Reading comprehension test **My Son the Fanatic by Hanif Kureishi**

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| **True or false. Correct the wrong sentences in your own words.** **1 point each** | | | | |
|  | **true** | | | **false** |
| 1. Parvez goes into his son’s room to check if it is tidy. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Ali has parted from his old toys and clothes, because he feels he has outgrown them and wants to buy new ones. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Parvez wants to talk to his son but does not muster the courage to do so. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Parvez has always gone to great lengths to offer Ali a good education. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Parvez immediately brings up his son’s behavior with some sympathetic colleagues. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. When Parvez finally tells his colleagues about Ali, they suspect Ali of financing his drug addiction by selling his belongings. |  | | |  |
| Reference: | | | | |
| **Multiple choice: Tick the correct box.**  **1 point each** | | | | |
| 1. He is happy to find Bettina in his car because | | □ | | she is a good customer. |
| □ | | he can spend the night with her. |
| □ | | he can tell her all about his problems and dreams. |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Parvez finds out that Ali | □ | | is making money from selling his possessions. | |
| □ | | has started to practice his faith. | |
| □ | | looks unhealthy because he has given up sports. | |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. Parvez has come to steer clear of religion because | □ | | he had had bad experiences. | |
| □ | | his colleagues made jokes about the Mullahs. | |
| □ | | he wanted to integrate into English society. | |
| Reference: | | | | |
| 1. After the evening at the restaurant Parvez | □ | | finally talks things over with his wife. | |
| □ | | wants to give up on Ali. | |
| □ | | is able to convince Ali of his views. | |
| Reference: | | | | |
| **Complete the sentences in your own words.**  **1 point each** | | | | |
| 1. Unlike Parvez who loves England and wants to fit in, Ali… . | | | | |
| 1. Being drunk Parvez stumbles leaving the restaurant, but… . | | | | |
| 1. Parvez does not want to give his son more love, because he thinks… | | | | |
| 1. Although Parvez has started to grow a beard, his son… | | | | |
| **Match the sentence halves. There are two too many** **1 point each.** | | | | |
|  | | | | b) children have to obey their parents. |
| 1. Parvez wants Ali to accept the fact that | | | | f) he is unable to communicate. |
| 1. Ali is convinced that | | | | e) he has to sit in the back seat of the taxi. |
| 1. In the taxi Ali reacts angrily because | | | | a) children have to respect their parents. |
| 1. Parvez beats up his son because | | | | 1. western life affects religion in a negative way. |
|  | | | | 1. his father treats a prostitute like a friend. |