Thematic Questions: *Cities of Salt* (pp. 1-95)

Instructions: names in **bold** will prepare a 3-4 minutes response to the question.

1. What is odd, unique or characteristic of Wadi Uyoun and its people? How is it perceived differently by those who live in it and those who pass through it? (**Alia, Salma, Katie**)

2. What is odd, unique or characteristic about Miteb al-Hathal? What is his relationship to Wadi al-Uyoun? How can we account for his reaction to the Americans? (**Cameron, Caroline, Freshta, Kent**)

3. How are the Americans – “The Other” - portrayed in the novel? Is their depiction entirely negative? (**Allie, Firas, Jack, Laura**)

4. What forms of native or foreign authority do we encounter in this portion of the novel? What shifts in the nature of governance do we see taking place in Wadi al-Uyoun? (**Vivian, Tom, Alex**)

5. Please choose one line or paragraph that strikes you as particularly significant, evocative or disturbing, and be prepared to explain your reasoning behind your choice.

6. Please render a prognostication on the fate of the following characters:
   - a) Miteb
   - b) Ibn Rashed
   - c) Shaalan
   - d) Fawaz
   - e) Umm Khosh