



DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING ANSWER SHEET

THE TITANIC READING COMPREHENSION – STANDARD Qs

Question One (1 Mark)

1 mark for showing an understanding that the noise alerted the author that something terrible was happening

E.g. The noise because the text says it was something the author would 'never forget'.

E.g. The awful noise as the text says the 'unearthly screech'.

Question Two (1 Mark)

1 mark for showing an understanding that the reality of life was so bad it was like a nightmare had come true.

Initially they thought what was happening was like a bad dream, but the reality was that the awful situation was actually happening in real life.

Question Three (1 Mark)

1 mark for showing an understanding that the massive ship, which was built to be unsinkable, was tragically now sinking. The word irony in this literary sense means that the actually reality of the situation differed radically from what was initially believed.

The Titanic was called 'the unsinkable ship' implying the ship was not capable of sinking. Despite this, the ship does begin to sink and therefore this contrasts hugely from what Jenny had been led to believe.

Question Four (1 Mark)

1 mark

She had an overwhelming sense of reverence.



Question Five (1 mark)

1 mark for reference to any of the following:

The reader feels sympathy for the mother who is trying to comfort her child and encourage them to remain calm amidst the chaos.

The reader understands the desire that the mother has to want her child to feel calmer in such a terrible situation.

Question Six (1 mark)

1 mark for correctly matching quotes to feelings

desperation – trying to decipher the bellows and caterwauls from nearby passengers

peaceful – the astonishing ice-kingdom glided by

realisation – Catastrophically, it was true...this nightmare was a reality.

optimistic – We are alive and we are going to be saved.

Question Seven (2 Marks)

1 mark for a simple response

E.g. She felt so scared she took her mind off elsewhere.

E.g. She had been in icy-water for so long her mind/body began to feel strange.

2 marks for more developed answer with an explanation using evidence from the text

E.g. She had experienced something so terrible that she was trying to find happiness once all the chaos was over – her mind took her 'somewhere' she felt happy.

E.g. Jenny has been through a traumatic experience therefore she feels confused but elated that she was survived - 'dizzy and euphoric'. This is strange to her because she feels maybe she should be feeling sad. Her situation is so devastating that to cope her mind takes her away to somewhere 'happy'.



Question Eight (1 Mark)

1 mark for showing an understanding of how she was feeling and the reason why.

They had been floating in the freezing water for hours.

Question Nine (1 Mark)

1 mark for identifying the correct word

relieved

Question Ten (1 Mark)

1 mark for correctly ordering events 1-5

Jenny doubts if what she had seen was true - **3**

Jenny begins to feel confident they will be saved - **5**

They heard an unfamiliar sound – **1**

They realise they are too late for a lifeboat - **4**

Jenny witnessed a beautiful sight - **2**

