



Subject: Grade 9 English: Home Language
Topic: Poetry: structure, imagery, tone
Total: 32 Marks

Name: _____
Date: _____

This text refers to question: 1

Refugee Mother and Child
Chinua Achebe

No Madonna and Child could touch
that picture of a mother's tenderness
for a son she soon would have to forget.

The air was heavy with odours
of diarrhoea of unwashed children
with washed-out ribs and dried-up
bottoms struggling in laboured
steps behind blown empty bellies.

Most mothers there had long ceased
to care but not this one; she held
a ghost smile between her teeth
and in her eyes the ghost of a mother's
pride as she combed the rust-coloured
hair left on his skull and then -singing in her eyes -
began carefully
to part it...

In another life this
would have been a little daily
act of no consequence before his
breakfast and school; now she
did it like putting flowers
on a tiny grave.

This image refers to question: 1



Question 1: Text Input

3 marks

Madonna and Child refers to Mary and

This image refers to question: 2, 3, 4



Question 2: True/False

2 marks

A sonnet has 16 lines.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 3: True/False

2 marks

The rhyme scheme of an Italian sonnet is:
abab cdcd efef gg

TRUE

FALSE

Question 4: True/False

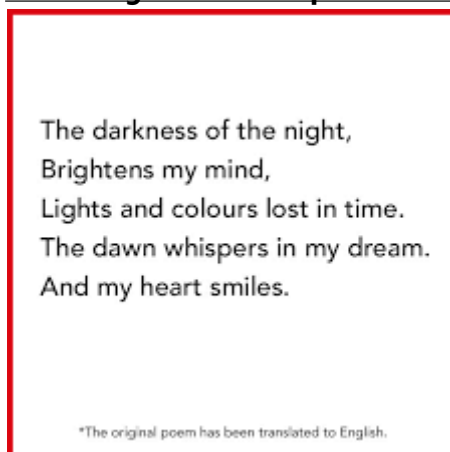
2 marks

Tone conveys emotion and attitude.

TRUE

FALSE

This image refers to question: 5



Question 5: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

The two words which contrast with darkness are (1) and (2) .

Answer in alphabetical order.

Possible Answers: dream | lights | brightens | heart

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This text refers to question: 6, 7, 8, 9

An African Thunderstorm

David Rubadiri

From the west
Clouds come hurrying with the wind
Turning sharply
Here and there
Like a plague of locusts

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Whirling,
Tossing up things on its tail
Like a madman chasing nothing.
Pregnant clouds
Ride stately on its back,
Gathering to perch on hills
Like sinister dark wings;
The wind whistles by
And trees bend to let it pass.

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In the village
Screams of delighted children,
Toss and turn
In the din of the whirling wind,

15

Women,
Babies clinging on their backs 20
Dart about
In and out
Madly;
The wind whistles by
Whilst trees bend to let it pass. 25

Clothes wave like tattered flags
Flying off
To expose dangling breasts
As jagged blinding flashes
Rumble, tremble and crack 30
Amidst the smell of fired smoke
And the pelting march of the storm.

This image refers to question: 6



Question 6: Text Input

3 marks

Name the **figure of speech** (image) in stanza one, line 5.

Provide only one word.

This image refers to question: 7



Question 7: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The **tone** of stanza 2 is

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| A | threatening |
| B | ominous |
| C | dangerous |
| D | all of the above |
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This image refers to question: 8



Question 8: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The simile in stanza 2 compares the storm to a madman.

This emphasises

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| A | the crazy nature of the storm |
| B | peace |
| C | harmony |
| D | all of the above. |

This image refers to question: 9



Question 9: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Line 9: 'pregnant clouds'

This (1) compares the clouds to a (2) .

Possible Answers: simile | metaphor | baby | pregnant woman

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This image refers to question: 10

Holy Sonnet X: Death Be Not Proud

Death, be not proud, though some have callèd thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which yet thy pictures be,
Much pleasure, then from thee much more, must low
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones and soul's delivery.

Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings and desperate men
And dost with poison, war and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then ?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.

John Donne

Question 10: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

An Italian sonnet is made up of an (1) and a (2) .

Possible Answers: quatrain | sestet | octave | couplet

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