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**“The Father” – Hugh Garner**  
**Inside Stories I**

**English 9**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary: Give the correct dictionary definition for each word. Explain the circumstance in the story.**

Vainly	Not yielding the desired outcome; fruitless: <i>a vain attempt</i> .
	The father tried, but could not remember how he and his son had drifted apart.
Revulsion (pg 43)	
Intimated (pg 43)	
Acquiesced (pg 43)	
Mollify	
Burlesque	
Loquacious	

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Answer questions in complete sentences.

1. How do you feel about Johnny's father? (1 mark)
2. What is the betrayal in the story? What causes it? How responsible is the father for the betrayal? What errors does the father make? (3 marks)
3. Why does Johnny run away from his dad after the banquet? Do you think he will ever be able to forgive his father? Explain (2 marks)
4. What epiphany does the father have at the end of the story? Is he likely to change? Why? (2 marks)
5. What type of conflict is demonstrated in this story? (1 mark)
6. What events lead to the father and the son drifting apart? Is the father accurate in thinking that "he seemed to know less about the boy than anyone"? Explain. (3 marks)
7. In a **well-developed** paragraph, with a **clear topic sentence**, and on a **separate sheet of paper**, write a character analysis of the father.  
Include the following information:
  - Who is he?
  - What does he look like physically?
  - What are his emotional characteristics?

Support your statements with a quote from the story. Remember that if you are quoting a line from the story, you need to put "quotation marks" around it. **Minimum 7 sentences.**