Year 6 Reading Assessment Marking Scheme - Poetry



question	answer	marks	notes
1.	Which three animals are mentioned in the poem?		
	sheep, cows and squirrels	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for the correct answer.
2.	What is the meaning of the word `boughs'?		
	branches of a tree	1	Content domain: 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context Award 1 mark for the correctly ticked box.
3.	Several lines start with the repeated phrase ' <i>No time</i> '. What is the purpose of repeating these words?		
	To emphasise the author's suggestion of a lack of time/that people are too busy.	1	Content domain: 2g—identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award 1 mark for the correct answer.
4.	What do you think the author means by `streams full of stars'?		
	Streams reflecting sunlight in the day / water sparkling with light as it moves or flows The poet is comparing the stream in the daytime to the stars at night.	1	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for the correct answer. Do not accept: a reflection of the stars at night as the poem refers to the context of 'broad daylight'.
5.	Find and copy a phrase which could mean `too occupied with worry'.		
	full of care	1	Content domain: 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context Award 1 mark for the correct answer.
6.	Look at the line ' <i>No time to turn at Beauty's glance'</i> Why is a capital letter used for the word 'Beauty'?		
	A capital letter is used for the word 'Beauty' to show personification / the author refers to 'Beauty' as a name or a person / 'Beauty' is the name that the poet is giving to nature	1	Content domain: 2g—identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Award 1 mark for the correct answer.



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7.	Draw lines to match these parts of the poem with their correct movement or actions:			
	sheep or cows stand and stare squirrels hide nuts in grass Beauty dance and smile	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for the correctly matched answers.	
8.	In your own words, explain what message the poet is trying to give the reader.			
	 people are too busy that people should make time to appreciate nature life is not as good if we do not make time to enjoy the natural surroundings 	up to 3 marks	Content domain: 2f—identify/explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole Award one mark each for any comments that refer to answers shown opposite.	
9.	The title of the poem is 'Leisure'. How does the word 'leisure' link to the theme of the poem? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.			
	'Leisure' means free time or time spent away from working. The poem refers to views of nature that are usually only appreciated during free time when not at work. The poet suggests we should make more free time or 'lesiure' time to appreciate nature.	up to 2 marks	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for any answer that links the images of 'leisure' to the need to make leisure time. Award 1 mark for any answer that relates the poem's imagery to events that you may see during 'leisure' time.	
		Total 12		

