Year 6 Reading Assessment
Poetry Answer Booklet

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Questions 15 to 23 are about ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’

15. How many soldiers ‘rode’ in verse I?

16. ‘Half a league, half a league, / Half a league onward’
These lines use the repetition of a phrase for effect.
Find and copy two more phrases that are repeated in verse I.
1. ______________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________

Look at verse II

17. Find and copy a phrase which suggests a mistake had been made.

18. Which word is used to rhyme with brigade?
19. Look at these lines:
‘Their not to make reply,
Their not to reason why,
Their but to do and die.’
What does this tell you about the attitude of the soldiers?

20. Look at these lines:
‘Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death’
What do you think is meant by this?

Look at verse VI

21. Find and copy a word which suggests the poet believes we should admire the soldiers and regard them with great respect.
22. Order these events from the poem. The first one has been done for you.

The brigade rode back but some men had been killed.

The soldiers all followed the order and rode forward.

The order was given to charge forward.  

The enemy were waiting and shot at the soldiers.

23. Look at these lines:

‘Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them
Volleyed and thundered’

Which of these statements best summarise the situation being described? Tick one.

The soldiers did not have any cannons.

The brigade did not know about the enemy cannons.

The soldiers were surrounded by enemy cannons.

There was a storm with thunder and lightning.

End of questions about ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’