

MEMORANDUM

Note to the teacher: The following are only suggested answers. The learners may come up with many other ideas. It is most important that they are able to give reasons for their answers.

Answering short questions

Chapter 1

- 1 Dikeledi plans to become part of the popular group ✓ by the time she reaches high school. ✓ (2)
- 2 Her parents got divorced. ✓ (1)
- 3 Dikeledi: ambitious ✓, organised ✓ Mpho: realistic ✓, sensible ✓ (2)
- 4 Dikeledi's mother is nervous that Dikeledi will be very upset ✓ to hear that her mother has a boyfriend. OR She really wants Dikeledi to like her new man friend. ✓ (1) [6]

Chapter 2

- 1 Dikeledi believes that to be accepted into the popular group they need to look like them. ✓ She and Mpho have their hair braided in the same style as Segametsi. ✓ (2)
- 2 Dikeledi does not want Mpho to be seen mixing with Thebe because he is unpopular. ✓ OR Dikeledi thinks it will ruin their reputation ✓ to be seen with him. (1)
- 3 Dikeledi knows her father will be hurt ✓ when he hears about Elias. Dikeledi also knows that her father secretly hopes that he and her mother might be able to rescue their marriage. ✓ (2) [5]

Chapter 3

- 1 Mpho knows that you need more than book learning ✓ to be able to play netball well enough ✓ to be selected for the team. (2)
- 2 Segametsi has not noticed that Dikeledi and Mpho have been walking on the same route to school. ✓ Segametsi also comments on their identical hairstyles and says she can't wait to take hers out. ✓ (2)
- 3 Segametsi bullies Thebe. ✓ OR Segametsi knocks Thebe's glasses to the ground. ✓ (1)
- 4 Mpho ✓ reacts maturely by standing up for Thebe. ✓ OR Mpho ✓ does not just watch him being bullied ✓, but helps him. (2) [7]

Chapter 4

- 1 Dikeledi's mother invites Elias to the house to meet Dikeledi ✓ for the first time. (1)
- 2 Elias works for the Department of Transport and Dikeledi's father runs a taxi business ✓ and so it is likely that they have met. ✓ OR They are both involved with cars ✓ and so it is likely that they have met. ✓ (2)
- 3 Dikeledi's father comes to the house because he is jealous of Elias and he still hopes to win his wife back. ✓ He feels angry that Elias is having

- supper with Dikeledi and her mother without him. ✓ (2)
- 4 Dikeledi's father realises that his marriage is finally over and that his ex-wife has fallen in love with someone else. ✓ (1) [6]

Chapter 5

- 1 Dikeledi thinks that Elias is a good storyteller. ✓ (1)
- 2 Dikeledi realises that her mother's feelings for Elias are serious. ✓ OR She realises that her mother is in love ✓ with Elias. (1)
- 3 Dikeledi had an argument with Mpho ✓ the previous day and wants to go and apologise ✓ to her. (2)
- 4 She means that love is infinite and that you can love many different people without loving any one person less. ✓ This means Dikeledi can love Elias and her father without being disloyal. ✓ (2) [6]

Chapter 6

- 1 The Mogol Festival is a school fundraiser. ✓ A fishing competition is held during the day and then a festival with stalls and games is run in the evening. ✓ (2)
- 2 Dikeledi's father wants to be able to talk to his daughter ✓ about Elias and her mother. He also wants to practice for the competition. ✓ (2)
- 3 He means that even though he knew logically that his marriage was over ✓, he still believed in his heart that he and Dikeledi's mother could reunite. ✓ (2)
- 4 Dikeledi realises that her stepbrother is going to be Thebe. ✓ (1)
- 5 The parents wanted to be able to leave the children together to talk alone ✓ while they went for a romantic walk in the park. ✓ (2) [9]

Chapter 7

- 1 Thebe has listened to Dikeledi's advice, ✓ which shows us that he also wants to be accepted. ✓ (2)
- 2 The catering committee. ✓ (1)
- 3 Segametsi and Goitseman are also on ✓ the committee. (1)
- 4 Dikeledi is a bad cook. ✓ (1)
- 5 We realise that Segametsi and Goitseman are planning ✓ to do something bad to Dikeledi. ✓ (2) [7]

Chapter 8

- 1 The magic formula bait ✓ is what smells so terrible. (1)
- 2 He is convinced that the bait is going to help him win ✓ the fishing competition. (1)
- 3 Dikeledi is an organised ✓ person who plans thoroughly. ✓ These qualities make her a good chairperson. (2)
- 4 False. They are obviously plotting ✓ against her and trick her ✓ into making the punch. They want to get her into trouble. ✓ (3)
- 5 Dikeledi is so happy ✓ to be noticed and supported by Segametsi and Goitseman that she trusts ✓ them without asking questions. (2) [9]

Chapter 9

- 1 Dikeledi's father wins the Fishing Trophy. ✓ (1)
- 2 They are goggles that allow you to see in the dark. ✓ (1)
- 3 It builds suspense because we know that everything is not ✓ working perfectly. We as readers know that Segametsi and Goisemang are up to something. ✓ (2) [4]

Chapter 10

- 1 She is drunk. ✓ She has been drinking alcohol without knowing it. (1)
- 2 She knows ✓ there is alcohol in the punch. (1)
- 3 Their plan was to trick Dikeledi ✓ into making the punch for the catering stall. The next step was to add vodka ✓ to the punch secretly so that Dikeledi would be blamed ✓ for it. (3)
- 4 Thebe was in the dark tent trying out his night-vision goggles ✓ when Segametsi and Goitsemang added the vodka to the punch. ✓ (2)
- 5 She knew ✓ that the empty vodka bottle was in her bag. (1)
- 6 The "stupid idea" was Operation Popular Group. ✓ (1) [9]

