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CLASS: _____ No.: _____ DATE: _____ / _____ / _____ GRADE: _____

ANITA & ME (2002)

1. Read the film synopsis of *Anita & Me*. Choose from the options below to best complete each gap.

Meena is twelve years old and lives in the village of Tollington. The year is 1972. She is the daughter of

(a) _____ parents who have come to England to give her a better life. Her idyllic

(b) _____, surrounded by eccentric relatives and friends, is disrupted by the arrival in Tollington of Anita Rutter and her (c) _____ family. At fourteen - blonde, aloof,

5 beautiful, outrageous and sassy - Anita is everything Meena thinks she wants to be. Meena wheedles her way into Anita's life, but the arrival of a baby (d) _____, teenage hormones, impending entrance exams for the posh grammar school and a motor cycling rebel without a future, threaten to turn her salad days sour.

a.	Indian	American	Pakistani
b.	teenage	adolescence	home
c.	functional	balanced	dysfunctional
d.	brother	sister	cousin



FOLLOW-UP Activities

1. In groups of 2 or 3 do some research into life in 1970s Britain. In particular, focus on town life, attitudes to racism, entertainment, typical jobs, shops and school life. Present your findings to the class in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.
2. Meena and Anita go their separate ways. Meena has the possibility of becoming someone like Meera Syal. What do you think happens to Anita? Describe the sort of person you think she will become. For example, where will she live? What kind of job will she find herself doing?