COACH CARTER QUESTIONS

1. In the locker room after the St. Francis game, are the Richmond team members demonstrating responsibility? WHY or WHY NOT?

No, they are not demonstrating responsibility because they lost the game and they had bad sportsmanship issues so they all started fighting in the changeroom and arguing.

2. What is the locker-room conversation doing to the players’ self-esteem?

It is getting them angry and is tearing down their self esteem by saying they all suck and didn’t do anything and didn’t even try.

3. What do you think motivates Coach Carter to take the low-paying coaching job?

He wanted to change these boys lives and prove that he could change these rude undisciplined teenagers into young respectful men and he loves doing what he does and wanted to make a difference.

4. What does Coach Carter say is one way to demonstrate respect to an adult? When using these terms, which type of growth is demonstrated (physical, social, emotional, intellectual?)

Coach carter was calling them all “sir” to get them into the social growth.
5. Cruz thinks that it is funny to stage an attack on several of the basketball players walking home from practice. The basketball players don’t think it is funny. Compare the values of the basketball players with those of Cruz.

Cruz thought it would be funny to go scare the boys but actually the boys were quite tired from the game and that just made it 10 times worse and pissed them off. Cruz thought it was funny because when they all reacted they were acting like wimps.

6. Do you think that the contract is fair? What does your opinion say about your values?

I think that it’s fair but a little bit harsh about having to do suicides and push-ups especially if it’s 1000 suicides. He is a bit hard on them but then again it makes the team stronger.

7. How does Coach Carter’s son Damien demonstrate perseverance in achieving his goals?

Damien wanted to be on his dad’s basketball team but Coach Carter didn’t want his son going to the school he was coaching at. CC also knew that it would be a challenge for Damien, but Damien didn’t care. He TOLD his dad that he is joining his basketball team and transferring schools and CC had to agree. When on the team, Damien showed that he had the strength his dad didn’t know he had.

8. After the first basketball game, what does Cruz do to try to boost his self-esteem? Does he succeed in raising his self-esteem?
He starts doing drugs to take away the stress and loneliness but it doesn’t lead to anything good.

9. Once Cruz asks Coach Carter if he can return to the team, how does he demonstrate self-discipline?

He makes him do 1000 suicides and 2500 push ups in three days. But he didn’t do them all, at least he tried.

10. What value does the team show by helping Cruz do push-ups and suicides?

The team says that they will do the suicides and push ups because if one falls they all fall if one does something they all do it together because they are a team, and teams work together. They were showing loyalty and teamwork.

11. When the team is gathered reading the newspaper, the coach comes in and asks Battle how he sees himself. What is his response? What is Battle’s self-concept (think about skills).

Battles response was that he wants to see himself on ESPN.

12. Rather than storming off the court, what would be a better way for Junior Battle to show his frustration? What type of growth is this (physical, social, emotional, intellectual, moral)?

He could have agreed with improving his marks and he could have handled it without swearing at his coach. It would be emotional
13. Are Kenyone and Kira loyal to each other at the dance? What types of problems does this create in their relationship?

No they weren’t loyal to each other at the dance because they were in a fight so they danced sexually with other people in front of each other. This creates trust issues and jealousy in their relationship.

14. The team worked hard to win the tournament. What helped them win? What do they value?

Coach Carter gave them a pep talk and helped them get hyped up to win.

15. When the players do wrong, they are required to do suicides. What stage or level of Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development does this action indicate?

16. Running suicides helps you to grow. What type of growth do you experience? (physical, emotional, social, intellectual, philosophical, or chronological?)

Physical and emotional because you get better at sprinting and you have to tell yourself to keep going.

17. What does Coach Carter value more, winning basketball games or an education? Which do you value more and why?
Coach Carter values education more than winning basketball games and I do too because education is what gets you far in life, basketball games are just a little boost to maybe get you there faster.

18. Because Coach Carter expects that the students do well in school, they start to study and do well. How do other people’s expectations of you affect your behaviors?

Your behaviours begin to change once you get threatened that something you love may be taken away like basketball to these boys if they don’t pass their classes.

19. At the press conference, several of the boys are off to the side talking. Which player demonstrates that they have the values which establish character? (if you can’t remember names write down what he says)

Kenyon shows his values by telling Lyle to be quiet and that he should go to class.

20. Think about the scene with Cruz and the killing of his cousin. Why is it important to have goals and the self-discipline to achieve them?

Because Cruz wanted to be a basketball player but when he didn’t have basketball he needed drugs. His cousin was the one who got him what he needed, whenever he needed it. If Cruz focused on basketball and didn’t let himself quit the team then he wouldn’t of
felt like his life died along with his cousin.

21. How does the coach demonstrate compassion towards Cruz?

He lets Cruz cry on his shoulder, tells him to come inside his house, and lets him back on the team.

22. Do you agree with the lock-out? Why or why not?

Yes because the team needed to improve their education. It doesn’t matter how good of basketball players they are, if they’re failing every class then they won’t get a basketball scholarship anywhere.

23. How did the boys grow intellectually from the lock-out? What was available to them in their environment to help them grow intellectually?

They studied in the library all day everyday and they had tutors helping them with their work.

24. Coach Carter stood up for what he believed in. What does this say about his character?

He is strong, confident, smart, patient, and knows what’s right and wrong with the world.

25. How does Coach Carter demonstrate Kohlberg’s post-conventional level of moral development?
26. How does the basketball team show that they are loyal to Coach Carter after the school board has called off the lock-out?

They continue to study instead of play basketball, but they study in the gym because that’s where they’re supposed to be. Just because they have to be in the gym doesn’t mean they have to play basketball.

27. How has the attitude in the locker room changed from the beginning of the movie to the end of the movie?

Everyone is kind to each other and says motivating words before and after games, and boosts up each other’s confidence and makes them feel good about each other.

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28. Describe the self-concept that the basketball players had at the beginning of the movie. How has the way they see themselves changed towards the end of the movie?

At the beginning of the movie, all the players were cocky and mean to each other but by the end of it they’re confident (which is different from cocky) and they’re kind to each other.
29. How does Coach Carter and Cruz’ personality types affect their ability to get along?

Coach Carter’s personality is about discipline and Cruz’s personality lacks discipline, they’re the exact opposite.

30. How do Kenyon and Kira’s personality types affect their ability to get along?

Kenyon is more of a “I care about being successful in the future” whereas Kira’s personality is more of a “I don’t care about college, I want to support my family”

How could being a talented basketball player be an inherited trait? An environmental trait? (Give an explanation for both)

It can be an inherited trait because you have to develop your skills. It can be an environmental trait because what you do depends on the people around you.