

Answers:

- 1) The words have the following meanings: blades – oars, chinks – gaps, swaddling, clothes or covering.
- 2) The rowers are on the Thames heading for Hampton Court.
- 3) The rowers are helped by the direction of the tide; they are hindered by the weather, which affects their extremities or words to that effect.
- 4) The imagery to show how Cecil is protected uses the metaphor of a cocoon; he is like a pupa wrapped up. (Words to that effect that mention a caterpillar's life cycle: larva, pupation, cocoon).
- 5) 'The chill wind seemed to be able to find every gap and pierce every material is effective because it shows the power of the wind to make its way through layers of clothing.
- 6) An example of a simile is: 'like a stew simmering' (any other comparison with like or as...as); an example of an alliteration is 'cocoon created' (or any other repetition of a sound one after another); and an example of onomatopoeia is 'splash'.
- 7) The journey is cold, uncomfortable, necessary, important, and the rowers are determined. (Any combination of two of these ideas would be awarded two marks).
- 8) Factions are interest groups or groups of people with differing views or objectives. (Any answer that suggests difference or contrast).
- 9) The last sentence suggests that courtiers or interest groups do not work together or are pulling in a different direction to the one Cecil would like. (Accept any answer that has a focus on the idea of pulling in opposite directions or going different ways).
- 10) Award marks for inventiveness, imagination and the use of similes, alliteration, metaphor, senses, onomatopoeia and personification.