Answers

Unit B

A) punters [1]

B) The queue is long and may twist and turn like a snake. [1]

C) Refer to both elements for 2 marks: because they show the actual words written in the poster / they are meant to attract people’s attention and advertise the circus. [2]

D) Refer to two of the following: He does daring stunts / he lives in a trailer with Louie / he drinks tea out of delicate cups / he is kind (lets her have piecrusts). [2]

E) Refer to both how they are noisy and talking to begin with, and then how they will go quiet in amazement when they see the stunt. [2]

F) their breath like smoke in the evening air [1]

G) She is thinking about how exciting it would be to perform. [1]

H) The large crowd meant lots of money. [1]

I) the idea was getting bigger the more she thought about it [1]

J) The stunt is extremely dangerous. [1]

K) Refer to any three of the following: I still felt sick thinking about it / At last / Can I go now? / unable to stop fidgeting / If I was quick / be sure of a good viewing spot / darted / the bit of circus life I loved best / the very air tingled. [3]

L) Refer to at least two aspects of the description of the fairground: the smells (horse sweat and gingerbread) / the sounds (the music of organ and drums) / the feeling (of the air tingling). [2]

M) Refer to any two aspects: he is keen to make money / he is keen to draw in the crowds and do better than other circuses / he doesn’t often smile / he gave Louie a job when her mother left her / he thinks Louie is too young to perform / he gets cross when Louie points out flaws in his argument. [2]

N) wanting to be a circus performer herself [1]

O) Any plausible prediction based on one of the following, with supporting evidence: Louie’s desire to perform / the danger of the stunt / the large crowds / Mr Chipchase’s desire to make the circus a success. If no supporting evidence is offered, but the prediction is plausible, award 1 mark. [2]

P) All correct for 1 mark: True, False, True, True [1]

Q) All correctly matched for 1 mark:
  Charles Blondin - crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope
  Jasper - performs stunts in the circus
  Louie - dreams of performing stunts
  Louie’s mother - abandoned her baby [1]