**Task for *The Messenger***

# **Chapter Questions Task**

**Instructions:** The following chapter questions have been separated in order to summarise the novel efficiently. Please find your allocated questions and record your responses electronically. Please make sure your answers are detailed and in full sentence format.

## Part four: “The Music of Hearts”

***The suitcase; Cat Ballou; Roman Holiday***

1. “If I’m ever going to be okay, I’ll have to earn it,” Ed says to the priest. Why?

***The kiss; the grave; the fire:***

1. What do all of these nouns in the title symbolize?

***The casual suit:***

1. Show how Ed has come to terms with his family relationships.
2. “I’d rather choose the sun than wait for it.” What does Ed mean?
3. What is Ed’s message to his mother when he says, “It’s the person, Ma, not the place”?
4. How has Milla made Ed feel privileged?

***To feel the fear:***

1. The cards say: ‘Roman Holiday’, ‘The Suitcase’ and ‘Cat Ballou’. What does Ed deduce from these movie titles?

***Ritchie’s sin:***

1. What was Ritchie’s sin? What message was Ed to give him?
2. What was Ed supposed to take from this mission?
3. What does Ritchie mean when he tells Ed that driving a cab is, “an excuse”?

***God bless the man with the beard, the missing teeth and poverty:***

1. What is the purpose of this brief scene?

***The secret Marv; each to each:***

1. What is Marv’s story?
2. What does Marv tell Ed about his money?

***The swings:***

1. What happens at the swings?
2. Predict the future for Marv, Suzanne and Melinda (realistically; not your wishes).

***Audrey, part one; three nights to wait; Marv’s afterthought; Audrey, part two; three minutes to take; the end:***

1. What is the message that Ed must find for himself?

Part five: The Joker: the laughter; the weeks; the end is not the end; the folder; the message:

1. Why does the Joker card seem to laugh at Ed?
2. “Maybe everyman can live beyond what they’re capable of.” What does it mean?
3. Who is the man in the cab? What does he tell Ed about the cards? Who chose Ed? Why?
4. What does Ed mean when he says, “I am the message”?
5. What is Ed’s message?
6. Who is this message for? Explain your answer.