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## MARK SCHEME – Topaz Band 13 – The Three Princes

Pages 2 & 5: What event resulted in Dad needing to know the boys' names?  
(KNOWL)

**The death of their mother.**

Pages 6 & 7: The author uses a number of similes on this page. Choose 3 and write them below. (LANG)

Simile 1

**skin as soft as peaches**

Simile 2

**hair the colour of blackbirds' wings**

Simile 3

**eyes like drops of honey**

Pages 8 & 9: Which phrase tells us that the princes have fallen in love with Princess Halima? (LANG)

**lost their hearts to her**

Pages 10 and 11: What problem is Princess Halima facing? Choose **one answer** that **best** describes her problem. (KNOWL)

- ☐ She is spoilt for choice, as all the princes want to marry her.
- ☐ She would like to marry all three of them.
- ☐ It is her birthday and she doesn't want to think about marriage.

- ✓ She cannot choose which brother she wants to marry as she cannot tell them apart.

Page 16: What is Raman worried about on this page? How do you know?  
(INF)

Accept answers that indicate Raman's uncertainty about whether his magic mirror really works: *Raman is worried that his magic mirror didn't really work. I know this because he says anxiously "Not now of course, but sometimes".*

Page 17: What special feature does Salman's gift have? (KNOWL)  
*It is a flying carpet.*

Page 19: *"Raman and Salman smiled at each other over Emir's head."*  
What are Raman and Salman thinking? Write a thought they are having in the thought bubble below. (INF)

Accept answers that relate to the idea of:

Raman and Salman thinking that Emir's gift is less impressive than theirs.

That Raman and Salman now stand a far better chance than Emir.

That Emir will not be marrying Princess Halima.

Do not accept answers that do not relate to the story, or relate to the story at a point beyond this point, e.g. *I am worried that Emir's gift will win because Princess Halima is ill.*

Pages 24 & 25: What problem do the princes have now? (KNOWL)

Accept answers that pick up on the idea that each of the prince's gifts played a part in making the princess well again. No one prince can decide whose gift was most magical.

Pages 26 & 27: Who did each prince exchange their rings with? (KNOWL)  
*The Grand Vizier*

Pages 26 & 27: In what ways is Emir better than his brothers? (INF)

Raman and Salman thought of themselves, whilst Emir thought of the poor man who had nothing. Emir is selfless, regardless of which ring he is wearing.

Pages 28 & 29: Do you think that Princess Halima choose the right prince?

Explain your answer, linking your reasons to the ideas in the story. (INF)

Answers must relate to characteristics of the three princes in relation to the princesses choice. Most likely, answers given will support the princess's choice supported by a reason relating Emir's selfless character:

*I think that Princess Halima made the right choice in picking Emir because he was the only prince who truly cared about other people and not just himself.*

However, accept statements that highlight Emir's flaws:

*I think Princess Halima made the wrong choice because Emir showed himself to be careless when he gave away such a valuable item as his ring for an orange.*

Some answers may link to some of the more superficial aspects of the other princes' characteristics, but accept them if the answer is rooted in the text:

*I think Princess Halima made the wrong choice. I think that Raman would be a better choice as his vanity means that he will take care of his appearance and stay beautiful for Princess Halima forever.*

*I think Princess Halima made the wrong choice. I think that Salman would be a better choice as he has an eye for beautiful objects and could create a wonderful home for him and Princess Halima to live in.*