**2023 Reader’s Cup**

**Years 7/8**

**Gold Coast region**

**“No Words” by Maryam Master**

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| **Level** | **Book: No Words**  **Author: Maryam Master** | **Prepared by:**  **Jason Saikaly (TSS)** |  | **Region: Gold Coast** |
| **No.** | **Question** | **Answers** | **Page Ref** | **Points and Comment re scoring** |
| **1** | Hero is named after a character from which play and why did her parents select this name for her? | *Much Ado about Nothing* and her father is a massive Shakespeare nerd. | 5 | 1 point - Much ado about Nothing  1 point - Hero’s father is a “Shakespeare nerd” (Fan) |
| **2** | Why does Doofus put Aria in a headlock and what name does Hero give to her lack of assistance? | Doofus believes Aria has stolen his diary and Hero’s lack of assistance is called the Bystander Effect | 11 & 17 | 1 point – Missing diary  1 point – Bystander Effect |
| **3** | Hero belongs to a “dorky gang of three misfits.” They are:   1. Hero the anti-heroine 2. Jaz the ? 3. Aria the ? | Jaz the extrovert  Aria the no-talker | 24 | 1 point – Jaz the extrovert  1 point – Aria the no-talker |
| **4** | What is the name of the national poetry prize Aria wins and what is the title of his winning poem? | The Think Ink prize. Aria’s poem is entitled, ‘I am love’. | 46 | 1 point – The Think Ink prize  1 point – I am love |
| **5** | Why did Aria’s family have to abandon their home in Iran and where did they go to? | The Revolutionary Guards were looking for Aria’s mother (to arrest her) and they went to Aria’s grandmother’s house. | 85 | 1 point – Revolutionary Guards looking for mum  1 point – Grandmother’s home. |
| **6** | Where was Aria the first time he speaks and what does talk about? | At Hero’s home for dinner and he talks about entering a Slam Poetry competition. | 108 | 1 point – Hero’s house  1 point – Slam Poetry competition |
| **7** | What is the name of Aria’s best friend in Iran and what’s his nickname? | Amir  Harry Potter (due to a scar he has on his forehead) | 117  118 | 1 point – Amir  1 point – Harry Potter |
| **8** | When Aria’s parents decide to flee Iran where do they tell Aria and Samir they are going and who drives them? | They tell Aria and Samir they are going to a wedding (Cousin Cyrus) and Abdullah was their driver | 124  129 | 1 point – Wedding  1 point – Abdullah |
| **9** | How does Aria’s mum die and what does he ask her to do for him before she dies? | Her heart gives out (she has a pacemaker) and Aria asks her to bite him so he can have a scar to remember her | 168 –  170 | 1 point – Her heart gives out (pacemaker stops)  1 point – Bite him (give him a scar) |
| **10** | Where did Aria finish in the Slam Poetry competition and how did he show his thanks to Hero’s dad for all his help? | Aria finished 2nd and he bought Hero’s dad McDonald’s hotcakes as a thank you. | 206 – 207 | 1 point – 2nd prize  1 point – McDonald’s Hotcakes |