

Name: _____

Poetry

Test 1

Term 2

Total: 20 marks

The Twins

By Henry Sambrooke Leigh

- In form and feature, face and limb
I grew so like my brother,
That folks got taking me for him,
And each for one another.
- 5 It puzzled all our kith and kin,
It reached a fearful pitch;
For one of us was born a twin,
Yet not a soul knew which.
- 10 One day, to make the matter worse,
Before our names were fixed,
As we were being washed by nurse,
We got completely mixed;
And thus, you see, by fate's decree,
Or rather nurse's whim,
- 15 My brother John got christened me,
And I got christened him.
- 20 This fatal likeness even dogged
My footsteps when at school,
And I was always getting flogged,
For John turned out a fool.
I put this question, fruitlessly,
To everyone I knew,
'What would you do, if you were me,
To prove that you, were you?'

Questions: The Twins

1. Identify the mood of the poem and give an example to support your answer. (2mks)

2. Give the ways in which the twins looked alike. (2mks)

3. How did the nurse add to the confusion? (2mks)

4. What problem occurred in the school with the twins. (2mks)

5. Explain how the third stanza tells how the twins were different in certain ways. (2mks)

6. What is the writer suggesting in line 21: (2mks)
“I put this question, fruitlessly”.

7. Identify the line in the poem which means “All my friends and relatives were confused”. (2mks)

8. Write the words in the poem which mean (2mks)

i. a sudden, often fanciful idea

ii. followed closely

9. Identify any literary device the poet uses in the poem and the line(s) in which it is used. (2mks)

10. What do you like or dislike about this poem? (2mks)
