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**Section A: Reading**

*Spend 30 minutes on this section.*

Read the **Text** in the insert, and answer questions 1–9.

**1** Look at the first line of the text.

Why does Billy speak to Sam? Tick (✓) **one** box.

to encourage him

☐

to distract him

☐

to criticise him

☐

to humour him

☐

[1]

**2** Look at lines 1–6.

**(a)** What is *cheers and jeers* an example of? Tick (✓) **one** box.

alliteration

☐

metaphor

☐

rhyme

☐

simile

☐

[1]

**(b)** Give **one** quotation from the text that tells us Sam is feeling nervous.

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[1]

**(c)** The writer says the noise is *deafening*.

What does this tell us about the noise?

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[1]

(d) What does the writer mean when she says Sam's arms *felt like they'd locked solid and caught fire*? Tick (✓) **one** box.

His arms are burnt. ☐

His arms are sore. ☐

His arms are strong. ☐

His arms are trapped. ☐

[1]

3 Look at lines 7–14.

(a) Sam and Brandon are **not** good friends.

Give **two** examples of their behaviour which show us this.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(b) The writer emphasises the word *Push* by writing it in *italics* and putting it on a separate line.

Why does the writer want to emphasise the word?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

4 Look at lines 15–23.

(a) Which word means 'break'?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) What literary technique does the writer use in line 17?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(c) The writer wants to show the reader that Sam really believes he can carry on doing press-ups.

How does the writer show this? Give **two** ways.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(d) Why is an exclamation mark used in line 23? Tick (✓) **one** box.

To show:

fear ☐

uncertainty ☐

confusion ☐

disappointment ☐

[1]

5 Look at lines 24–29.

(a) Explain in your own words why Sam feels *awful*. Give **two** reasons. [2]

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(b) Which word does *them* replace?

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[1]

(c) Give **one** two-word phrase that means ‘leaving slowly’.

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[1]

6 Brandon compares himself to Sam.

Explain in your own words what Brandon is comparing. Give **one** quotation from the text to support your answer.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Quotation: \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

7 Look at lines 30–36.

(a) Which phrase tells us that Sam has been unwell recently?

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[1]

(b) Give **one** example of a word that has a negative prefix.

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[1]

8 Look at lines 37–40.

(a) Find **one** example of a pronoun. [1]

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b) Find **one** phrase that means 'stood up'.

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9 Read the whole text again. Would you like Billy as a friend? Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Give **two** reasons why, using evidence from the text. [2]

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