

Deepening Understanding

YR6 Historical Fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'The Titanic' written by Vicky Birch

Q1

In paragraph 1, what indicates to Jenny that something awful is happening?

1 Mark

Q2

*Explain the sentence:
'It was true...this nightmare was a reality'.*

1 Mark

Q3

Explain why Jenny referring to the Titanic as 'the unsinkable ship' is ironic.

1 Mark



Q4

Why might Jenny *'stare in awe'* at the iceberg?

She was apprehensive of the impact that the iceberg would have.

She wanted discover the circumstances of the collision.

She was considering how to reduce the dangers to Jasper.

She had an overwhelming sense of reverence.

1 Mark

Q5

In paragraph 3, a mother is *'willing'* her child to remain calm. Explain the effect of this on the reader.

1 Mark



Q6

Match the words to the quote to show Jenny's feelings throughout the text.

desperation

'the astonishing ice-kingdom glided by'

peaceful

'trying to decipher the bellows and caterwauls from nearby passengers'

realisation

'We are alive and we are going to be saved.'

optimistic

'Catastrophically, it was true... this nightmare was a reality.'

1 Mark

Q7

Explain why Jenny may have experienced this feeling when she was in the ice-cold water.

'I felt dizzy and euphoric - a strange, bewildering sensation, but I suppose in the midst of all the chaos my mind took me somewhere where I felt happy.'

2 Marks



Q8

In the final paragraph, why had Jenny 'almost given up hope' ?

1 Mark

Q9

Which word best describes how Jenny is feeling in the final sentence of the text.

exhausted

relieved

confident

weak

1 Mark



Q10

Using the numbers 1-5, sequence the order of events.

Jenny doubts if what she had seen was true.

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Jenny begins to feel confident they will be saved.

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They heard an unfamiliar sound.

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They realise they are too late for a lifeboat.

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Jenny witnessed a beautiful sight.

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1 Mark

