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YR 6 Journal Text

This set of questions is based upon 'Shackleton's Diary' - a recreation by Laura Curtis.

Q1

What is a *'floe'*? Attempt to work out the meaning from the context of the sentence.

1 Mark

Q2

What does the word *'finally'* suggest about how Ernest Shackleton and his team felt when they saw land?

1 Mark

Q3

What does the phrase *'remote yet inhospitable'* suggest about the Island of South Georgia?

2 Marks



Q4

'I scanned the horizon, searching for a place to land...'
Circle the word closest in meaning to 'scanned'.

swept

studied

surveyed

scrutinised

1 Mark

Q5

From the 9th May entry, copy *two* phrases or words that show how we know Shackleton felt lucky to survive.

1. _____

2. _____

2 Marks

Q6

Why did the author use the simile *'like nature was playing a cruel trick on us'* to describe the hurricane?

2 Marks



Q7

Analyse how and why Shackleton's emotions change in his entry on 9th May. Refer to the text in your answer.

3 Marks

Q8

Do you think that Shackleton and his team were prepared for 'every eventuality' on their quest?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Maybe ☐

Explain why!

2 Marks



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Q9

In paragraph two of the 20th May journal entry, explain how Shackleton is portrayed as a resilient individual.

Ensure that you refer to the text in your answer.

3 Marks

Q10

Based on what you have read, predict what will happen to Shackleton. Refer to the text to support your theory.

2 Marks

