Evaluation (Paper 1 Q4)

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Show all your working. Marks are given for correct method as well as the final answer.

1. Write down what question 4 actually asks you to do. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

2. Write down the three parts of a good evaluation paragraph. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

3. Explain why *I agree because it is a good description* scores no marks. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

4. Write down how many detailed points are usually better than many brief ones in this question. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

5. Write down one detail that shows Maya is frightened. **[1 mark]**

> *Maya checked the rope for the fourth time. Above her the rock face leaned out, patient as a shut door. She had told them she was ready. She had said it loudly, in the car park, where everyone could hear. Now her hands would not stop shaking, and the ground behind her had begun to feel very far away indeed.*

Answer: _____

6. Explain why checking the rope *for the fourth time* is effective. **[3 marks]**

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Answer: _____

7. Explain the effect of the simile *patient as a shut door.* **[3 marks]**

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8. Explain why the writer mentions the car park. **[3 marks]**

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9. Explain the effect of ending on *very far away indeed.* **[3 marks]**

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10. Explain how the short sentence *She had told them she was ready* contrasts with the one after it. **[4 marks]**

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Answer: _____

11. Write an opening sentence that makes a clear judgement about the statement. **[3 marks]**

> A student said: *"The writer makes Maya's fear feel completely real. You understand exactly why she cannot move."*

Answer: _____

12. Explain why disagreeing with part of the statement can earn MORE marks than agreeing with all of it. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

13. Write down two phrases that signal a judgement rather than a description. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

14. Explain why you should quote briefly rather than copying a whole sentence. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

15. Write down roughly how long you should spend on question 4 and why. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

16. Explain what *methods* means in the phrase *the writer's methods.* **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

17. Write down what a band-4 answer does that a band-2 answer does not. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

18. Using the extract and the statement, plan a full answer.

> A student said: *"The writer makes Maya's fear feel completely real. You understand exactly why she cannot move."*

(a) Write your overall judgement in one sentence. **[3 marks]**

(b) List three pieces of evidence you would use. **[4 marks]**

Answer: _____

19. Write one full evaluation paragraph on the simile *patient as a shut door*.

> *Maya checked the rope for the fourth time. Above her the rock face leaned out, patient as a shut door. She had told them she was ready. She had said it loudly, in the car park, where everyone could hear. Now her hands would not stop shaking, and the ground behind her had begun to feel very far away indeed.*

(a) State your judgement about how effective it is. **[2 marks]**

(b) Explain how it creates that effect. **[4 marks]**

20. A student writes: *The writer makes it very tense. There are lots of good descriptions which make you want to read on.*

(a) Explain the two main weaknesses of this answer. **[3 marks]**

(b) Rewrite it as a proper evaluation. **[4 marks]**

Answer: _____

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