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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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