



Inference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1

Hissing over crisp snow in the black of night came Starjik behind his hungry team. What does this sentence tell you about Starjik's mode of transport?

1 mark
- 2

Why did the villagers lie *very still behind their shutters* when Starjik was in their village?

1 mark
- 3

Look at the paragraph beginning *All the village wept ...* . What do you think Ivan was thinking about when he stood in the sled-tracks?

1 mark
- 4

... at suppertime, while his mother and father were not looking, Ivan took some of the dark bread from the big wooden board ... .

Why did Ivan take the bread when his parents weren't looking? Explain your answer.

2 marks
- 5

Look at the sentences below. Underline **one** word that suggests that this story took place a long time ago.

His mother lighted a candle for him and he carried the little flame into his room.

1 mark

Mix it up!

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Ivan and his brother lived *in a village in the shadow of the great, dark forest*. Which word is closest in meaning to *great*? Tick **one**.

handsome

famous

enormous

royal

1 mark
- 2

Write a title for this extract that summarises what happens in it.

1 mark
- 3

The second paragraph describes the summertime and how happy it is. Why do you think the author includes this paragraph? Tick **one**.

It makes the wintertime seem more unhappy.

It tells us about the summertime.

The summertime is important to the story.

It tells us where Ivan's brother can be found.

1 mark
- 4

Hissing over crisp snow in the black of night came Starjik behind his hungry team.

Why do you think the author uses the word *hissing* in this sentence?

1 mark
- 5

What do you think Ivan will do next in the story?

1 mark