



**Subject:** Grade 9 English: Home Language  
**Topic:** Short stories and short story elements  
**Total:** 33 Marks

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1. false 2 marks

**Explanation:**

'When the pony reached the entrance'

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2. C: the carnival 4 marks

**Explanation:**

'before she dropped them off at the entrance to the carnival.'

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3. antagonist | fire poi dancer 4 marks

**Explanation:**

The antagonist is always the enemy of the protagonist.

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4. beggar | tramp | old tramp 3 marks

**Explanation:**

'Two neighbours, seated before their door, remembered perfectly having seen an old beggar come out with a thin, black dog which was eating something that its master was giving him.'

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5. straw 3 marks

**Explanation:**

'Then, at daybreak, Mother Saverini asked a neighbour for some straw. She took the old rags which had formerly been worn by her husband and stuffed them so as to make them look like a human body.'

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6. setting | Bonifacio 4 marks

**Explanation:**

The widow lives in Bonifacio.

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7. false 2 marks

**Explanation:**

The **climax** is the most exciting part of the story - the event to which everything builds.

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8. pregnant | pregnant.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

The fact that Mary is pregnant makes us sympathise with her.

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9. ironic | eating

4 marks

**Explanation:**

"Probably right under our very noses. What you think, Jack?"

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10. peas | potatoes

4 marks

**Explanation:**

Mary claims she is not prepared to cook and needs vegetables.

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