

Grade 12: English Home Language

Sonnet 130 - William Shakespeare

Name and Surname: _____ Date: _____

1.) Identify the features that make this poem a good example of a Shakespearean Sonnet. (3)

2.) Compare three real descriptions of his mistress with the idealised descriptions used in love poetry. (3)

3.) What comparison is made in line 1? What is unusual about it? (3)

4.) Explain how Shakespeare uses the human senses effectively in this poem. (2)

5.) Comment on the tone of the poem. Support your answer with evidence. (3)

6.) Explain the meaning of the last two lines of the poem. (2)

7.) How does the poem challenge traditional ideas of love poetry? (3)
