



## DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING ANSWER SHEET

### THE NORTHERN LIGHTS READING COMPREHENSION – STANDARD Qs

#### Question One (2 Marks)

**1 mark for appropriate reference to the Northern Lights OR Earth's Magic**

E.g. I think it is known as the Northern Lights as the lights are commonly seen in the countries in the Northern area.

I think it is known as Earth's Magic as the scenes in the sky are thought to be magical, particularly as they are not always seen.

**2 marks for an appropriate explanation of both the Northern Lights and Earth's Magic as above.**

#### Question Two (2 Marks)

**1 mark for identifying personification example**

a beautiful celestial dance performed high up

**2 marks identifying example and explaining what it suggests**

E.g. A beautiful celestial dance performed high up suggests that the lights moved in a magnificent way that looked like something that was rehearsed and wanted to be seen by others.

#### Question Three (1 Mark)

**1 mark for a relevant explanation**

E.g. because her name meant 'light' which is fitting to describe the Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis as they create colours of light in the sky.

OR her name means the dawn and the lights could be representing the rising sun

#### Question Four (2 Marks)

**1 mark for each of the following points**

E.g. The lights in the sky looked like they moved elegantly.

The lights looked like they were making small waves in the sky.

#### Question Five (1 Mark)

**1 mark for identifying the correct phrase**

(the exact colours that everyone sees) varies from person to person



### Question Six (1 Mark)

**1 mark for ticking the two correct answers**

'Halo's are in an oval shape.'

'It shows there is a glow around the North Pole.'

### Question Seven (2 Marks)

**1 mark for an appropriate feeling/reaction. 1 mark for supporting evidence.**

Impression – amazed/surprised

Evidence – some of the photos were described as stunning.

They appear as a luminescent corona which would be incredible to see.

### Question Eight (2 Marks)

**1 mark for two correct phrases or 2 marks for three correct phrases from the following:**

She describes you as being 'lucky' if you get to see the lights

They are described as 'breath-taking'

It is described as spectacular

She describes the lights as 'a beautiful celestial dance'

It dazzles and intrigues

Described as jaw-dropping

Described as fascinating

Described as amazing

Described as brilliant and mesmerising

Suggests if you see the lights, you might believe in magic

### Question Nine (1 Mark)

**1 mark for matching the terms and definitions correctly**

expanse - a wide continuous area of something

bejewelled - decorated with or as if with jewels

transforms - undergo a marked change

ethereal - extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not be of this world

### Question Ten (2 Marks)

**1 mark for a simple response with no elaboration**

E.g. Yes if you were fortunate to view the lights.

No because it is rare that you actually see the lights.

**2 marks for two different points or one point with evidence**

E.g. Yes because if you get to see the lights, they are incredible as they are described as a beautiful celestial dance across the sky.

Yes as they are described as jaw-dropping and it is so incredible, that the author suggests you might believe in magic after all.



Answer for no could be some of the following – it is rare to see them, the colours appear different to everyone so some people may not find them fascinating, there are only a few months where you can get a good view.

