*Between Shades of Gray*- Section 1 Questions

1. Give two examples of how Mother tries to maintain her control and dignity.
2. Why do you think the author included the cynical bald man? Why was everyone patient with him for so long?
3. What one item do you think might be valuable enough to save your life in an emergency?
4. If you were taken suddenly, as Lina was, what items would you take with you? Explain why for each item.
5. This section was called “Thieves and Prostitutes” because that’s what the Soviets had written on the train car carrying Lina’s group. Why do you think the Soviets would write this on the train? Why would they write it in Russian?