Since Jeremy is a picky eater, what does his mother always feed him?
Peanut butter sandwiches (p. 1 of Preface)

Jeremy likes to be awake when the rest of the world is asleep. What happens because of that?
He eats a lot of midnight snacks (p.1 of Preface)

When is Jeremy’s birthday?
July 22nd (p. 1 of Preface)

What is Mosley Lake in northwest New Jersey famous for and also the reason why it isn’t a busy place?
The smell – a combination of soggy marshland and rotting fish (p.1 of Preface)
It smells like the Loch Ness Monster came here to die. (p.261)

What words are engraved in the box Jeremy received for his birthday?
The Meaning of Life For Jeremy Fink to Open On His 13th Birthday (p. 2 of Preface)

At what age did Lizzy come into Jeremy’s life?
When they were both one year old (p. 2 of Preface)

What did the palm reader tell Jeremy’s father?
“You will die when you are forty years old” (p. 3 of Preface)

What is the name of Uncle Arthur’s store?
Fink’s Comics and Magic (p. 1)

What three things did Jeremy have planned for his summer vacation from school?
Learning a new magic trick or two
Borrowing eighth grade textbooks to get a jump on assignments
Sleeping as late as he wants (p. 1)
Additional – the State Fair & his long awaited 13th Birthday (p.1)

Why is Jeremy dreading the State Fair this year?
Because he has to enter the talent competition (p.1)

What is Jeremy hoping will be part of The Secret Code of Teendom?
A special handshake (p.1)

Jeremy’s backpack gets knocked over in Uncle Arthur’s store spilling all the contents. Name five of them:
“Time Travel for Dummies” book
Half-eaten peanut butter sandwich
Pack of Starburst
Two bite-sized Peppermint Patties
Assorted magic tricks
Bottle of water
An astronaut pen
Wallet (p. 2)
Jeremy’s wallet always contains at least how much money?  
Eight dollars (p. 2)

Why does Jeremy carry at least eight dollars in his wallet?  
Because his dad told him that if a man has eight dollars on him, he can always get home (p. 2)

True or False: Uncle Arthur is very knowledgeable about the comic books he sells in his store.  
False (p.3)

What city do Jeremy and Lizzy live in?  
New York City (p. 4)

What is unusual about Jeremy’s parents?  
They both have an identical twin (p.4 and p.8)

Alternative question: How many pairs of Twins feature in Jeremy Fink and the Meaning Of Life?  
3.
Name them.  
The new neighbours: Rick and Samantha (p.64)  
Uncle Arthur is identical twin of James’ Dad, Daniel (Jack) Fink (p.8) (names of Mr. Fink: p.12 & p.164)  
Aunt Judi is identical twin of James’ Mother, Elaine Fink (p.4 and p.8)

Not much of anything is bought new in Jeremy’s house but what are the 2 things that he insists are new?  
Food and his clothes. (p.5)

Jeremy says his Mum is not interested in having fancy things. Name 3 items of re-cycled furniture  
The couch (p.15)  
The three legged table (p.7)  
Bottle cap covered chair (p.9)  
Fake fur covered chair (p.9)  
Grandfather clock (p.18)  
Long marble table (p.18)

Mrs. Fink likes to enter contests writing jingles or winning things from collecting box tops. Name 2 of the things she has won.  
A different pie a month for a year.  
Vacuum bags  
Florida oranges  
Packets of Jell-O (p.8)

In the letter enclosed with the box, Harold gives two reasons for sending it early. What are they?  
The Manhattan branch office is shutting down and there was a chance it could have been lost  
The keys to unlock the box have been lost (p. 11)

What is the technique that Jeremy uses to avoid a panic attack?  
Deep breath in, hold it for 4 counts, deep breath out. (p.15)
Why did Jeremy name the couch Mongo?
Because Dad told him objects left on the street were called Mongo (p. 15)

What created a hole between Lizzy and Jeremy’s bedrooms that they now use for passing notes to one another?
Jeremy attempted to hang some shelves (p. 17)

