

**E.E Mark Scheme 2018**  
**Paper 1: Ruby Redfort**

1. A storm *or* a tornado. (1 mark)
  
2.
  - A lone tree *or* a tree *or* a tree bent sideways (by the relentless west wind). 1 mark
  - Marching telegraph poles. 1 mark
  
3.
  - Ruby Redfort is a quick thinker = **true** (1 mark)
  - Ruby Redfort is bitten on the leg by a snake as she travels back to the ranch = **false** (1 mark)  
(RR is bitten on the *arm* by a snake)
  - Ruby Redfort's green bicycle is carried away by the tornado = **true** (1 mark)
  
4. Reward any **TWO** of the following for a maximum of two marks:
  - She tried to steady her breathing
  - She reached for the notebook and pencil she had tucked inside her pocket.
  - She drew the head shape and the markings, making a note of the colours
  - (Once she was sure she had all the information), she removed the sneaker from her left foot followed by her striped sock, cutting away the toe part with her penknife.
  - Then she pushed her arm into the tube of knitted cotton and slipped it over the wound, not too tight but enough to support her deadening limb.

Candidates may use their own words or use the quotations from the passage, as above.

5. Reward **any two** of the following with a maximum of two marks:
  - She ran like the devil himself were chasing her
  - She ran like all hell was biting her ankles
  - The coarse grass was slurring her movement, (wrapping about her legs), but she wouldn't let it pull her down
  
  - She threw herself in just as the whirling funnel picked up over her head (2 marks)
  
6. Reward any **TWO** of the following explanations and accept valid and sensible alternatives which consider the word "unblinking" in context. Only give **one** mark if only one of the reasons below is given:
  - Ruby is in disbelief /shock at the snake biting her
  - Ruby is staring hard at the snake so she can remember exactly what it looks like
  - It shows how strong and resilient Ruby is in dangerous situations
  - It shows Ruby is not scared of the snake and keep calm/composed in a dangerous situation

7. Relentless = not stopping or continuous or not giving up. Reward valid alternatives. 1 mark

Coarse = rough or harsh (in texture). Valid alternatives can be rewarded. 1 mark

Jutting = sticking out or protruding. Reward valid alternatives. 1 mark

8. **One** mark for any **two** of the following:

- (She didn't notice) the hissing thing
- (open its) jaws
- Perfectly sharp prongs of teeth
- Raise its head

Maximum of two marks.

**One** mark for any reasonable comment on how the writer uses each word or phrase to make the snake sound dangerous. E.g.

- The word/verb "hissing" suggests the snake is angry / might attack
- The fact that Ruby Redfort does not notice the snake ("hissing thing") is even more dangerous as she is vulnerable to an attack
- The word "jaws" makes the snake sound like a dangerous predator, similar to a shark
- The metaphorical description "perfectly sharp prongs of teeth" suggests the fierce nature of the snake: its bite will hurt
- "Raise its head" suggests it is ready to attack

Maximum of two marks.

9. Award **ONE** mark for each appropriate adjective up to a maximum of **two** marks. E.g.

- Brave/courageous
- Resilient / strong
- Quick-thinking
- Observant
- Clever
- Calm in a crisis
- Determined

Award **ONE** mark for each quotation which supports a relevant point about the character of Ruby, up to a max of two marks, for example:

- "The farmer who drove by in his truck an hour later was surprised to see this young girl stumbling down the road on her own."
- "The coarse grass was slurring her movement, wrapping about her legs, but she wouldn't let it pull her down."
- "The girl saw at once that if she could make it to those rocks and climb between them then she would escape the tornado's hold. "
- "She remembered how the tree grew out of rock, not a cave exactly but a pile of stones so heavy that they looked like they hadn't moved in more than ten thousand years."

- “She drew the head shape and the markings, making a note of the colours, and once she was sure she had all the information.”
- “...upon arrival she produced a notebook containing a perfect drawing of a Western Rattlesnake. “
- “ She ran, ran like the devil himself were chasing her, ran like all hell was biting at her ankles.”

10.

- 1 mark for an appropriate answer to the question: I would/would not like to read the rest of the book.
- 1 mark for an appropriate and **specific** explanation which relates either to the character of Ruby or the events from the passage.
- Do NOT accept generic explanations such as “I want to find out what happens next.”

TOTAL = 25 marks