English | KS2 | 2016

Year 6 Reading Assessment
Throwing a Tree Answer Booklet

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Year 6 Reading Assessment Poetry

18 total marks

Questions 13 to 25 are about '*Throwing a Tree*'

13. What does the word 'stalk' mean and what does it suggest about the tree fellers?

2 marks

14. Circle the word that is closest in meaning to 'doffed'.

chopped **tied** **removed** **swing**

1 mark

15. What evidence is there in the poem that chopping the tree is a difficult task?

2 marks

16. Order these events from the poem. The first one has been done for you.

1 mark

An axe is used to chop a broad gash all around the trunk.	
The saw is used along with the rope until the tree comes down.	
The tree is marked in advance ready for cutting.	**1**
A rope is hooked upward.	

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17. Write the correct tools to match the descriptions in this table.

1 mark

Tool	Description
	Heavy head shining and wide
	Long limp two-handled

18. How long had the tree been growing for?

1 mark

19. How does the poet try to make the reader feel sorry for the tree? Refer to the text to support your answer.

3 marks

20. What are the names given to the tree fellers?

1 mark

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21. Which of these sentences best summarises the poet's feelings about the tree being chopped down? Tick **one**.

1 mark

- **The poet is celebrating and happy about the event.** ☐
- **The poet is glad the tree was chopped down because it was too old.** ☐
- **The poet seems sorrowful and disappointed that it has happened.** ☐
- **The poet doesn't really mind whether the tree is cut down or not.** ☐

22. Which of these words or phrases are used to describe the tree? Tick **three**.

1 mark

Living mast	☐	**Heavy head**	☐
Long and limp	☐	**Proud**	☐
Broad and deep	☐	**Tall giant**	☐

23. What is meant by the phrase 'it shakes all its neighbours'?

1 mark

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24. How long did the whole process take to chop down the tree?

1 mark

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2 marks

Look at the line: 'And so they approach the proud tree that bears the death-mark'.

25. Explain the meaning of the words 'bears' and 'death-mark' in this sentence.

Word	Meaning
bears	
death-mark	

End of questions about '*Throwing a Tree*'

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