



DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING ANSWER SHEET

THE VISITOR READING COMPREHENSION – STANDARD Qs

Question One (2 Marks)

1 mark for an appropriate atmosphere. 1 mark for supporting evidence.

Atmosphere – tense/uneasy

Evidence – there was a midnight mist where a grave digger could be seen.

Question Two (1 Mark)

1 mark for a relevant explanation

E.g. The smell and look of death from the mud from the graves/a rotten/muddy appearance and smell would permanently mark his body. The stranger appeared very unclean.

Question Three (2 Marks)

1 mark for a simple explanation

E.g. Because he had already knocked twice.

2 marks for a more developed response

E.g. Because the stranger had already knocked twice and showed no signs of going as he was agitated.

Question Four (2 Marks)

1 mark for an appropriate emotion.

E.g. scared/uneasy/on edge

2 marks for an appropriate emotion with an explanation

E.g. I think they felt nervous as it seemed to make all the other travellers inside shrink back into their seats and hide their faces behind their ale jugs.

Question Five (2 Marks)

1 mark for identifying one similarity

E.g. They were both described as a 'great hulk of a man'.

They were both not to be reckoned with.

1 mark for identifying one difference

E.g. People felt welcomed by Tommy whereas others felt scared around the stranger.



Question Six (2 Marks)

1 mark for a simple explanation

E.g. No because part of the house was old.

2 marks for a more developed response with evidence

E.g. No because Tommy could feel the timbers of the inn shudder when the door was knocked and he lifted the moth-eaten rug.

Other evidence: the stables were leaky, there was a rusty metal ring, there was an ancient oak door.

Question Seven (1 Mark)

1 mark for ticking the correct thought

'I can't believe my dad was expecting him.'

Question Eight (2 Marks)

1 mark for 3 correct answers or 2 marks for all 4 correct answers

The stable-hand boy was cautious – **true**

Marie was Tommy's mother – **false**

Tommy adored his father – **true**

Tommy was unaware of his father's motives – **true**

Question Nine (1 Mark)

1 mark for ordering all events correctly

Tommy's father responded to the knocks – 3

The father received a package – 5

Tommy noticed a figure in the courtyard – 1

The 10-year-old watched from the secret opening – 4

Marie took a break from her duties – 2

Question Ten (2 Marks)

1 mark for a simple prediction

E.g. I think Tommy might get caught by the stranger or his father.

2 marks for a more developed response with evidence

E.g. I think Tommy might get caught as he is right above the stranger and gasps so it might give his cover away.

I think Tommy might ask his father what was in the package as he was very curious and knows he was expecting the stranger.

