

Deepening Understanding
YR6 Fictional Journal Entry

This set of questions is based upon the text 'Trepidation in the City of Aleppo' by Ben Mayah.

Q1

Why do you think the author has described the misfortune as 'our family's darkest day' ?

1 Mark

Q2

Why do you think the family had 'rehearsed this very drill' ?

1 Mark

Q3

What does the term 'huddled' tell you about how the family stood?

1 Mark



Q4

'He whispered to me as he stroked my back reassuringly.'
What impression is created of Adnan?

Impression	Explanation

2 Marks

Q5

Qamar 'fell into an uncontrollable tornado of emotions'.
List two things this suggests about her feelings.

1) _____

2) _____

2 Marks

Q6

'The man continued with a more sombre tone.'
Write a synonym of the word *'sombre'*.

1 Mark



Q7

Using the context of the story to help, define what is meant by the term 'trepidation'.

1 Mark

Q8

Use the numbers 1-5 to put these events of the story in chronological order.

Qamar was left to look after her three children

Planes and airstrikes invaded and didn't stop

Adnan ensured his children were safe

Qamar and her family practiced drills

Adnan passed away

1 Mark



Q9

Tick the correct box to show if the statement is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Qamar and her family weren't prepared for an unfortunate event		
Qamar tries to be optimistic where possible		
Citizens didn't feel security was worth risking their lives		

1 Mark

Q10

What impressions has the author created of Aleppo throughout the text?

Impression	Evidence

3 Marks

