Chapters 17 to 18 Comprehension
The Giver

Complete the summary by filling in each blank with the correct word from the chapters.

Chapter 17 begins with an unscheduled ________________, for which Jonas and the other members of the community were most grateful. Jonas had not taken the pills for ______________ weeks and the ______________ had returned. Jonas realized he was now experiencing a new ______________ of feeling. When Jonas found Fiona and ________________, he realized they were playing a game of _______________. After meeting with Asher and the others, he had the sad feeling that his childhood, ________________ and carefree sense of security seemed to be slipping away from him. Lily’s mother thought that Lily’s Assignment should be that of _________________. The Giver told Jonas that the previous Receiver had been an eager-to-_______________ young female named ________________. The Giver confessed to Jonas that he had come to ________________ this young girl. Her training had taken place ________________ years before and had lasted for only ________________ weeks. Although The Giver didn’t give her physical pain, he did give her loneliness and _________________. Following her last training session, she went directly to the Chief ________________ and asked to be Released.

Choose the most appropriate answer for each of the following:

Asher was training for:
- a) Assistant Recreation Director
- b) Sports and Games Expert
- c) Life Skills Creator
- d) Director of Subterfuge

Jonas thought that Asher’s game was:
- a) sporting
- b) unimaginative
- c) stupid
- d) cruel

If Gabe misbehaved, he would receive:
- a) time out
- b) a spanking
- c) the discipline wand
- d) a grounding

The destination of one identical twin was:
- a) Beyond the River
- b) Elsewhere
- c) Valhalla
- d) Nutrition Centre
1. A contrast refers to two or more things that are different/opposite. How is the day described in chapter 17 a day of contrasts? Be specific. (2 mks)

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2. Why does Jonas stop taking his pills? What does this reveal about his emotional/psychological attitude and beliefs? (2 mks)

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3. List and EXPLAIN two sacrifices that Jonas has had to make due to his assignment as Receiver. (4 mks)

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4. Retell the story of Rosemary in your own words. Be specific. (4mks)

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5. What happened to the memories that had been transferred to Rosemary? What was the Community’s reaction when this happened? (2mks)

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6. How did the training rules change as a result of the Rosemary experience? (2mks)

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7. Why does The Giver advise Jonas to stay away from the river? (2mks)

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Chapter 19

8. What was Father’s responsibility when twins were born? Why were twins a problem or concern for the community? (2mks)

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9. Did you “see” the release coming or did it surprise you? Why? (2mks)

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10. What was your reaction to the release scene in the chapter? Be specific and explain why. (3mks)

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