

Deepening Understanding

YR 6 Fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon 'The Water Babies' written by Charles Kingsley.

Q1

Tom was a chimney-sweep, what do you think this job entailed?

1 Mark

Q2

The setting is referred to as a 'great town' in the North. What do you think the author might have meant by this?

2 Marks

Q3

Tom wasn't concerned that he could not read and write. Why do you think this was the case?



2 Marks

Q4

Do you think Tom had been looked after 'well' as a child, or 'neglected'? *Explain why using evidence from the text.*

looked after 'well'

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'neglected'

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2 Marks

Q5

Find and copy four phrases in the text that show the harsh lifestyle of being a chimney sweep apprentice.

2 Marks

Q6

'...every day in the week...' is repeated by the author in paragraph two. What is the effect of this on the reader?

2 Marks



Q7

Name one of the games that Tom enjoyed playing as a child. Explain why he may have found it 'fun'.

2 Marks

Q8

Look at the phrase taken from the text below.
Explain what it tells you about Tom's outlook on life.

'...he took all that for the way of the world, like the rain and snow and thunder...'

2 Marks

Q9a

'like a king at the head of his army'
What figurative language device is used in this phrase?

1 Mark



Q9b

Explain why Tom was looking forward to becoming this 'King'.

2 Marks

Q10

Think about why Tom treating his 'future' apprentices harshly would not be a very kind thing to do...

Complete the following letter of advice, supporting the points you make with evidence from the text.

Dear Tom,

I believe you need to think about your future apprentices and the type of master you'd like to be.

4 Marks

