Town 1 – My situation

I am one of three children of parents who are grocers and run a successful shop in the town. As I have an older brother I will not inherit the business.
Town 1 – Your choices

1- Remain in your home and help your father and older brother in the shop.
2- Look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.
I am the eldest son of parents who run a successful goldsmith business in the town. As I will one day inherit the business I will become my father’s apprentice and learn the skills of the trade.
Town 2 – Your choices

You must remain at home and take up the apprenticeship as a goldsmith.
I am one of three children of parents who run a bakery in the town. My older brother will inherit the business, but broke his arm and ribs in a fight and my parents need extra help until he recovers.
Town 3 – Your choices

1- Take up your family trade as a baker for now.
2- Look for a job as a servant or labourer in the town. Your wages will help your parents take on another worker to help with the business.
I am one of seven children whose mother and stepfather run an inn on the outskirts of town. My mother wants me to help with the business, but my stepfather has a brother who works as a brewer and wants me to go and work with him.
Town 4 – Your choices

1- Remain in your home and help your mother and stepfather in the inn.
2- Leave home to take up the job with the brewer.
Town 5 – My situation

I am one of four children. My father and stepmother work as haberdashers (hat-makers). I will not inherit the business as I have three brothers. My parents do not need any further help with the business, but have found me a job with an uncle who is a tanner (leather-worker).
Town 5 – Your choices

1- Leave home to take up the job with the tanner.
2- Look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.
Town 6 – My situation

I am the only child of a single mother and my father died when I was young. My mother is a huckster (sells items door-to-door) and brewer, but is struggling to support me on her income alone.
Town 6 – Your choices

1- Remain in your home and assist your mother.
2- Look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.
I am one of two children. My parents are tailors, but do not need my help with the business as they already have four apprentices including my older brother. Instead, they have found me an apprenticeship with my uncle, a tanner (leather-worker).
Town 7 – Your choices

1- Leave home to take up the apprenticeship with the tanner.
2- Look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.
I am one of six children of parents who are cobblers (shoe-makers). My parents are unable to support so many children and cannot give me work as three of my brothers already work in the family business.
Town 8 – Your choices

You must look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.
I am the eldest of four children. My father is an untrained labourer, working on casual contracts, and my mother brings in some extra money as a huckster (sells items door-to-door). They are unable to support me any further, and cannot help me find a job.
You must look for a job as a servant or casual worker in the town.