

## 'The Long Winter' – Answer Sheet

1.	<p>“The sky was high and quivering with heat”          “the sun blazed as hotly as at noon”  <b>Do not accept “the wind was scorching hot”</b>          2 marks</p>
2.	<p>“All at once they ran for their lives and dived into their holes”          “Laura saw a swift shadow”          “looked up at the eyes and the formidable claws of a hawk overhead”          1 mark for an appropriate quote from the section (listed above)          2 marks for an effect that seems good to you e.g. the hawk’s arrival creates fear, quite foreboding as a presence, it’s a threatening arrival</p>
3.	<p>“Pa was glad to see Laura with the water jug”          “not a bit of shade anywhere”          “this sun almost makes a fellow want a bunch of sprouts to make a shade”          2 marks</p>
4.	<p>“The heat there smelled as good as an oven when bread is baking”          1 mark</p>
5.	<p>“Laura felt suddenly as big as a mountain”          1 mark</p>
6.	<p>She knows she is bigger than the snake.          The snake has a gentle look and will not harm her.          The snake is good to have on the farm because it eats insects that spoil crops.          The snake is quite beautiful to look at.          3 marks</p>
7.	<p>Their house is sturdy.          The muskrats have made their own plaster for the house.          The house is made to protect the muskrats from the rain.          1 mark</p>
8.	<p>False          False          True          3 marks</p>
9.	<p>Carefree, busy, relaxing, pleasant, agreeable, cosy or any adjectives that seem to fit with the sense of the passage to you. Do not accept comfortable as ‘comfortably’ is in the passage’.          2 marks</p>
10.	<p>Gauzy – thin and translucent          Formidable – intimidating; inspiring fear or respect          Resplendent – attractive; impressive; richly colourful          3 marks</p>
11.	<p>Possible evidence:          The animals/wildlife are attractive and beautiful to look at.          There is a wide range of interesting wildlife on the prairie.          The animals live interesting lives (e.g. the muskrats).          Humans and animals seem to co-exist and live in harmony (e.g. the snake and Laura).          The horses on the prairie are working hard with Pa.          The writer shows that the muskrats have expertly made their home making us admire it.          The writer creates a sense that Laura is in awe of the wildlife.          (1 mark each for a relevant quotation/evidence, 1 mark for each convincing explanation, to give 4 in total.)</p>