Jeremy says that everything he needs is within a few blocks in his neighbourhood. Name 5 of these necessities.
School; Movies; Doctor; Groceries; Dentist; Clothes; Shoes; Park; Library; Post Office; “Dad’s Store” (p.19)

What are Jeremy’s goldfish’s names?
Cat, Dog, Hamster and Ferret (p. 19)

Which goldfish is hyper and swims back and forth like a relay racer?
Hamster (p. 19)

Jeremy’s mother attributes his opening the package containing the box to a personality trait he shared with his father. What is it?
Curiosity (p.22)

How many different keys does it take to open Jeremy’s box? 
Four (p.23)

Where did Jeremy’s Dad keep the Box when he was alive.
In the vault at the Comic Store (p.23)

If Jeremy can’t find the keys to open his Box he plans to cut it open with a saw. True or False. False. (p.24)

What is Lizzy’s cat’s name?
Zilla (short for Godzilla) (p. 26)

Explain what H.O.J. stands for –
Hour Of Jeremy – the hour between eleven and midnight when things are quiet and he gets his reading done (p. 27)

What game does Jeremy always win?
Trivial Pursuit (p. 27)

What definition did Jeremy find for the word “life”?
Noun: A state that is not death (p. 29)

What does Lizzy’s Dad give Jeremy to eat every day?
A Chocolate flavored Vita-Muffin (p.29)

Jeremy and Lizzy each have unusual collections. What are they?
Jeremy collects “mutant” candy – misshapen or strange colors (p. 2 Preface)
Lizzy collects playing cards she finds lying in public places, almost has a complete deck (p. 30)

**Alternative question:**
A Lady in the Flea Market says: “You wouldn’t believe the things folk collect” Name 5 of the collections that are described in the book.
Jeremy has a collection of mutant candy (p.2 Preface)
Lizzy collects playing cards she finds lying in public places (p.30)
Lizzy has a “stolen stuff” collection. (p.269)
Mrs. Fink collects black and white photos of different breeds of dogs in tutus. (p.7)
Mr. Fink collected baseball cards of people who played for only 1 year (p.31)
Mr. Fink also collected foreign stamps from countries that no longer existed (p.31)
Mr. Fink collected Fast Food Restaurant Giveaways (p.31)
A girl from NYU collects keys to make art and jewellery (p.52)
Father of James, the Limo driver, collected fossils and bones (p.192)

Lizzy collects playing cards and she is missing three. What are they?
The 2 of Clubs, the 8 of Hearts, and the Jack of Diamonds.
What card does she find when she and Jeremy get off at the wrong bus stop?
The 8 of Hearts (p.81)

When Lizzy comes up with a plan it must also include a __________. Fill in the blank.
A Chart (p. 30)

What local business do Jeremy and Lizzy go to first looking for help with the box?
Larry’s Locks and Clocks (p. 34)

“You’d think we’d never been out of the house before” comments Lizzy. Name 3 circumstances Lizzy and Jeremy encounter on their trips around NY that cause them embarrassment.
Invalid subway tokens (p.41)
No quarters to pay the bus fare (p.78)
Overpowering smells of garlic (p.79)
Posters about acne (p.43)
A man calling Lizzy Jeremy’s sister and then his girlfriend (p.44)
Not knowing how to stop the bus (p.80)
Not working the elevator properly (p.85)

Lizzy makes the comment to Jeremy “Half the things in your house don’t have a purpose.” What specific item were they discussing?
Subway tokens which were no longer being used (p. 42)

What item does Jeremy buy for his mother from the flea market?
A postcard (p. 45)

What did Lizzy have planned next after trying both the lock shop and the flea market?
Getting into Harold’s office to look for the keys (p. 59)

Lizzy listed seven things they would need to get into Harold’s office. Name five of them:
Who is the first person from the apartment building to run out and meet the new neighbors? Five year old Bobby Sanchez (p. 63)

