

1 Valerie Bloom was born in Jamaica. Some of the words in her poem are written as they might be said by someone with a Jamaican accent.

a) What word is written as 'de' at the start of almost every line? _____

1 mark

b) Write 'De joint dem all rheumatic' in standard English.

1 mark

2 Why would this poem not work at all if it were written without this accent?

1 mark

3 Does the speaker like the winter? (Write two phrases to support your answer.)

2 marks

4 The word 'ACHOO' sounds like a sneeze. It is (ring one):

alliterative onomatopoeic lyrical elliptic.

1 mark

5 Why does the speaker describe the blanket as being 'dead'?

1 mark

6 What simile describes the feeling of the icy wind?

1 mark

7 What is happening to make the speaker describe the sky as 'weepin'?

1 mark

8 In the past, the speaker decided not to do something that might have made her house warmer in winter. What is it that she now wishes she had done?

1 mark

9 a) The poem was inspired by Thomas Hood's poem, 'No!'. What is the last line of 'No!'?

1 mark

b) Even if you had never read the poem 'No!', how could you guess its last line?

1 mark