**Some ‘Curious…’ questions**

1. How does Stephens present Christopher’s father as a parent? (specimen paper question)

Write about:

* What Christopher’s father says and does and the difficulties he has to deal with
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s father
1. How does Stephens present the ways Christopher deals with loss? (specimen paper question)

Write about:

* How Christopher deals with loss
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s attitudes and feelings
1. How does Stephens present Siobhan as a trusted adult?

Write about:

* What Siobhan says and does and the impact she has on Christopher
* How Stephens presents Siobhan
1. How does Stephens use the play to explore the idea of family?

Write about:

* What are the issues and concerns the Boone family experience
* How are problems resolved
1. How does Stephens present Christopher’s mother as a parent?

Write about:

* What Christopher’s mother says and does and the difficulties she has to deal with
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s mother
1. How does Stephens present the ways Christopher deals with conflict?

Write about:

* How Christopher deals with conflict
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s attitudes and feelings
1. How does Stephens present the difficulties of telling the truth?

Write about:

* What do characters say and do
* How does Stephens present the reactions of other characters
1. How does Stephens present love?

Write about:

* What do characters say and do and the difficulties they face
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s attitudes and feelings
1. How does Stephens explore the challenges of parenting?

Write about:

* What the parents say and do and difficulties they face
* How Stephens presents the parents
1. How does Stephens explore the idea of fear?

Write about:

* How characters deal with fear
* How Stephens presents Christopher’s attitudes and feelings
1. “Christopher’s journey to London represents his journey to becoming independent.” To what extent do you think that Christopher finds independence in the play?

Write about:

* What challenges he faces before and during the journey
* How these impact on his attitudes, behaviour and feelings
1. “Mark Haddon presents family as an obstacle to overcome.” How do you respond to this view of ‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime’?

Write about:

* How family life is presented in the novel
* How the challenges of family life are resolved
1. “Christopher is better off staying dependent and sheltered as he finds the outside world challenging.” How far do you agree with this statement?

Write about:

* What challenges does Christopher face in life
* How does he face up to these challenges
1. How does Stephens use science and maths to explore Christopher’s character?

Write about:

* Christopher’s interest in science and maths
* How this is used in the play to reflect characteristics of Christopher