The new neighbor’s children are twins. What are their names? Samantha and Rick (p.63)

Why do Lizzy and Jeremy need to come up with an act for the Young Talent Competition at the State Fair? Because they lost a bet with Grandma at the fair the previous summer (p. 66)

Why doesn’t Lizzy want to meet the new neighbors? Because she has a pimple on her chin (p. 68)

Jeremy’s grandmother suggests they do a skit with a hula hoop for the competition. How old were he and Lizzy when they performed it for her? Six years old (p. 69)

What reason do Jeremy and Lizzy give for getting “dressed up”? Mr. Muldoon is giving them a tour of the post office (p. 73)

What convinces Jeremy that searching through Harold’s office provides their only hope of finding the keys? After they try all the keys on the ring for Fink’s Comics and none of them works on the box (p. 76)

When Jeremy and Lizzy get off the bus two stops later than they had planned, they find something. What is it? The eight of hearts playing card which she needs for her collection (p. 81)

What names do Jeremy and Lizzy use to sign in for visitor’s passes at Harold’s former office building? Tony and Tia Castaway (p.85)

True or False   Jeremy has to pick the lock so they can enter Harold’s former office. False the door was not locked (p. 86)

What created the lump under the carpet in Harold’s former office? A long dead mouse (p. 88)

In times of trouble what did Jeremy’s Mum tell him to do? To project sunny thoughts: like butterflies, babies laughing, hot dogs in a ballpark on a sunny day.(p.92)

What is the first community service job Officer Polansky offered Jeremy and Lizzy? Picking up trash in Central Park following free weekly concerts (p. 93)
How long were Jeremy and Lizzy grounded for following the office break-in?  
Jeremy one week (p. 98)  Lizzy two weeks (p. 99)

Jeremy will only choose dinner from 4 options. Name 2  
Macaroni & Cheese;  Hot Dogs;  Fish Sticks;  Pizza (p.99)
For an extra point: Jeremy’s Mum is going to introduce him to one new thing every Monday night –  
what was the first thing –  
Broccoli (p.100)

What word does Lizzy over-use when they run into Rick and Samantha the second time since the twins moved in?  
Cool (p. 102)

What kind of vehicle does Mr. Oswald’s driver come to pick up Jeremy and Lizzy in?  
A limousine (p. 103)

Who said “An old man’s bones need warmth”?  
Mr. Oswald (p. 107)

Jeremy asks permission to look through Mr. Oswald’s stamp collection. What is he looking for?  
Blue stamp with the word Hawaii at the top (p. 108)

What is the definition of a Philatelist?  
A Stamp Collector (p.108)

Officer Polansky led the children to believe they would work on packing things up. Mr. Oswald explains that he actually needs them to do something else. What is it?  
Make deliveries in Manhattan (p. 109)

Mr. Oswald tells the children that Mabel Billingsly’s book is about woodland animals. What is it really?  
An autographed copy of “Winnie the Pooh” (p. 112 & 122)

What do Jeremy and Lizzy suspect the book that Mr. Oswald wants delivered could be?  
Contraband goods: a hollowed out book containing jewels, money or a treasure map. (p.117)

Mrs. Billingsly only owned half of the “Winnie the Pooh” book. Who owned the other half?  
Her friend Bitsy Solomon (p. 121)

Why did Mabel pawn the book?  
To get money for a nice dress (p. 122)

Who was “Old Ozzy”?  
Mr.Oswald’s Grandfather –Oswald Oswald (p.124 & p.127)

After delivering “Winnie the Pooh” to Mrs. Billingsley Jeremy wonders if she knew that her best friend had named her company after the special necklace the two friends wore. What was the name of the company?  
The Double Heart Literacy Foundation
What is “a formal ball, which often introduces young women to society”?
A cotillion (p. 132)

How did Lizzy poke herself in the eye?
Trying to apply eyeliner (p. 132)

What is the mnemonic for remembering the names of the planets that Jeremy recites in front of Mr. Oswald?
“My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas”

