

Deepening Understanding

UKS2 Non-fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'Biography of Charles Darwin' by Laura Curtis.

Q1

Darwin had a lucky and an unlucky childhood. Copy two phrases which show this contrast.

Phrase that shows he was lucky...

Phrase that shows he was unlucky...

2 Marks

Q2

Do you think that Charles Darwin had the freedom to choose his studies at university?

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Yes

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No

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Maybe

Explain why!



2 Marks

Q3

Give three reasons why Darwin might have *'immediately accepted'* his place on board the HMS Beagle.

3 Marks

Q4

What does the word *'meticulously'* suggest about how Darwin observed, recorded and thought?

'...he spent a great deal of time meticulously observing, recording and thinking'

2 Marks



Q5

Which word is closest in meaning to *'prestigious'*?
Circle your answer.

famous

humble

well-known

reputable

1 Mark

Q6

On his discovery, Darwin felt *'like a blind man given sight'*. Explain what is meant by this.

1 Mark

Q7

What factors may have helped Darwin convince academics and the population about his Theory of Evolution?

2 Marks



Q8

Explain why Charles Darwin's theories 'changed the outlook of the world forever'.

Use text-based evidence to support your response.

3 Marks

Q9

How do we know that the United Kingdom is fond of Charles Darwin's achievements?

2 Marks



Q10

Complete the table below, summarising what the following quotations tell us about Charles Darwin.

Quote	What it tells the reader...
'...not a very accomplished student'	
'They went on to have ten children'	
'Darwin knew that his book may be met with ridicule'	

3 Marks