

2023 Prelim Paper 2 Section B Answers

Qn no.	Answer	Marks	Remarks
5a	bruise	1	
5b	The land has become infertile / unproductive / sterile / It is not possible to produce any vegetation on the land.	1	OW – 'barren' (0)
6	'no shade to hide in; my walking became a plod' – the absence of shade/shelter made walking heavy/difficult 'merciless sun was hitting hard on my body' – the intense heat was harsh / brutal / ruthless on his body 'hot red dust grinding like pepper between my toes' – the heat of the dust/sand was unpleasant/discomforting between his toes 'parched lips and throat began to ache' – his lips/throat were <u>very dry</u> due to the heat	Any 2 – 2m	For each mark, candidates must provide a quotation AND an explanation.
7a	He was delusional / cannot think clearly / disoriented	1	Crazy/unstable/mentally ill = 0
7b	He was feeling <u>very / extremely</u> thirsty	1	He was thirsty – lacking intensity to show his state of mind (0)
8a	fantasises	1	
8b	Writer lists all the different fantasies of water he was experiencing. Use of ellipsis to show the list of fantasies goes on. Use of vivid verbs / descriptive words / imagery / sensory perception to illustrate his obsession (if candidates lists the descriptive words, accept it)	Any 2 – 2m	Writer's style
9	Spire of a church Eucalyptus trees A roadside tavern A bar	Any 2 – 1m	

10	Woman: 'threw up her hands' Men: 'shook their heads'	1	'visible reactions' 'tutted loudly' - ED 'shouted' – ED
11	The men were continuously asking him questions / The men were asking non-stop questions	1	OW: 'bombarde <u>d</u> me with incessant questions'
12	'first mouthful...water felt like frosted stars' – the water was very refreshing / cooling 'given a huge plate of ham, cheese and bread' – very generous helping of food / he was given a lot of food / he was given different types of food to eat 'several glasses of sherry' – he drank many glasses of sherry (that made him very relaxed) 'a dreamy deep languor spread through my limbs' / drowsy glories of drinking – consuming the sherry made him very sleepy and relaxed.	Any 3 – 3m	Accept all suitable paraphrases of these ideas.
13	It shows that he was not moving at all / very relaxed / drifting off and he did not move at all / very still	1	
14	Flowchart Para 1: Oppressed and tortured Para 2: Desperate and delusional Paras 3 – 5: Reassured and transient joy Paras 6 – 7: Relieved and rejuvenated	4	