**VIPERS**

1. Look at the first stanza (verse): *The heat was fierce...*

Find and copy the word that is closest in meaning **doomed***.*

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Find and copy the group of words that are closest in meaning to ***first voyage.***

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1. Tick one box in each row to determine whether the following statements are true or false.

**True** **False**

🞏 🞏 The Stoker was born in Southampton.

🞏 🞏 The stoker overslept.

🞏 🞏 The Titanic got lost.

🞏 🞏 The stoker’s wife ‘told him off’.

[2 marks]

1. What impression do you get of the stoker?

Give **two** impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

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| **Impression** | **Evidence** |
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 [3 marks]

1. **Explain** how the stoker’s feelings might have changed from discovering he had ‘missed the ship’, to discovering it was ‘lost’.

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 [2 marks]

1. Look at the final stanza*.* **Predict** what the stoker’s wife might have said to him if the Titanic hadn’t sunk.

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 [1 mark]

1. Number the following sentences from 1 – 5 to show the order in which they happen in the passage. The first one has been done for you.

He works shovelling coal to fuel the ship.

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The Stoker departs from Belfast.

He misses the boat.

He discovers the ship has sunk.

He has his first refreshing beverage.

[1 mark]