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Review Unit 2

Vocabulary

1 Complete the book review.

THE ROAD HOME, by Rose Tremain, doesn't have a particularly fast-moving ¹ [], but it captivates you from the start. The protagonist – a migrant worker called Lev – is a ² [] character, and you can easily ³ [] with him and his struggle to adapt to life in a new land. The ⁴ [] interest is a kind-hearted young chef, and she's also realistic. The ⁵ [] between the main characters is very natural, and reveals Lev's increasing grasp of English. There are sad moments in the ⁶ [], but there's also a fair amount of ⁷ []. All in all, it's a really good read.

Mark: / 7

2 Match the literary forms below with the definitions.

- fable fantasy graphic novel myth play poem
- a piece of writing – often in verses – where the sound and rhythm of the words is important
 - a novel where the pictures are as important as the text
 - a traditional short story that teaches a lesson
 - a story from ancient times, often explaining ancient people's beliefs about the world
 - actors perform this story in a theatre
 - a story for adults or children that has magic or unreal characters

Mark: / 6

3 Choose the correct words to complete the extracts.

The Divide is a compelling / chilling novel – I couldn't put it down! Nicholas Evans's set / portrayal of his characters is faultless. (*Launchester Herald*)

A thought-provoking / lightweight book which made me reassess my own narrative / point of view on the ecology versus industry debate. (*Daily Review*)

An intriguing plot with many red herrings / twists and turns, which ultimately opens / hinges on the idea of broken trust. (*Waitangi News*)

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4 Complete the idioms.

- I don't like the artwork on the front, but it's best not to judge a book by its cover.
- I just couldn't get my head into the book, so I stopped reading it.
- Reading between the lines, you can tell that his biographer doesn't really approve of his actions.
- That book's a real page-turner – you won't be able to put it down.
- Waterstones' bookshop is a great place to visit if you're a bit of a bookworm!

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Word skills

5 Complete the sentences with the compound nouns below.

- award best crack easy lift take
 away down going off selling winning
- The police are cracking down on people who drive fast.
 - This computer game is our award-winning title.
 - There's nothing to eat at home, so let's get a takeaway.
 - Nothing ever bothers Martin – he's very easygoing.
 - I know it's an award novel, but I just didn't like it.
 - Going off is scheduled for 20.00 local time.

Mark: / 6

6 Complete the sentences.

- Off the top of my head, I'd say you're right.
- As I mentioned, it's good to have friends.
- What both photos have in common is that they show people doing things outdoors.
- All things considered, I'd say that it's sometimes OK to lie.
- In comparison to photo 1, photo 2 shows a formal situation.
- The people in photo 2 seem tense. On the other hand, the people in photo 1 are relaxed.

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7 Complete the film review with the correct words.

Finest Hours tells the powerful / far-fetched true story of a two-dimensional / nail-biting rescue at sea that took place in 1952. The action never lets up in this fast-paced / slow-moving movie, as the coast guard braves 70-foot waves to rescue thirty sailors on a sinking ship. This is a no-expense-spared, low-budget / big-budget movie. Some of the characters aren't as ground-breaking / well-rounded as they could be, but Eric Bana puts in a great performance. And anyway, the real protagonist in this film is the wild, unforgiving Atlantic ocean!

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