

**‘Life of Pi’ by Yann Martel.**

**Author’s Note**

1. What is no longer in the Pondicherry Botanical Garden?
2. Is the story the man tells true? How do you know this?
3. How will the story be told? In what point of view?

**Chapters 1-5**

1. Explain the following statement: “The reason death sticks so closely to life isn’t biological necessity – it’s envy” (p. 6).
2. The narrator was named after what? What is the narrator’s full name?
3. Explain the difference between the ‘narrator’ and the ‘author’.
4. Explain why the narrator says animals in zoos are not unhappy and do not have broken spirits.
5. Chapter 5. The section of this chapter that starts with “it is true that those” and ends with “Paul” is a reference to what?

**Animals and the Zoo Chapters 6-15**

1. What is the most dangerous animal in the zoo?
2. What lesson does Father teach Ravi and Piscine?
3. Why will a lion rip you to shreds if you fall in the pit?
4. Describe how social rank is so important to animals.
5. What does a close relationship with the super-alpha trainer mean for the omega animal?
6. Which type of animals make the most effort to get to know their trainers?

**Religion Chapters 16- 30**

1. Why is Pi’s religion Hindu?
2. Religion is more than what, according to Pi?
3. According to the Hindu religion, what is one’s soul called?
4. Who led Pi to meet Jesus Christ?
5. Describe how Pi becomes a Muslim.
6. Describe the scene as Pi’s secret religious life is exposed.
7. In your opinion, is it possible for one human to have three religions? Why/Why not?