

27 The weather

27.1 Put these words into the *cold*, *hot*, or *wet/dry* column, as appropriate.

10 marks

frost	stifling	drought	chilly	scorching	freezing
downpour	close	rainy	flood	heatwave	

cold	hot	wet/dry
		rainy

27.2 What do we call ...? The first letter is given.

10 marks

Example: A light that flashes in the sky during a storm?

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| 1 Deep piles of snow blown by the wind? | s |
| 2 Snow and rain mixed together? | s |
| 3 A heavy snowstorm with high winds? | b |
| 4 Dirty, brownish, melting snow in the streets? | s |
| 5 Very light, fine rain? | d |
| 6 Rain that only lasts a very short time? | s |
| 7 Little balls of ice that fall from the sky? | h |
| 8 Thunder and heavy rain at the same time? | t |
| 9 A very light fog? | m |
| 10 Fog and smoke/pollution together? | s |

27.3 Fill the gaps. The first letter is given. One mark per gap.

16 marks

- In the spring the ice m _____, the ground t _____ and plants start to grow again.
- Normally, at that time of year, the weather is very cold, but that day it was very m _____, with a temperature of 12 degrees and sunshine.
- It snowed last night but it didn't s _____, so the roads are clear.
- As I looked out to sea, the horizon was h _____, and the sky and sea seemed to be one blue mass.
- It was hot on the beach, but there was a gentle b _____ that cooled us a little.
- The sky was very o _____, and then it p _____ down.
- It was a b _____ hot day, but it was also extremely h _____, which made us sweat, so all we could do all day was sit inside with the air conditioning on.
- There was a violent s _____ last week. There was t _____ rain all day and all night, and the streets got f _____.
- The north is usually cold and d _____, while the south is warmer and very dry.
- The weather was rather m _____ that day, and I found it difficult to concentrate on my work. I just wanted to fall asleep all the time.
- There was h _____ and rain falling at the same time, and all the garden was white for just a few minutes.

27.4 Put these words on a scale from 'strong' to 'weak'.

5 marks

gale breeze blustery winds hurricane

Your score

/40