

Question 1

- a) What sort of countryside is being described in the second paragraph? (1)
- b) Why is the writer shocked by the sign he sees in the countryside? (1)
- c) Suggest why you think the radiations "will be sent back to London"? (1)
- d) "There are several memorials", name two different memories these monuments carry? (1)
- e) Paragraph 4 reads: "but no one is allowed to play here anymore." Explain, in your own words, why this is the case? (2)
- f) Explain using your own words, what the text means by, "the schoolmaster is short and podgy" (Paragraph 5) (2)
- g) In paragraph 9, explain in your own words why the writer finds it difficult to believe that no one will be able to live in the village for 700 years. (2)
- h) In paragraph 11, who is actual the second inhabitant of the village with Heema? Her nephew or her daughter? (1) Explain why you think it's not the other. (1)
- i) Paragraph 16 reads, "doors that will never be opened again". What is something in the text that is contrary to this point? (1)
- j) Explain, using your own words, the different feelings of Ivan, the local schoolmaster, during the writer's visit. Give three details from the text to support your answer. (3)

[16 Marks]

a) = Woodland / farmland

b) = Everything around it looks normal and fertile.

c) = For analysis

d) = i) Cross holds the memory of how the forest protected them (saved them from the worst of the blast)

ii) The borders commemorate the people who have or will evacuate the place.

e) The area has way more radiation than ordinary. It would cause significant damage to anyone's health who engages in such activities.

f) "Short" : Small, tiny etc.
"Podgy" : Chubby, fat etc.

g) The disaster is invisible, everything looks completely normal. There are flowers in bloom which are ordinarily a sign of prosperity. 700 years seems like a really long time for rehabilitation.

h) Her daughter.

Her nephew must just be a visitor since Heena clarifies she wants to stay at home for her last days, one aspect of which is her daughter.

i) "Anyone who comes here will be informed ..."
or
"before the place comes back to life"

j) Any three from:-

1. Proud of but desperate about his pupils
2. Proud of the history of his town.
3. Sad that the children are unhealthy
4. Anxious at the level of radiation.

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Question 2

a) What effect does the writer give by describing Narodichi as a 'neat, proud little town'? (Paragraph 3) (1)

b) Explain why the writer uses 'benign' at the end of paragraph 9? (1)

c) What does the writer mean when he says that Heema's house has been 'cordoned off with barbed wire'? (Paragraph 11) (1)

d) In the village shop, explain what the writer wants to suggest to the reader by calling the guide's explanation of 'a panic here unnecessary'? (Paragraph 15) (1)

e) In the last paragraph, what two impressions does the writer want to convey to the reader about the place, "and anyone who comes here will be informed of the dangers and the risks which those who lived here were not told about until it was too late"? (2)

f) Identify *one* example of how the writer uses language effectively to convey his feelings about the area.

'It is a hot, soft, gentle summer's day. Yet scientists who have visited the area say it could be 700 years before this place comes back to life. It is hard to know what to believe, for whatever curse lies over these villages is the more frightening for being invisible. It is how one has heard the countryside would be after a nuclear war – benign, smiling, deadly.'

Explain the impression the writer creates in the example you have identified. (3)

[9 Marks]

a) It continues the effect of the normal countryside. How they have a small, clean town. Emphasizing on how odd the disaster is.

b) It's a kindly, welcoming place

c) The house has been blocked off / barricaded / there is restriction to force her to move out.

d) When there was a dire need of the warnings, they were not shared timely. However, now, precautions are put in place to guide future or current visitors.

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e) Any one from:- (+2 marks for explanation)

→ a hot, gentle summer's day.

→ place comes back to life

→ whatever curse lies

→ benign, smiling, deadly

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