
LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Paper 1 Poetry and Prose

Assessment 3

Total Marks 25

Please follow the following instructions before you submit your paper:

1. Email your answers at sanashahzad75@gmail.com
2. Make sure you use TIMES NEW ROMAN as your font, size 12
3. Make sure your work is original and not plagiarized. A plagiarism checking site will be used to ensure the authenticity of your answers.
4. Provide your name and section in the space below
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6. Submission deadline, Friday.

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SONGS OF OURSELVES VOLUME 2

Remember to support your ideas with details from the writing.

1. Read this poem, and then answer the question that follows it:

Cetacean

Out of Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, Sunday, early,
our vessel, bow to stern, some sixty-three feet,
to observe Blue Whales – and we did, off the Farallones.

They were swimming slowly, and rose at a shallow angle
(they were grey as slate with white mottling, dorsals tiny and stubby,
with broad flat heads at least one quarter their overall body lengths).

They blew as soon as their heads began to break the surface.
The blows were as straight and slim as upright columns
rising to thirty feet in vertical props.

Then their heads disappeared underwater, and the lengthy, rolling
expanse of their backs hove into our view – about twenty feet longer
than the vessel herself.

And then the diminutive dorsals
showed briefly, after the blows had dispersed and the heads had
gone under.

Then they arched their backs, then arched their tail stocks ready
for diving.

Then the flukes were visible just before the creatures vanished,
slipping into the deep again, at a shallow angle

How does Reading convey such striking impressions of whales in this poem?