YEAR 7 · READING

Poetry Comprehension and Language Features

Name _____ **Date** _____

Read the poem carefully, then answer each question in the space provided.

After the Rain

READ THE POEM

Rain taps the roofs with silver hands,
then slips away through sleeping lands.
The pavement keeps the clouds below,
where broken lanterns softly glow.

A bus sighs past; its wheels make streams,
and windows hold small squares of dreams.
The gutters hum a hurried tune
beneath a pale, rinsed afternoon.

A blackbird tests the quiet air,
then stitches music everywhere.
One puddle mirrors half the sky;
a passing boot sends stars awry.

The street, once grey, begins to shine
as if the day has changed its mind.

Show what you understand

Use details from the poem to support your ideas.

1 Identify the setting and describe two clues that tell you what the weather has been like. — 2 marks

2 What does “The pavement keeps the clouds below” suggest the speaker can see? — 2 marks

3 What does the verb “stitches” suggest about the blackbird’s song? Explain the image it creates. — 2 marks

4 Choose another example of personification from the poem. Quote it and explain what it makes you imagine. — 2 marks

5 What mood does the poem create? Support your view with a short quotation and explain how the words create that mood. — 3 marks

6 In the final two lines, what does “as if the day has changed its mind” suggest about the change in the street? — 2 marks