

## Lightning Mary Mark Scheme

*This mark scheme is a rough guide and is not meant to be definitive. Take some time to discuss the answers with your class – if they can explain their answers and back it up with evidence from the text then they might just have found something that I didn't!*

Q1: Her father (1 mark)

Q2: She doesn't like it because they are show-offs or fools (1 mark)

Q3: Reference to her mother being tired, sad or similar (after having the still born baby), linking this to the idea that taking Mary would have meant her mother could have time to rest, grieve or similar. (1 mark)

Q4: scared (1 mark)

Q5: Answers can be about the storm in general or particular aspects of the storm e.g. the rain, the thunder, the lightning

The storm was very strong (accept alternatives relating to the storm's strength)	'almighty storm' 'like ten thousand rocks' 'lashing down'
The storm was scary (accept alternatives relating to the storm's scariness)	'held me tight' 'all screaming'
The storm was relentless (accept alternatives relating to how the storm continued)	'but it didn't stop there'
The rain was heavy	'lashing down' 'Noah's flood'
The thunder was loud	'like ten thousand rocks'
There was a lot of lightning	'lit up the sky over and over again'
The storm was close	Reference to both lightning and thunder coming in quick succession
Very wet	'rain lashing'
There was a lot of lightning	Explanation of link to thunder
The lightning is bright	'lit up the sky'

Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence. Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence. Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.

(3 marks)

Q6:

Before: he threw his chisel aside (accept inference that he was working with wood), ran from his workshop, he worried, he cried (accept direct quotes from the text) (1 mark)

After: called to Mary (accept direct quotes from the text) (1 mark)

Q7: that she could have died; it is weird that she survived such a thing; that she was nearly burned, but wasn't; that her life would have been different if she had been burned; that she can't imagine how things would have been if she hadn't escaped being burned; that it is a strange coincidence that both her and her sister Mary might have been killed by fire (1 mark)

Q8: Mary's big/older sister (who died in a fire) (1 mark)

Q9: she died in a fire (do not accept answers that don't reference the death and the fire) (1 mark)

Q10: exciting, healthy (as the antonyms of dull and sickly) (1 mark)

Q11: a) something lit a fire in my being (1 mark)

b) but I don't know about that/it wasn't the lightning (1 mark)

Q12:

She is strong	'tisn't everyone gets struck by lightning and lives to tell the tale'
She isn't easily impressed	Reference to her views on the circus
She can be sceptical/unbelieving about others' thoughts and motives	'or so she could use me as a reason to get up close enough to see the riders' handsome faces' 'they do say... but I don't know about that'
She is strong/brave/confident (braver than others)	'I am not...a screamer' 'all screaming, no doubt' 'something lit a fire in my being'
She is matter of fact/says things how they are/unemotional about sad things	Reference to how she talks about the events without much sadness e.g. 'frizzled them up like fat in a pan'; 'dropped me like a stone'; 'whoosh! She was gone.'
She loves her father	'I reckon it was only when I heard my father calling... that I drew breath again'
She is special	She was struck by lightning and survived

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18 marks total