

Questions 24-33 are about Fact or Fiction?
The Pharaoh's Curse (pages 8–9)

24. In which year was Tutankhamun's tomb discovered by Howard Carter?

1 mark

25. It was an **astonishing discovery** and news rapidly spread across the world.

Which word is closest in meaning to the word **astonishing**?

Tick **one**.

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| ancient | <input type="radio"/> | arduous | <input type="radio"/> |
| shocking | <input type="radio"/> | expensive | <input type="radio"/> |

1 mark

26. Look at the section of text entitled **Something Strange**.

Find and **copy** three words or phrases from this section which suggest that the facts mentioned are **not** known for certain.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2 marks

27. Many people found the idea of a pharaoh's curse both frightening and fascinating.

Why might people have found the curse frightening?

1 mark

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28. List **three** things that you know about the gift that was given to Sir Bruce Ingram.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3 marks

29. Cursed be he who moves my body. To him shall come fire, water and pestilence
What do you think is meant by the word pestilence in this quotation?

1 mark

30. ***Lord Carnarvon's death was not quite as sinister as it was made to appear.***

What does the word **sinister** mean in this sentence?

Tick **one**.

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| menacing | <input type="radio"/> | manipulative | <input type="radio"/> |
| auspicious | <input type="radio"/> | benevolent | <input type="radio"/> |

1 mark

31. Using the information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered by Lord Carnarvon.		
The cobra was the ancient Egyptian symbol of mysteries.		
Global rumours arose as a result of unusual events.		
Arthur Weigall blamed Lord Carnarvon's death on ghostly 'elementals'.		

2 marks

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32. Draw lines to match each part of the story with the correct quotation from the text.

setting ●

past events ●

warning ●

intention ●

● unusual occurrences began to happen

● to scare intruders away

● cursed be he who moves my body

● the 3000-year-old tomb



1 mark

33. Below are some summaries of different paragraphs from the text. Number them 1-6 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

Sir Bruce Ingram experiences a series of unfortunate events.

Rumours started due to a series of strange events.

Rumours of untimely deaths are quashed by statistics.

An Egyptologist recounts a historic conversation.

1 An astonishing discovery sparked global interest.

A popular Victorian author speculated on the rumours.



1 mark

End of test



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