



Imagery Practice.

QUESTIONS

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Read the extracts carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

Question 1

The sun crept over the hills like a shy child peeking through a doorway. Golden light spilled across the fields, wrapping the earth in warmth. The sky blushed pink and orange as the day awoke. Birds stitched music into the morning air. The village stirred beneath the gentle gaze of dawn.

Identify one example of imagery from the paragraph and explain how it helps create a peaceful atmosphere. (2)

Question 2

The classroom was a buzzing beehive of whispers and tapping pens. Ideas flew from desk to desk, colliding in the air. The walls listened silently as thoughts grew louder. Time marched forward, impatient and strict. The clock glared down at the pupils.

Choose one image from the paragraph and analyse how it reflects the busy mood of the classroom. (2)

Question 3

Night swallowed the forest whole, its darkness a thick blanket. The trees stood like ancient guards, watching in silence. Moonlight danced across the leaves, teasing the shadows. The wind whispered secrets



through the branches. Fear crept along the path beside him.

Select an example of imagery and explain how it builds tension or fear. (2)

Question 4

The football pitch was a battlefield under the floodlights. Players clashed like storms meeting head-on. Sweat poured as the grass screamed beneath their boots. Victory hovered just out of reach. The crowd roared, a single powerful beast.

Analyse one image that shows the intensity of the match. (2)

Question 5

The rain drummed angrily against the windows all afternoon. Grey clouds sulked in the sky, refusing to move on. Streets became silver snakes, twisting through the town. Umbrellas bloomed like dark flowers. The weather seemed determined to ruin the day.

Identify one piece of imagery and explain how it conveys the writer's attitude to the weather. (2)



Question 6

Her anger was a wildfire, spreading without warning. Words burned as they left her mouth. The room shrank under the heat of her fury. Even the furniture flinched in silence. Calm lay in ashes behind her.

Choose one image and analyse how it shows the strength of the character's emotions. (2)

Question 7

The exam paper stared back at him, unblinking and cruel. Questions lurked like traps across the page. His mind froze, a lake locked in winter. Seconds slipped through his fingers. Panic tightened its grip.

Identify an image and explain how it reflects the character's feelings about the exam. (2)



Question 8

The sea stretched endlessly, a wrinkled sheet of steel. Waves applauded the sinking sun. The lighthouse stood proud, a lonely soldier on watch. Salt stung the air with sharp freshness. Evening settled quietly along the shore.

Select one image and analyse how it creates a calm or reflective mood. (2)







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Marking Instructions

- Award 1 mark for correctly identifying a relevant example of imagery (simile, metaphor or personification).
- Award 1 mark for a clear explanation of how the image contributes to the mood/effect specified in the question.
- The comment must link directly to the focus of the question (e.g. peaceful atmosphere, tension, busy mood).
- Do not award marks for vague comments such as “this makes it interesting”.
- Accept any other valid imagery with an appropriate analytical comment.

Question 1 – Peaceful Atmosphere

- “The sun crept over the hills like a shy child” (simile) – suggests gentle, careful movement, creating a calm and peaceful beginning.
- “Golden light spilled across the fields” (personification/metaphor) – implies warmth spreading softly, reinforcing comfort.
- “The sky blushed” (personification) – suggests softness and beauty, contributing to tranquility.
- “Birds stitched music into the morning air” (metaphor) – implies delicate, careful sound adding to peacefulness.
- “The gentle gaze of dawn” (personification) – “gentle” reinforces calm atmosphere.

Question 2 – Busy Mood

- “a buzzing beehive” (metaphor) – suggests noise, energy and constant movement.
- “Ideas flew from desk to desk” (personification) – implies speed and liveliness.
- “Time marched forward” (personification) – suggests strict, unstoppable pressure.



- “The clock glared down” (personification) – implies intimidation and tension.

Question 3 – Tension or fear

- “Night swallowed the forest whole” (personification/metaphor) – suggests darkness consuming everything, creating fear.
- “darkness a thick blanket” (metaphor) – implies heavy, suffocating atmosphere.
- “trees stood like ancient guards” (simile) – suggests watchfulness and unease
- “Fear crept along the path” (personification) – implies quiet, threatening movement.

Question 4 – Intensity of the match

- “The football pitch was a battlefield” (metaphor) – suggests conflict and aggression.
- “Players clashed like storms” (simile) – implies violent, powerful energy.
- “the grass screamed beneath their boots” (personification) – suggests force and impact.
- “The crowd roared, a single powerful beast” (metaphor) – suggests overwhelming, unified noise.

Question 5 – Writer’s attitude to the weather

- “The rain drummed angrily” (personification) – suggests irritation and aggression.
- “Grey clouds sulked” (personification) – implies moodiness and negativity.
- “Streets became silver snakes” (metaphor) – suggests unpleasant twisting wet roads.
- “Umbrellas bloomed like dark flowers” (simile) – implies dreary uniform appearance.



Question 6 – Strength of emotion

- “Her anger was a wildfire” (metaphor) – suggests uncontrollable, destructive force.
- “Words burned” (metaphor) – implies pain and intensity.
- “The room shrank” (personification) – suggests overwhelming pressure.
- “Calm lay in ashes” (metaphor) – suggests total destruction of peace.

Question 7 – Feelings about the exam

- “The exam paper stared back” (personification) – suggests intimidation.
- “Questions lurked like traps” (simile) – implies danger and threat.
- “His mind froze, a lake locked in winter” (metaphor) – suggests inability to think.
- “Panic tightened its grip” (personification) – suggests overwhelming fear.

Question 8 – Calm or reflective mood

- “a wrinkled sheet of steel” (metaphor) – suggests smooth, reflective calmness.
- “Waves applauded the sinking sun” (personification) – implies gentle rhythm
- “The lighthouse stood proud, a lonely soldier on watch” (metaphor) – suggests quiet strength and solitude.
- “Evening settled quietly” (personification) – implies peaceful closure.





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