Year 5 Reading Assessment Marking Scheme - Poetry



question	answer	marks	notes		
1.	What season is the poem about?				
	Spring	1	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for the correct option ticked.		
2.	What time of day do you think the beginning of the poem is describing and why?				
	The cockerel crowing and the dawn chorus are both symbolic of daybreak.	1	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for reference to morning/dawn/daybreak/sunrise.		
3.	Match each word to its meaning.				
	defeated Beaten in a battle or other contest. prevailing Main, most frequent; predominant. retreated Withdraw from enemy forces after a losing. grazing To feed on (herbage) in a field or on pastureland.	up to 2 marks	Content domain: 2a—give/explain the meaning of words in context Award 2 marks for all correct 1 mark for at least two correct responses.		
4.	Find and copy two sentences from the poem that show that the weather is fine.				
	Blue sky prevailing. The rain is over and gone. The green field sleeps in the sun. Small clouds are sailing. The lake doth glitter Do not accept: The snow hath retreated.	up to 2 marks	Content domain: 2a—give/explain the meaning of words in context Award 2 marks for two of the acceptable points.		
5.	The stream is flowing What does this line tell you about the way the river moves?				
	any indication of moving freely, continuously, steadily, smoothly or easily. Do not award marks for references to speed such as quickly or rapidly.	1	Content domain: 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context Award 1 mark for any indication of moving freely, continuously, steadily, smoothly or easily.		



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6.	What does the word 'whooping' in verse two line five tell you about the way the words are said?			
	References to a loud cry or shout or references to excitement , joy , happiness and playfulness	1	Content domain: 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context Award 1 mark for references to a loud cry or shout or references to excitement, joy, happiness and playfulness.	
7.	Throughout the poem the poet uses the senses to describe 'March'. Can you find an example of each from the text?			
	See e.g. The lake doth glitter, The green field sleeps in the sun; Hear The cock is crowing The small birds twitter The ploughboy is whooping— anon—anon! What do you think is the overall fee	2 I of the poe	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for any reference to things that can be seen. Award 1 mark for any reference to things than can be heard.	
8.	Explain your answer in full using evidence from the poem.			
	References to an overall feeling of calmness, happiness and joy. References which link to a love of nature. References which link to new life and togetherness.	up to 3 marks	Content Domain: 2c—Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph Award 1 mark for references to an overall feeling of calmness, happiness and joy. Award 1 mark for references which link to a love of nature. Award 1 mark for references which link to new life and togetherness. Up to a maximum of three marks.	
		Total 13		