Epilogue

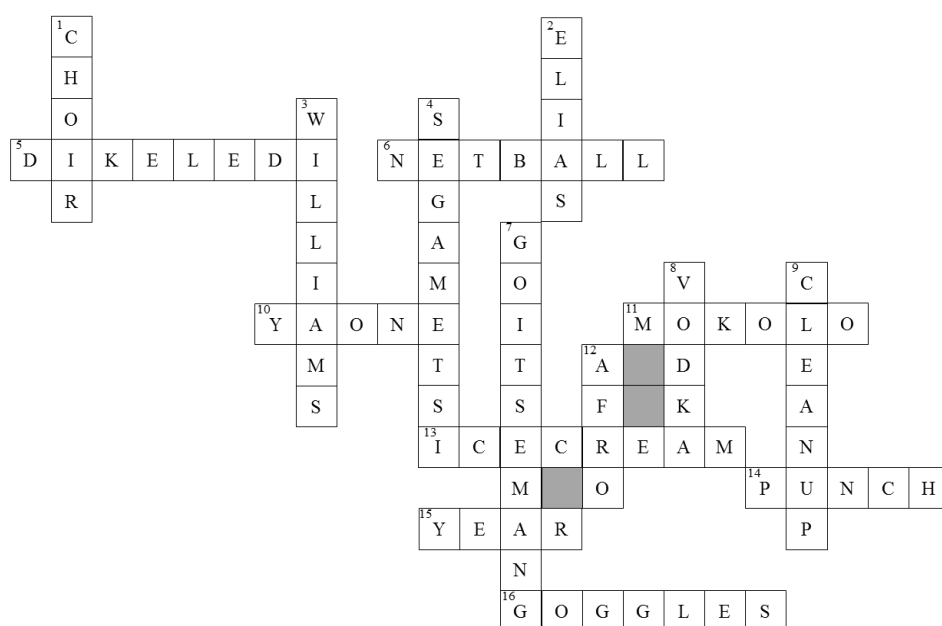
- 1 Dikeledi realises that Thebe is a good person ✓ and a loyal friend. ✓ (2)
- 2 The second worst thing is when Dikeledi's mother falls in love with Elias and decides to marry him. ✓ (1)
- 3 We can learn that sometimes things aren't as bad as we expect ✓ them to be, and they sometimes bring improvements to our lives. ✓ (2)
- 4 She believes that it is essential to be accepted ✓ into the popular group. Later she realises that she does not need to be like the popular girls, she can just be herself. ✓ (2) [7]

Exploring the novel further

Multiple choice questions: Character

- 1 C ✓
- 2 C ✓
- 3 D ✓
- 4 D ✓
- 5 D ✓
- 6 C ✓
- 7 B ✓
- 8 D ✓
- 9 C ✓
- 10 D ✓ [10]

Crossword puzzle: General



[16]

Place in sequence: Plot

- 1 Dikeledi presents Mpho with her Operation Popular Group plans.
- 2 Mpho and Dikeledi have their hair braided like Segametsi.
- 3 Dikeledi tries out for the netball team.
- 4 Mpho stands up for Thebe when he is being bullied.
- 5 Dikeledi's mother introduces her to Elias.
- 6 Dikeledi's father interrupts dinner.
- 7 Dikeledi is told that Thebe is Elias's son.
- 8 Dikeledi runs her first catering committee meeting.
- 9 Dikeledi's father wins the Mogol Fishing Trophy.
- 10 Mr Williams discovers alcohol in the punch.

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Match the columns: Themes

"I think a big part of most things is how they're presented, don't you?"	Appearances
"if you like Elias it doesn't mean you love your father less."	Loyalty
"It was all about being in the right group."	Popularity
"I can't help it if other people don't like me, that's their business."	Acceptance
"Mpho smiled at me. We were slowly sorting out our problems and finding our way back to how it used to be."	Friendship

[5 × 2 = 10]

Fill in the table: Character

Elias	a	A good storyteller
Thebe	b	An inventor
Dikeledi's father	c	A businessman
Mpho	d	A thinker
Dikeledi	e	A forward planner
Segametsi or Goitsewang	f	A bully

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Cloze exercise: Themes

Dikeledi and Mpho have a very close (1) friendship even though they are very different. Mpho is a thoughtful (2) person while Dikeledi is enthusiastic and loves to make (3) plans for the future. Dikeledi pays close attention to (4) detail in her schemes and believes that if you have a plan, (5) then anything is (6) possible. It is Mpho's (7) loyalty that saves (8) their friendship (9) in the end, because she (10) supports Dikeledi no matter what.

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Practising questions for assessment**Contextual question (page 24)**

- 1 Dikeledi wants people to stop picking on Thebe ✓, so she is trying to help him. She also wants Thebe to be more popular because he is going to be her step-brother and she doesn't want to associate with someone who is unpopular. ✓ (2)
- 2 Dikeledi means sometimes you have to compromise ✓ and be like others expect ✓ you to be. (2)
- 3 Yes it is good advice. ✓ Dikeledi is so busy trying to be like the popular girls that she forgets to value the friends ✓ she has already. (2)
- 4 Dikeledi believes that if she becomes more like Segametsi, Segametsi will accept her ✓ and she will become popular too. ✓ (2)
- 5 Dikeledi forces Mpho to have braids done in the exact same style that Segametsi has, in the hopes of being accepted by the popular group. ✓ (1)
- 6 No. A haircut won't change who he is ✓ and how others respond to him. (1) [10]