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YR 6 Fiction Text Questions

This set of questions is based upon 'The Boscombe Valley Mystery' - an extract from 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Q1

Sherlock Holmes was 'wired for'.
What do you think this phrase means?

1 Mark

Q2

How did Holmes try to persuade Watson to help?
Explain why this might have enticed him.

2 Marks



Q3

How do we know Watson '*packed light*' for his trip?

2 Marks

Q4

What does the phrase '*pacing up and down*' suggest about Sherlock Holmes' demeanour?

2 Marks

Q5

Sherlock Holmes was also described as '*gaunt*'.
What does this tell the reader about him?

2 Marks



Q6

Why did Holmes want Watson on the case with him?

1 Mark

Q7

How does the author show that Holmes considered his cases carefully? *Fully explain your answer.*

2 Marks

Q8

Was Sherlock Holmes satisfied with the information he read? Explain how you know!

Yes

No

Explain why!



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2 Marks

Q9_a

What is a paradox?

1 Mark

Q9_b

What is the paradox that Watson refers to?

1 Mark

Q10

From the final paragraph, do you think Holmes agrees that the Boscombe Valley Mystery was a murder crime?

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Yes

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No

Explain why!

2 Marks



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Q11

Imagine you are Holmes and you have arrived at the scene. How might you go about investigating the crime?

3 Marks



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