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1. *...like a toy sitting on a glass table.*

What does this description suggest about the boat?

1 mark

2. Look at page 1.

What was unusual for Michael about this day?

1 mark

3. *...the 'putt-putt' of her engine was lost in the big, quiet stillness of the afternoon.*

Choose the best words to match the description above. Circle both of your choices.

The boat was

chugging

smoking

racing

roaring

1 mark

along on the

cold sea.

bubbling
ripples.

smooth
waters.

rocking
tide.

1 mark

4. Look at page 1.

Find and **copy two different** words that show Michael enjoyed the feeling of the cool water.

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

5. Look at page 2.

How is the whale made to seem mysterious?

Explain **two** ways, giving evidence from the text to support your answer.

3 marks

6. When Michael touched the whale it felt smooth.

(a) According to the text on page 2, why might he have expected it to feel smooth?

1 mark

(b) According to the text on page 3, why might he **not** have expected it to feel smooth?

1 mark

7. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Carefully, Michael leaned...*

Where was the whale?

Tick **one**.

in front of the boat

at the side of the boat

under the boat

five metres from the boat

1 mark

8. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Carefully, Michael leaned...*

What does this paragraph tell you about Michael's character?

Explain **two** features of his character, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

3 marks

9. The whale did not seem to be alarmed by meeting Michael. How can you tell this from its actions?

Give **two** ways.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

10. *Like a sleeper waking from a dream, he looked around, dazed.*

This tells us that at the end of the story Michael felt that...

Tick **one**.

he wanted the experience to continue.

he had experienced something similar before.

the experience was unreal.

the experience was worrying.

1 mark

11. Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Michael was in an unfamiliar area of sea when he saw the whale.		
The boat was still motoring forwards when the whale appeared.		
The whale felt warm and soft when Michael touched it.		
Michael could not name the colour of the whale's eye.		

1 mark