How much money did Amos Grady receive for the Broadhurst telescope?
Forty-five dollars (p. 138)

What was the special requirement for children to be able to pawn something in Old Ozzy’s Store?
They had to write out a form on a typewriter that explained where the item came from and why they needed to sell it. (p.139-140)

What was the second assignment in Jeremy and Lizzy’s community service?
To return a lamp to Simon Rudolph (p. 141)

Why did Jeremy & Lizzy think they had come to the wrong address when they spoke to Simon Rudolph?
“This guy sounds happy. Our guy was spoiled and obnoxious.” (p.147)

What was the message on Simon Rudolph’s tee shirt?
The one who dies with the most toys wins (p. 148)

What did Simon do with the Tiffany lamp the kids returned to him?
He gave it to Lizzy (p. 151)

Why did Simon give Lizzy the lamp?
Because he already had a lamp (p. 151)

Simon feels that Jeremy should not leave empty handed so he gives him something as well. What is it?
An apple (p. 156)

What was Samantha’s idea for locating the missing keys?
To have a séance with her Ouija board (p. 161)

True or False Jeremy’s previous experience with a Ouija board had a positive outcome.
False (p. 164)

When Jeremy enters Rick’s bedroom to practice how to become invisible there is a poster on the wall to help with training. What is it?
A Sri Yanta diagram. The interconnecting triangles are supposed to lead you into a hypnotic state. (p.167)

What is the third item Mr. Oswald asks Jeremy and Lizzy to return?
The telescope (p. 175)

Where do Jeremy & Lizzy go to deliver the telescope and to whom?  
At the Museum of Natural History they deliver the telescope to Dr. Amos Grady (p.175)

What event makes Jeremy and Lizzy’s trip to Atlantic City possible?  
Aunt Judi’s art exhibit (p. 194)

Why does Jeremy want to go to Atlantic City?  
To look for the fortune teller who predicted his father’s future (p. 196)

Jeremy had ambitions to be a magician. What was the failed trick that made him give up?  
Trying to make a spoon bend by staring at it. (p.196)

What was Jeremy’s mother referring to when she said “I’m a mother. Mothers know everything”?  
The hole between the kids’ bedrooms (p. 197)

Aunt Judi offers to put music on in the car cassette player. She gives them three options. What are the bands’ names?  
Bread      KC and the Sunshine Band          Jackson 5    (p. 199)

Why do Jeremy and Lizzie wind up wandering around the boardwalk?  
Because you have to be eighteen years old to be admitted into the casino (p.199)

What church do Jeremy and Lizzy attend on the boardwalk?  
The Atlantic City Spiritualist Church (p. 201)

What song does the congregation sing at the church on the boardwalk?  
The Wind Beneath My Wings (p. 203)

“Enjoy it fully, because none of us gets out of here alive” what does “it” refer to?  
Life (p. 204)

Lizzy decides to get a temporary tattoo. Which one does she choose?  
The Chinese symbol for LIFE (p. 207)

Who tells Jeremy and Lizzy where to look for the Russian fortune teller?  
The tattoo artist (p.209)

When Jeremy and Lizzie find Madame Zaleski on the boardwalk they realize she is too young to be the person they are looking for. How are the two women related?  
This one is the granddaughter to the one who predicted Jeremy’s father’s future. (p.212)

Why did the older Madame Zaleski get kicked off the boardwalk?  
For scaring people – She predicted the same future to all the men who came to her. That they would die when they were forty years old. (p.212)
The fortune teller gives Jeremy and Lizzie an answer to the question about the whereabouts of the keys to open the box. What does she say?
You have already been very near to the keys which you seek. You will find them but it will take much work. (p.214)

On the last visit Jeremy and Lizzy would make, Mr. Oswald offers them their choice of anything from his shelves. What did they pick?
Lizzy – The creepy blue-eyed doll.
Jeremy – A suitcase. (p. 227 & 228)

