LITERARY APPRECIATION

THE SECRET OF THE MACHINES

Read the poetic lines and answer the questions.

1. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,
   We were melted in the furnace and the pit
   We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,
   We were cut and filed and tooled and gauged to fit.

a. The rhyming words are _____

b. The rhyme scheme is _____

c. The figure of speech employed in this stanza is _____

2. Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask,
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play:
And now, if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!

a. The rhyming words are _____

b. The rhyme scheme is _____

c. Pick out the words in assonance from the first line.

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3. We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,

The figure of speech employed here is _____

4. We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,

The figure of speech employed here is _____

5. We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,

The figure of speech employed here is _____

6. We can see and hear and count and read and write!

The figure of speech employed here is _____

7. But remember, please, the Law by which we live,
We are not built to comprehend a lie,
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,
If you make a slip in handling us you die!

a. The figure of speech used in the second line is _____

b. The figure of speech used in the third line is _____

c. The rhyme scheme is _____

d. Pick out the rhyming words.

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8. Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,
Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain!

a. The figure of speech used in the first line is _____

b. The figure of speech used in the last line is _____

c. The rhyme scheme is _____

d. The alliterated words in the second line are _____