THE TIFFIN: Discussion Questions

1  What does family mean to you?

2  Why is family important?

3  How is life different for street kids in developing countries as compared to developed nations?

4  Discuss the delivery service of the Dabbawallas of Mumbai. Do you think it is unique? Why?

5  Do you like the character of Anahita or Vinayak? Discuss.

6  How is Mrs. Seth different from her husband Sethji? Why does she help Kunal?

7  What was Kunal like at the beginning of the book and how did he change by the end of it? What incident (s) was/were the reason (s) for the change?

8  On page 58 Kunal’s “longing to belong crushed him.” What does this mean? Do you know of any other situations where someone has a similar longing to belong and is unable to?

9  Do you think Kunal earned the right to use the Tiffin-service for personal reasons? Why?

10 Was Vinayak right or wrong in trying to dissuade Kunal from looking for his family? Discuss.

11 Page 134, Vinayak says: “Be careful what you wish for, Kunal. Sometimes you might get it, only to realize it was not at all what you wanted.” Have you ever experienced this? Discuss.

12 Did Kunal make the right decision at the end?

13 What would you have done? Why?

14 What do you think is the most important thing in your life? Family, Love, Friends? Something else? Discuss.