

Questions

1. What, according to the first paragraph, is going to happen before Ruby Redfort makes it back to the ranch?

(1 mark)

2. What TWO landmarks can Ruby Redfort see, according to the first paragraph?

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(2 marks)

3. Decide whether the following statements are true **or** false. Only tick one box for each statement.

	True	False
A. Ruby Redfort is a quick thinker		
B. Ruby Redfort is bitten on the leg by a snake as she travels back to the ranch		
C. Ruby Redfort's green bicycle is carried away by the tornado		

(3 marks)

4. Using information from the paragraph beginning "Suddenly everything became hyper real," explain two things which Ruby Redfort does after being bitten by the snake.

(2 marks)

5. Look at the paragraph beginning, "She let go of her bike and abandoned it right there." Write down **TWO** other phrases that tell us that Ruby Redfort is determined to reach her place of safety.

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(2 marks)

6. Re-read the following paragraph, which describes the moments immediately after Ruby Redfort has been bitten:

She turned to look it in the eyes. Black eyes set in an arrow-shaped head, dark diamonds running down its brown back. She looked at it, unblinking, as it slowly wound itself back into the shadows.

Give **TWO** reasons why the writer has described Ruby Redfort as "unblinking" as she looks at the snake at this moment.

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(2 marks)

7. Write down the meaning of the following words from the passage. They are underlined in the passage.

Relentless (line 4)

Coarse (line 12)

Jutting (line 22)

(3 marks)

8. Paragraph 4, beginning “She didn’t notice the hissing thing” (line 17) describes the snake as a very dangerous creature.

Write down **TWO** words or phrases **from paragraph 4** which make the snake sound dangerous **AND** explain how these words or phrases make the snake sound dangerous.

Word or phrase	How this word or phrase makes the snake sounds dangerous
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2.)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

(4 marks)

9. What have you learned about the character of Ruby Redfort from this passage?

You must use at least two appropriate adjectives (describing words) and choose words or phrases from the passage to support your ideas.

Adjective	Word or phrase from the passage which shows this
1.)	
2.)	

10. After reading the passage would you like to read the rest of the story, 'Pick Your Poison'? Give **specific reasons** in your answer. (2 marks)

TOTAL = 25 marks

