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Literary Appreciation

Read the following poem at least twice, then answer the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the poem and, unless otherwise indicated, expressed in your own words.

NOISES

5 Street noises
 Cars, trucks, construction, trains
 People talking
 People walking
 Heels clicking, pavements strain
 With the weight of pedestrians.
 A siren screams
10 A honking horn
 Another noisy day is born.
 Screeching brakes
 Breaking glass
 Someone screams within the mass
 Of people.
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 A little park
 A quiet nook
 A church and solitude
20 A rendering of the soul
 Silence.
 Only the beating of the heart we hear
 As it whispers a silent prayer.

1. Place a tick in the column next to the three street noises described in the poem.

Noises	
Crowd moving	
Church bell ringing	
Traffic rolling	
People working	
Music playing	

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2. Explain why 'Noises' is a suitable title for the poem.

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3. What is the rhyme scheme of the first four lines of the poem?

_____ [1]

4. Read again lines 1-9. Quote the TWO lines in this section that let you know the street was filled with people.

_____ [1]

_____ [1]

5. What event has just occurred in lines 10-13? Support your answer with TWO references from the poem.

_____ [4]

6. How is the mood in stanza one different from the mood in stanza two? Support your answer with one reference from each stanza.

_____ [6]

7. "Another noisy day is born." (Line 9)

a. Name the figure of speech in this line.

_____ [1]

b. Explain what the line means

_____ [2]

8. "A siren screams." (Line 7)

a. Name the figure of speech in this line.

_____ [1]

b. Explain what the line means

_____ [2]

9. Why do you think the poet placed 'silence' on the line by itself?

_____ [2]

10. Give THREE settings mentioned in the poem (at least one from each stanza).

_____ [3]