

COMPREHENSION

ANSWER KEY

1. Frodo is feeling resigned [1] because while the environment is negative and ominous, he concedes that they have no choice but to go ahead. [1]
2. Firstly, the characters in the stories do not go out looking for adventure but seem to have had it happen to them, as if planned [1]. They also do not give up even though they have opportunities to do so [1]. These stories also do not always conclude happily [1].
3. He says this because if characters know that their ending would be happy or sad, there would be no story anymore/no point for the reader to continue reading anymore. [1]
4. (i) It is "grimly" [1]
(ii) Mundane/uneventful/routine/commonplace [1]
5. The technique is personification. [1]

Describing the rocks and stones as though they are people who are eavesdropping on Frodo laughing and crowding in on him lends an ominous feeling to the atmosphere of the scene and heightens the sense of danger that Sam and Frodo are in. [1]

6.	Sam is passionate about stout.	
	Sam has a healthy heart.	
	Sam is very brave.	✓

7. The sentence is "And Frodo wouldn't have got far without Sam, would he, dad?" [1]
8. He says this because he believes that the worst is yet to come for both him and Sam. [1]