The contents of the suitcase included lots of pennies and nickels. What was the total dollar and cent amount?
$6.32 (p.233)

Where did Jeremy and Lizzy find the first three keys that fit the box from his Dad?
In the suitcase he got from Mr. Oswald (p.237)
(all the keys are in the suitcase so this question might be misleading)

How many cats live at Jeremy’s grandmother’s B&B?
12

What is the name of Jeremy’s grandmother’s B&B?
The Cat’s Paw B&B (p.243)

Who is Jeremy’s favorite cat at the B&B?
Tootsie Roll (p.243)

According to Jeremy Fink, when outnumbered by women laughing at you, the best thing to do is...? To run as fast as you can. (p.246)

What does Jeremy’s Grandmother cook for his breakfast?
Scrambled eggs with mini M&M’s. (p.247)

What competitions does Jeremy’s grandmother participate in at the fair?
Homemade jams and table-setting (p.247)

The State Fair is full of the smell of food that Jeremy wants to eat. Name 3.
Fried-dough Twinkie / Fried dough Snickers / Cotton Candy / Funnel Cake / Fudge / Corn Dogs (p.248)

The three Asian girls were giggling and staring at Lizzy’s tattoo. What did they tell her it said?
Turnip (p.251)

What qualities does the State Fair talent show judge?
Stage presence, confidence, originality, entertainment (p.252)
For more points describe the judges...
A bald Broadway producer
A talent Agent
A guy who sings jingles in commercials (p.253)
What last minute change took place in Jeremy and Lizzy’s talent show routine? They traded places from what they had rehearsed. (p.255)

Who took first, second and third place in the talent show?
1st place – girl who played bongos with her feet.
2nd place – Jeremy and Lizzy
3rd place The Su sisters (p. 257)

What do Jeremy and Lizzie win at the State Fair Talent Show?
A silver Trophy and a check for $35 (p.257)

Each year Jeremy and Lizzy give each other the same gifts for birthdays. What are they?
Jeremy receives candy and comics.
Lizzy receives a DVD and a book. (p.260)

What does Jeremy plan to give Lizzy on her next birthday?
A really nice copy of “Winnie the Pooh”. (p.261)

Name the gifts Jeremy receives for his 13th birthday and who gave them to him.
Mom – telescope
Grandma – the Sky and Telescope Foundation 1 year membership.
Lizzy – “Betty and Veronica” double issue comic book, assorted candy and the forth key to the box. (p. 265)

Where do Jeremy and Lizzy go to open the box?
They take a row boat out to the rocks. (p.266)

What is the first item Jeremy finds in the box?
A note from Dad (p.269)

What is under the wrapping paper inside the box?
A pile of rocks. (p.274)

What was special about the rocks in the box?
They were collected at important events and/or places during Dad’s lifetime. (p. 276)

What did Jeremy’s Dad write on the card for Lizzie that is in the Box?
Expect the Unexpected (p.276)

What caused Jeremy to fall out of the boat?
The realization that this box and key adventure was actually planned out ahead of time. (p.277)

What was Jeremy Fink’s Rock #1
“From the day I realized that love is stronger than death and that people you barely know can amaze you. 13” (p.285)
Mr. Oswald gave Jeremy an envelope containing the details of “Operation Jeremy Fink and the Meaning Of Life” and something else. What was it?

The blue stamp with the word Hawaii at the top which his Dad had always looked for. (p.287)

A Wise man once said that we can count how many seeds are in the apple, but not how many apples are in the seed. (p.157) Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life is a book full of mottos and sayings to guide you through life. A point for each one you can give:

“Life is short; eat dessert first” (p.2)
“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure” (p.45)
“Pick your battles” (p.114)
“If a man has 8 dollars on him he can always get home.” (p.2)
“Always bet on your birthday. It’s your lucky number.” (p.217)
“The harder something is to acquire the more satisfying it is when you finally find it.” (p.229 & p.265)
“Don’t block your own sunshine” (p.272)
“Expect the Unexpected” (p.276)