**Explain how Manny rebels against his father‘s plan of marrying him off.**

* Shoplifting (gets arrested; stole an empty CD box- no charges)
* Skips school
* Doesn’t study for school → worse grades

Manny doesn’t want to go along with his father’s plans/plans of his father (with people and animals always s-genitive!) of getting wedded/married (wedding- Hochzeit; marriage= Ehe) to one of his friend’s daughters from India whom/that/which (Persons: who/that, whom (Objektform) he hasn’t even met/even hasn’t met (adverbs etc. between auxiliary verb and main verb) yet.

So/Though (so=daher, deshalb, though= obwohl) Manny comes up with his own plan: He wants to convince his future/futuristic (future= zukünftig, futuristic= futuristisch) father-in-law that Manny isn’t marriage material. This he tries/trys (he/she/it –das “s” muss mit (im Simple Present)!!; if “y” at the end of verb follows a consonant, then y→ ie/ cp. play → plays- vowel in front of “y”) to accomplish by, for example/for instance stealing a CD box which leads to an/a arrest (noun starts with vowel → an; exception: u (if pronounced like a [j]; e.g. a university). Manny doesn’t get charged, although/however (although= obwohl, however=aber,jedoch), as the CD box was empty, so he only gets into trouble with his own father.

He also/although (also= auch) skips school which causes him/his (him = Dativobjekt; his= Possessive Determiner)to get bad grades which is rather unusual for Manny, who has always been an excellent student and amongst the top of his class. These/This (these = Plural; this= Singular)changes for the worse in his behaviour are Manny’s way of sabotaging the arranged marriage.

**Summary** (chapter 9)

In this chapter of Bali Rai’s novel “(un)arranged marriage” from the year 2001 the protagonist Manny, a teenage boy with a Punjabi background, is asked to talk to Mr Sandhu, the head of Year 10 at his high school in Leicester. [setting, characters, general situation]

The conversation revolves around Manny’s bad grades which have caused Manny’s teachers to be concerned about his well-being as he used to be an excellent student. Since Manny is quite reluctant to provide the teacher with any explanation for this development, Mr Sandhu suggests that Manny might be bullied by other students, which had been a problem in the past.

Manny, however, denies this theory and is shocked when his teacher knows about his relationship to a white English girl and the possible disapproval of his parents which could be a reason for Manny’s bad performance at school.