

1. **Circle** the correct option to complete the sentence below.

The text begins with Nora returning from the Post Office...

through the bustling streets.

along the shoreline.

on her bicycle.

across the rocky hillside.



1 mark

2. Look at the first paragraph of the text. What evidence is there within this paragraph which shows that the weather is hot during Nora's journey? Give **three** points.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



2 marks

3. ***it wound its way through a small thicket of palm trees***

Which phrase is closest in meaning to the word ***thicket***?

Tick **one**.

a dense group

a sparse patch

a vacant plot

an enclosure



1 mark



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4. Look at the paragraph beginning, ***Nora ran between the banana plants...***
Find and copy one word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to ***burnt***.



1 mark

5. ***She whizzed past a group of fishermen, then sprinted up a narrow channel of fresh water that led to her home.***

What impression do the author's choice of verbs give you about Nora's speed?



1 mark

6. Look at the paragraph beginning, ***Nora ran between the banana plants***
How is the reader given the impression that the content of the envelope is important?
Discuss **two** ways.

1. _____

2. _____



2 marks

7. ***"Grandmother!" Nora wheezed, bending over to catch her breath.***

Why was Nora out of breath?

Tick **one**.

- The weather was exceptionally warm.
- She had tired herself out by rushing home.
- Nora was unwell and had a cough.
- She did not like the smell of the plantation.



1 mark



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8. Draw lines to match each part of the story with the correct quotation from the text.

setting ●

● "Grandmother! It's finally here!"

past events ●

● it had left Nora feeling worried

action ●

● racing along the white stretch of coastline

emotion ●

● re-read the letter over and again



1 mark

9. Which two things did Nora associate with the smell of her father?

Tick **two**.

- herbs
- spices
- coconut
- flowers



1 mark

10. Give **three** things that you learn about Father in his first letter to Nora.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



2 marks



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11. Give **one** way that the text shows that Nora and her father are similar.



12. *The sun warmed her arms and back and she closed her eyes, breathing in her father's familiar scent.*

What does *familiar* mean?



13. Reflect on the text as a whole.

What impression is the reader given about the character of Nora? Discuss **two** points, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

