



Subject: Grade 9 English: Home Language

Topic: Poetry: structure, imagery, tone

Total: 34 Marks

1. ghost

3 marks

Explanation:

'ghost smile' ; 'ghost pride'

The word 'ghost' is used here as a metaphor emphasising that her smile and pride is not real; the mother is pretending for her child.

2. alliteration

3 marks

Explanation:

The alliteration emphasises the symptoms of kwashiorkor, which is a bloated stomach. The stomach is empty, as this malnutrition disease is caused by lack of food and nutrients.

3. false

2 marks

Explanation:

The rhyme scheme is:

aa bb cc dd ee ff

4. ruby

3 marks

Explanation:

The comparison (like a ruby - simile) shows how valuable and precious Autumn is, just like a precious gem.

5. fire | gold | red | ruby

8 marks

Explanation:

red, orange, brown, gold = Autumn colours.

fire = orange.

ruby = red.

6. seasons

3 marks

Explanation:

The poet uses the structure of the 4 stanzas as a reference to the 4 seasons. This is to show that the seasons depend on one another.

7. quatrains | rhyming couplet

4 marks

Explanation:

A quatrain is 4 lines and each one contains an aspect of the theme of the poem.

8. lightning | thunder

4 marks

Explanation:

'flash' - a flash of lightning ('jagged' because of appearance).

'crack' - thunder (onomatopoeia).

Metonymy is the use of a linked term to stand in for an object or concept.

9. false

2 marks

Explanation:

A narrative poem tells a story. An epic is a long narrative poem about a legend. A ballad poem is a poem composed with the goal of being a song.

10. true

2 marks

Explanation:

The metre can usually be established as a tap for each syllable.

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