# **R2a. Can show an understanding of the meaning of vocabulary in different contexts**

# **Skills Test 2**

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**2a. Can show an understanding of the meaning of vocabulary in different contexts – Test 2**

*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers or put a tick in the correct box.*

It was late spring and the last of the afternoon sun was reaching lazily through the cotton wool clouds that were moseying across the azure sky. As a balmy breeze whispered through the trees, clusters of insects frolicked over the surface of the glassy lake, twisting and twirling in time to the gentle hum of their wings. Imposing lines of trees guarded the water’s edge, their trunks contorting under the weight of their fruit-laden branches.

This tranquil park was a precious sanctuary for residents of the Bethrow Estate – as well as providing sorely needed space for nature. The throaty hubbub of overworked engines, the shrill cry of hastily applied brakes; living next to a motorway didn’t come with many perks but now the future of this safe haven was beginning to look uncertain.

1. *‘As a balmy breeze whispered through the trees…’*

What is the meaning of the word ***balmy*** in this sentence?

Tick **one**

burning

strong

mild

wintry

1. *‘****Imposing*** *lines of trees guarded the water’s edge…’*

Explain the meaning of the word *imposing* in this sentence.

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1. *‘…their trunks* ***contorting*** *under the weight of their fruit-laden branches.’*

What is the meaning of the word ***contorting***in this sentence?

Tick **one**

growing

deforming

reaching

strengthening

1. *‘The throaty* ***hubbub*** *of overworked engines…’*

Use the context of this sentence to work out what ***hubbub*** means.

Tick **one**

pollution

noise

huddle

movement

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**Answers:**

1. mild
2. impressive / striking / daunting
3. deforming
4. noise