

English Paper A 2014 Answers

Section 1

1. The main point that the poet makes about the blacksmith in verse one is how strong and muscular he is.
2. "His brow is wet with honest sweat" means that the blacksmith works very hard and earns his living lawfully.
3. We know that the blacksmith works long hours because it says that you can hear his bellows blow "from morn till night".
4. One example of alliteration from the poem is "bellows blow". The alliteration puts emphasis on the words which is effective because the bellows themselves will be integral to the blacksmith's work, so it is appropriate for the word to be prominent. (Or any other appropriate comment, or other choice of alliteration e.g. flaming forge.)
5. Children like to look through the open forge door because they like to see the flames, hear the bellows and catch sparks from the fire.
6. We know that the blacksmith has more than one child because it says that he "sits among his boys" and he "hears his daughter's voice".
7. The blacksmith's heart rejoices when he hears his daughter singing in the choir.
8. The blacksmith feels sad when he thinks about his daughter's mother who is dead.
9. Another word for "repose" is rest.
10. We know that the poet admires the blacksmith because he refers to him as "my worthy friend". Worthy means admirable or excellent so he clearly looks up to the blacksmith.

Section 2

1. "A sleepy little town" means a town where not much happens. It tells us that the town is quiet and there is not much life there - like a person about to fall asleep.
2. The river came first and the town and mills came there because of the river.
3. We know that Ted does not want to work in the mills because we are told that "he detested the humming, panting, noisy place".
4. "Pull up stakes" means to move away from where you live and take everything with you.
5. Ted's family moves to Freeman's Falls because there are jobs going there. We are told that "labour was needed there."
6. The maple and elm trees have pale leaves because they do not get enough sunshine.
7. The factories affect the river because the waste pipes pour oil and refuse into the stream. This means the river ends up with scum on the top.
8. We know that the Fernalds do not live near the factories because we are told that their homes are "well distant from the manufacturing atmosphere".
9. Mr. Clarence Fernald's home is called Pine Lea.
10. Clarence Fernald often goes away in the winter to New York, Florida or California.

Section 3

1. Future 2. Past 3. Present..4. There 5. piece 6. queue 7. "It's time for dinner,"
- 8.-9. Nicola, a friendly girl, 10.Sam, Max and Eddie.