maybe Tobias owes all his fortune to Avery great-great-grandfather  Maybe Avery was selected via an advanced computer algorithm that is poised to develop artificial intelligence any day | p. 48  2 marks for any one correct theory |
| 9 | Write down word for word the note that Tobias writes on a card for Avery. | *Dearest Avery,*  *I’m sorry.*  *-- T.T.H.* | p. 51  up to 2 marks for exact note. |
| 10 | How does Drake react to finding out the news about Avery? | Drake immediately **wants to go back to Texas with Libby** and starts to make plans to **spend Avery’s money**. When Libby refuses, **he hits her**, then **breaks the news to the media,** so now everyone knows who she is. | p. 58  up to 2 marks for detail about his actions. |
| 11 | Name each of the four Hawthorne Grandsons, from oldest to youngest. | Nash, Grayson, Jameson, Xander (Alexander) | p. 37  1 mark for correct names  1 mark for correct order |
| 12 | *She’s clearly capable of taking care of herself.* Who says this andhow does Avery interpret this assessment of her? | Grayson said it  *Translation: I’m a soulless, gold-digging con artist, and he sees right through me* | p. 65  ½ mark for name  1 and ½ marks for the translation |
| 13 | Which two famous artists does Xander evoke when trying to explain the design of Hawthorne House to Avery? | M C Escher and Leonardo De Vinci | p. 71  1 mark for Escher  1 mark for De Vinci |
| 14 | When Avery first looks through her wing of Hawthorne House, which room intrigues her the most? Why? | The room that used to be Tobais’s office.  She hopes to discover some clue or reason as to why Tobias picked her. | pp. 73 – 74  1 mark for name of room  1 mark for reason |
| 15 | Name one of the proverbs written in Tobias’s letter to Jameson. | Choose from  All that glitters is not gold  Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.  Better the devil you know than the one you don’t  Nothing is certain but death and taxes  There but for the Grace of God go !. | p. 82  2 marks for exact quote |
| 16 | What is Thea’s last name? Who does she turn out to be? | Calligaris  She’s the niece of Zara’s husband, Constantine | p. 95  1 mark for name and correct spelling  1 mark for connection to the Hawthorne family |
| 17 | To whom does Avery share her desire to travel? What was the conversation that led up to that reveal? | She tells Dr. Mac – the principal of her new school, Heights Country Day. They were talking about subject choices, and what electives Avery might be interested in and have a passion for. | p. 97  1 mark for name of person and role at the school  1 mark for explaining the topic of conversation |
| 18 | Where do the words ‘don’t judge’ in Jameson’s letter lead Jameson and Avery? Explain their thought process. | They figure out the words are the **start of the proverb** ‘don’t judge a book by its cover’, from which they conclude that there is a book in Hawthorne House where the **book doesn’t match its cover**. So they start t**o check every book in the libraries** to try to locate it. | pp. 108 – 110  ½ mark for the whole proverb  ½ mark for working out its meaning  ½ mark for libraries  ½ mark for the search process |
| 19 | When Grayson confronts Avery in the room with the musical instruments, he makes two incorrect statements. What are they? | *My mother hasn’t left her room in days.*  And  *I’d lay money that you’re gone within the week* | pp. 115 – 117  1 mark for each correct statement |
| 20 | Give two reasons why Ailsa believes Libby should ‘lie low’. | She stands out and attracts attention based on her appearance  She has a lot of family members and friends who will try to get money from her, e.g., her mother and her ex-boyfriend | pp. 124 – 125  1 mark for each reason |
| 21 | What three fashion looks do the stylists offer Avery? Which one does she pick? | Classic, natural, and preppy with an edge.  She chooses the last one. | pp. 142 – 144  ½ mark for each correct look |
| 22 | What does Avery find when she reads the Red Will? | The words that stand out are the four grandson’s middle names – Westbrook, Winchester, Davenport, and Blackwood | p. 151  ½ mark for each name |
| 23 | What four facts do we learn about Emily when Avery first meets her? | Choose from  She is Emily Laughlin – the grand-daughter of the couple who run Hawthorne House (p. 170)  Her sister’s name is Rebecca who is in the same class as Avery at school (p. 170)  She was involved with and loved by both Grayson and Jameson  She died under mysterious circumstances  She had green eyes and strawberry blonde hair (p. 172) |  |
| 24 | What is the field in which Avery and Grayson find a common passion? | They both love Maths, and bond over working on how best to share the Hawthorne Foundation money through objective analysis of the various charities. | p. 177  1 mark for including the term ‘objective analysis’  1 mark for linking it the Foundation and charity work |
