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MARK SCHEME – Diamond Band 15 – Fearless Flynn and other Tales

Fearless Flynn

Page 3: Look at the paragraph beginning “*One frozen night,...*”. Which word in this paragraph means to lay in wait to attack? (WORDS)

Ambush

Page 3: What features of the setting contribute to the ‘spooky’ mood of the story? Write your ideas below. (STRUC)

Accept answers that make reference to it being a ‘frozen night’, meaning that it was very cold as well as the snow having turned trees into bony fingers which could grab a passerby.

Page 3: Why are the skeletons waiting for a passerby? (KNOWL)

They want another skeleton to keep them company.

They want to frighten another human out of their skin.

Page 5: The author has included an onomatopoeic word on this page. Write what this word is and an explanation of how it contributes to the reader’s understanding of the story. (LANG)

SPLASH! Contributes by describing the sound the skeleton made when crashing into the pond.

Page 6: Locate the figurative language on this page. Copy it out below, explaining the type of figurative language used. (LANG)

The moon rose up just then, white (like a frightened face). This is a simile as it describes something like something else.

Page 13: What two outcomes were the result of Flynn giving the horse a sugar lump? (KNOWL)

The horse calmed and said that Flynn could be his master.

Page 15: What has the author included to create humour on this page? (KNOWL)

The author has included that Flynn is afraid of spiders.

Tom's Shadow Dance

Page 16: List the evidence that Tom is poor below. Find 5 bits of evidence. (KNOWL)

- Half-starved and thin.
- He slept on straw.
- He laid in a broken barrel.
- Somedays he ate nothing at all.
- Alice would bring him scraps.

Page 19: Describe a 'rumpus and joy' atmosphere. (WORDS)

Accept any answers that relate to a noisy but joyful atmosphere.

Page 23: What caused the shadow dance to end? (KNOWL)

Clouds covered the light from the moon, causing the shadows to disappear.

Page 26: Which colloquial phrase means the same as 'having a lot to do'? (LANG)

She had (a thousand and one things to do).

Whole Text: Think about the setting of this story. Which country do you think it is set in? State the name of the country you think it is set in and three reasons why. (THEME)

Country:

Accept answers that state countries within the U.K.

Reason 1:

The Saracen's Head is a common pub name in the U.K.

Reason 2:

English names are used for the characters.

Reason 3:

Cobblestones are a feature of English towns.

Also accept other countries, provided they are backed up with sound reasons.

Also accept other reasons not listed above.

Thirteen Crows

Page 31: Find and copy the phrase that describes the cottage's poor condition.
(WORDS)

Tumbledown

Page 33: Look at the paragraph beginning, "Thirteen ragged crows...". Which sentence below best describes what an 'omen' is? (WORDS)

- ✓ A sign that foretells a bad future event.
- ☐ A mark of respect toward someone who has died.
- ☐ The collective noun for a group of crows.
- ☐ A mythical 'death' creature.

Page 34: Look at the paragraph beginning, "They say there are buckets...". What does the word 'belched' possibly tell us about what the boys were doing at the time of their conversation? (INF)

Accept answers that explain that belching is a synonym of burping, which is often accompanied by eating.

Page 35: Find evidence that confirms that the crows were really noisy?
(WORDS)

Sudden clamour

Page 36: "It was a sad, forlorn place, and Peter thought with pity of the old man who had spent his lonely days there."

Which word is closest in meaning to 'forlorn'? (WORDS)

neglected

worrisome

handsome

Page 39: Which two features made Gore particularly suited to the task of climbing through the narrow window? (INF)

- 1 Gore was thin.
- 2 Gore was lanky which means he was tall.

Page 46: How do you overcome the curse? (KNOWL)

You must find some way of doing good with the money – without spending it, or giving it away.

Page 50: What would you look for check to whether or not the curse had been lifted? (INF)

The crows flying away and no longer following you.

Page 53: What is the function of the last sentence on this page? (STRUC)

This sentence sets up the story to begin again.

Whole Book: This book contains 3 fantasy stories. Hidden in the grid below are 5 features of fantasy stories. Circle only the features of fantasy stories. (STRUC)

Imaginary settings	Characters go somewhere exciting & adventurous.	Often features Gods or Goddesses as characters.	Talking Animals
Set in the future.	Begin with 'Once upon a time...'	A story in which a crime is committed.	It is the job of the main character to solve the crime.
Includes advanced technology, e.g. a time machine.	Full of elements of surprise and shock that leave the reader constantly frightened.	Good & bad characters	Is always written in the past tense.
Magical events	May feature non-human characters such as elves or goblins.	Is always written in the 1 st person.	Ends with '...happily ever after.'

Extra: For those features that are not features of fantasy stories, can you guess which story genre they belong to?

Various answers.