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DISGRACED
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Disgraced Questionnaire

1. What nationality is Amir?
2. What religion is:
 - a. Amir?
 - b. Abe?
 - c. Emily?
 - d. Jory?
 - e. Isaac?
3. What job does Amir have?
4. What job does Emily have?
5. What job does Isaac have?
6. What job does Jory have?
7. What does Abe do?
8. Was Abe born in America or Pakistan?
9. Was Amir born in America or Pakistan?
10. What is Abe's relationship to Amir and Emily?
11. Where does the play take place?
12. Are Amir and Emily rich or poor? How do you know?
13. Where does the play take place?
14. What is a mergers and acquisitions lawyer?
15. Who owns the firm where Amir works?
16. Is Amir's surname really Kapoor? If not what is it? How and why did he change his name?
17. What does an art curator do?

Questions related to the sequential occurrences in the play:

Scene 1

1. In the opening scene, what is Emily painting and why?
2. What does Amir think of this?
3. Why does Abe come? What does he want Amir to do?
4. What has happened to the Imam? Why do you think this is?
5. Explain to your class what happens with Amir, his mum and Rivkah.
6. Does Amir say he will visit the Imam?
7. Does Emily want him to visit the Imam?

Scene 2

1. What newspaper is Emily reading from?
2. She reads from an article? What has happened?
3. Does Amir see this as a problem?
4. How does Emily respond?
5. Is Amir happy or angry?
6. Why has Isaac come to the apartment?
7. What kind of artwork is Emily involved in?
8. What is his relationship to Amir and Emily?
9. Does he like Emily's paintings?
10. What do you notice about Emily? Does she like Islam or not?
11. What reference does Isaac make to Amir that is racist?
12. Can you tell anything that Emily says about Islamic art.
13. Do Isaac and Emily like each other?

Scene 3

1. What has happened at the beginning of scene 3? Why is Amir so upset?
2. What are Emily and Amir preparing for? Who is visiting?
3. What is Emily going to cook?
4. What is served as the starter? Can you name some of the ingredients in the salad?
5. What does Isaac reveal is going to happen to Emily's art?
6. Can you tell us something about Amir's shirts?
7. What do we discover about Amir's experiences at airports?
8. Does Amir like Islam? Is he a practicing Muslim?
9. What is an apostate?
10. Amir mentions prophets that also exist in the Christian and Jewish faiths, who are they?
11. What are the three stages that Amir mentions in a marriage if a wife does not listen to you?
12. What does Jory think about the veil?
13. What do Isaac and Emily think about the veil?
14. What does Amir say about the Quran?
15. What does Jory reveal has happened at work?
16. What does Jory decide to tell Amir?
17. When Jory and Amir leave, what do we discover about Isaac and Emily?
18. What does Isaac call Amir?
19. How does Isaac feel about Emily? Does she return his feelings?

20. Describe what happens at the end of scene 3 once Jory and Isaac return? Why does it happen?

Scene 4

1. How has Abe's appearance changed since in scene 1?
2. What has happened to Emily and Amir?
3. What happened to Abe at Starbucks?
4. How does Amir propose to fix it?
5. Is Emily happy being where she is?
6. Amir says something important to Abe about how they have to behave in the world what is it?
7. Do you think Abe has become radicalized? If so how did it happen?
8. Has Amir trying to contact Emily, what did he offer her?
9. What happens in the end?

General Questions:

1. Islam and Muslim, are they the same or different. Describe?
2. Tell us something about Judaism.
3. How closely related do you think many religions are? If you believe they are closely related explain how.
4. Why do you believe Jews and Muslims have a tendency not to like each other in modern society?
5. What does the play say has happened to the Muslim community since 9/11?
6. Do you believe terrorism is just an issue with Islam?
7. Who do you think is at fault for the current problems in the Middle East and Africa?
8. Are you religious? Explain.
9. What religion are you? Is it important to you?

Finally:

In 500 words explain what the play is about. Describe whether you liked it or not.