| 25 | How does Avery react when Drake sets himself up out the gates of Hawthorne House with an entire gallery of Paparazzi? | Avery turns herself into story and to take all the attention away from Drake, she threatens the press – she won’t tell them why Tobias chose her if they print anything about Drake. | pp. 182 – 184  ½ mark for Avery taking the attention  ½ mark for her threatening/bribing the press  1 mark for the threat/bribe she makes. |
| 26 | Provide any two of Jameson’s nicknames for Avery. | Choose from  Mystery Girl (p. 32)  MG (p. 32)  Heiress (p. 68)  Cinderella (p. 197) | 1 mark for each correct name |
| 27 | Avery and Jameson discover something hidden in the bridge in the woods. What does Jameson call it? What does Avery recognise it as? | Jameson calls it ‘infinity’ and Avery twists around and states it’s a number ‘eight’ | p. 198  1 mark for each correct word |
| 28 | Name four things that can be found in Xander’s lair? | Choose from  Dozens of gears, pulleys, and chains  Series of connected ramps  Several buckets  Two conveyor belts  A slingshot  A birdcage  Four pinwheels  At least four balloons  A Rube Goldberg machine | p. 206  ½ mark for each |
| 29 | What happens the second time Avery and Jameson go out into the forest to try to locate more clues? | Avery is shot at – while the two bullets don’t actually hit her, they hit trees and Avery is scrapped by bark of the tree that deflects from the bullets, one on her collarbone, and one on her face | pp. 215 – 216  ½ mark for identifying Avery as the target  ½ mark for being shot at  ½ for saying two bullets  ½ mark for identifying bark, not bullets as the item that hits Avery |
| 30 | Which brother is the first to kiss Avery? Where does it happen and how does he spoil it for her? | Jameson kisses her in the bathroom at Wayback Cottage after she’s shot. He spoils it by focussing on trying to solve Tobias’s puzzle. He’s thinking about the game, not Avery. | p. 224 – 226  up to 2 marks for depth and accuracy of answer |
| 31 | Which four staff members on retainer are at Hawthorne House when Avery is shot at? Name the job titles. | Pool maintenance  Sound technician updating the theatre  Massage Therapist  One of the cleaning staff | p. 232  ½ mark for each correct role |
| 32 | Where does Avery find the clue O.N.E? | She finds in the **gun lever** on the **4th Winchester** she looks at in Tobias’s armoury | p.239  1 mark for location on the Winchester  1 mark for finding it on the 4th gun she looks at |
| 33 | Why doesn’t Max respond to Avery’s messages about being shot and making out with Jameson? | She’s on total lockdown – has had her phone taken away. Her ex-boyfriend Jaxon tried to take screenshots of their conversations to sell them, and when Max broke up with him, she sent *personal* photos of Max to her parents. She understands but is upset because Avery barely asks about Max’s life. | pp. 242 – 243  1 mark for story about the ex boyfriend.  1 mark for the consequences |
| 34 | Who helps Avery look for the Davenport clue? What do they find the day Avery has a mental health day from school? | Libby then Nash. Libby finds out about the shooting, gets mads and storms off before they find anything. Nash shows her the Davenport desk where they find the clue. | p. 255  ½ mark for naming Libby  ½ mark for naming Nash  ½ mark for saying Libby leaves before they find something  ½ mark for how Nash helps |
| 35 | What three things does Landon try to teach Avery in the media training? | What to say at the Gala Avery is about to attend  How to say it  How to identify things she shouldn’t say and deflect | p. 288  up to 2 marks for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 36 | What does Avery realise about herself when she sits next to Grayson at the Gala? | She really doesn’t belong, here, with these people, in this rich, affluent world | p. 304  up to 2 marks for detail and accuracy of answer |
| 37 | When standing in front of the Cezanne painting, what secret about Emily does Jameson revealed to Avery? What does Grayson state straight after? | Jameson tells Avery he broke up with Emily just hours before she died  Grayson admits to killing her | pp. 306 – 307  1 mark for Jameson’s secret  1 mark for Grayson’s admission |
| 38 | Who solves the clue of Black Wood? How does Avery discover it? | Xander. She flies above the wood in a helicopter. The tree shapes the number 0 (zero) | p. 310  1 mark for identifying Xander  1 mark for flying over in a helicopter |
| 39 | What combination of the four numbers make the most sense to Avery and the boys? Explain why. | 1018 October 18th. It’s Avery’s birthday and the same day Emily died one year ago. | pp. 314 – 315  1 mark for identifying the order  1 mark for explanation |
| 40 | Ultimately which Hawthorne brother was involved in the most manipulation? What is his grandfather’s final message to him? | Xander pp. 351 - 353  ‘Find Tobias Hawthorne II’ p. 372 | 1 mark for identifying the correct brother  1 mark for exact message |