Chapter 15 Questions

1. How does the SAVAK make it seem that Doctor never existed? How does this affect Doctor’s family? Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

2. Explain the typical traditions that Persians follow regarding mourning. What is the effect of not being able to carry out these traditions? Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

3. Explain the importance of The Gadfly. Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

4. Pasha plants a rosebush for Doctor. What do the neighbors say red symbolizes? What do you believe is the symbolic importance of Pasha’s actions? Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

5. What can you infer about Doctor’s arrest and death? What was Doctor doing that alerted the SAVAK? Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

6. Why do you think the SAVAK did not let Doctor live? Find evidence in the book to support your answer.

7. America’s CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) is blamed for the SAVAK. Are these two organizations connected/related, or is it just the Persians perspective of the world? You may not know the answer to this; give a logical opinion backed up by evidence from the book.