



An Encounter at Sea

1. ...like a toy sitting on a glass table. What does this description suggest about the boat? 1 mark

2. 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. 2 marks

The boat was chugging smoking racing roaring
along the cold sea. bubbling ripples. smooth waters. rocking tides.

4. Look at page 8. Find and copy two different words that show Michael enjoyed the feeling of the cool water. 1 mark

1. _____

2. _____

5. Look at page 9. 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 9, why might he have expected it to feel smooth? 1 mark

(b) According to the text on page 10, 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? 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. 2 marks

9. The whale did not seem to be alarmed by meeting Michael. How can you tell this from its actions? Give two ways. 2 marks

1. _____

2. _____

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... 1 mark

he wanted the experience to continue.	
he has experienced something similar before.	
the experience was unreal.	
the experience was worrying.	

11. Which statements are true and which ones are false? 2 marks

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. _____