

## Mark schemes

### Q1.

1 Award **1 mark** for each sea creature with **both** attributes correctly matched.

- (a) Siren: (winged has already been matched)  
*sings*  
*lives on rocks*
- (b) Asrai: *webbed hands*  
*cannot live out of water*
- (c) Silkie: *changes form out of water*  
*also known as 'kelpie'*

Award **0 marks** if a child has matched a creature to three or more descriptions.

**up to 3 marks**

2 Award **1 mark** for answers which provide an **incomplete** description, identifying only **minor / trivial** facts about the mermaid, eg:

- *sit combing their hair on rocks and admire themselves in mirrors*
- *they have a tail, they have scales*
- *They have fins. Sometimes they have long hair.*
- *seen in many different parts of the world / most seen in history / majority of them are harmful / could tell the future*
- *often confused with seals, whales, dolphins*
- *they are human to the waist and have scaly tails*

Award **2 marks** for answers which identify more than one **key** characteristic, eg:

- *they are half human and half fish and sit on rocks combing their hair*
- *They sit on rocks combing their long hair. Sailors were warned to beware of them as their singing could lure them to their death.*
- *mermaids were dangerous to sailors and could foretell the future.*

Award **3 marks** for answers which include **most / all** the **relevant points** to provide a complete description, eg:

- *Sweet voiced, can be dangerous. Human from head to waist, fish from waist downwards. Vain. Known to foretell the future.*
- *Seem human from waist upwards with scaly fish tail. They had sweet singing voices and would sing to passing ships so that some sailors would die crashing onto the rocks. They could foretell the future.*

**up to 3 marks**

3 Award **1 mark** for:

- *silkie / kelpie*

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Award **1 mark** for answers along the following lines:

- *half human and / or half animal and / or head of woman*
- *sing sweetly*
- *sit on rocks*
- *lure sailors / bring sailors bad luck / make sailors crash*
- *mythical*

**Do not accept:**

- *live / swim in water*
- *have long hair*

Up to 3 marks

5 Award **1 mark** for answers which indicate that the text is about creatures that live in the sea / are like fish, eg:

- *it's about things that live in water*
- *they all live in the sea like fish*

Award **2 marks** for answers which indicate that *fishy* or *tales* have connotations of uncertainty or that the content of the text is dubious, eg:

- *fishy is an expression used when someone is not sure*
- *because it is to do with fish that don't exist*

**or** any reference to the fact that the information is about weird / strange / fictitious creatures.**Do not accept:**

- *it tells you what it's about*
- *it's about fish*
- *the tales are fishy*

up to 2 marks

6 No marks are awarded for ticking yes/no box.

**Do not accept** justifications for ticks in the YES box.Award **1 mark** for **plausible**, but very **general** explanations, eg:

- *the way he writes about it, makes it sound as if he does not believe in them*
- *the writer puts negative things about them*

Award **2 marks** for answers which refer **either** to use of language, **or** to current / scientific theories / interpretations, eg:

- *because he keeps saying things like 'legends say' / 'in centuries gone by' / 'supposed'*
- *because of what he says in the last sentence / the joke*
- *the writer says that a few people take them seriously / they were really mistaken for other animals / that people could have been using these tales to impress others*
- *describes other possibilities for what sailors thought they saw*

Award **3 marks** for answers which **both** explain current / scientific theories **and** refer to use of language, 'legends say' etc, eg:

- *the writer says that nowadays few scientists believe in them and then she treats them like a myth in the way she writes about them*

**up to 3 marks**

7 Award **1 mark** for answers along the following lines:

- *to make it more exciting / immediate*
- *to make you feel it's actually happening*

**Do not accept**

- *to make it like a diary*

**1 mark**

8 Award **1 mark** for answers which explain acceptance of some appropriate aspect of the chosen sighting **or** refusal to accept certain aspects of the other two, eg:

- Daedalus**
- *the whole crew saw it*
  - *it was visible for a long time / 20 minutes*
  - *swam close to the ship / could be seen in detail*
  - *it is the report that gives the most detail*

- Osborne**
- *calm water*
  - *surfaced close to ship*
  - *it would be likely to swim away quickly if it noticed a boat nearby / more than one person saw it*

- Australian**
- *it is the only modern report*

- Sighting**
- *the other two may have been invented by sailors who wanted to impress people in the past*

**1 mark**

9 Award **1 mark** for identifying an appropriately dubious aspect of the chosen sighting, eg:

- Daedalus**
- *weather / visibility poor*
  - *may have been invented to impress others*
  - *unlikely that the creature did not notice the ship*
  - *crew at sea for four years / too long*

- Osborne**
- *may have been invented to impress others*

- *it swam away fast, they probably did not get a good look at it*
- Australian**
- *he was alone / no one to support his report*
- Sighting**
- *there's not much information to go on*
  - *unlikely to find a monster in shallow water*
  - *unlikely that it would have been frightened of a human*
  - *unlikely to find a monster resting where people can see it*
  - *unlikely that he would actually have swum up to a real monster*

**1 mark**

10 Award marks as indicated below. Children's responses need not be in identical terms to those used below.

<b>Reported Sightings</b>				
<b>When?</b>	1734	1848	1877	XXXX
<b>Who?</b>	<b>Hans Egede</b> (not a Danish sailor)	XXXX	(crew of) <b>Osborne</b> (not 3 people on deck)	(Robert) <b>Le Serrec</b>
<b>What?</b>	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
<b>Where?</b>	off <b>Greenland</b>			off <b>Australia</b>

**Up to 3 marks**