

ANSWER KEY

Before Reading

Pages 8-9

- 1**
a) wilderness
b) desolate
c) natives
d) canoe
e) journey
f) steamboat

Pages 10-11

- 3**
* Taken to Africa:
beads/cotton/alcohol
* Brought back from Africa:
ivory/rubber/gold

Pages 12-13

- 4** Slavery.
5 a
6 a) 1 b) 3 c) 3 d) 1
7 1. Outer Station
2. Central Station
3. Inner Station

Pages 14-15

- 8** a) 2 b) 1 c) 3
9 A job with a lot of responsibilities, e.g. a managing director, an important businessman

- 10**
a) imagine
b) lone
c) headquarters
d) colleagues
e) canoe
f) natives
g) desolate
h) wilderness

- 11** In Exercise 8 all comments are positive and describe a very successful person. Marlow's description is that of an isolated man who prefers life with the natives to life with his business colleagues.

Page 22

- * To Africa, up the Congo River.
* Belgian.

Page 25

- * Ivory. Out of Africa and into Europe.

Page 27

Because he is a first-class agent and a remarkable person.

Page 31

They change according to their position along the Congo River.

Page 36

- * Manager, three white agents, Marlow and twenty cannibals. To the inner station.

After Reading

Page 79

4 a) F b) T c) T d) F e) T f) F g) T h) F

- a) He is on a boat (the Nellie) on the river Thames.
- d) He is in Africa to bring back ivory.
- f) Everyone admired him, especially the natives.
- h) No, Kurtz dies in Africa before leaving.

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- a) broke down
- b) admired
- c) ill
- d) journalist
- e) papers
- f) girlfriend

Pages 80-81

6 a) 3 b) 4 c) 2 d) 1

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- d) It's the beginning of the story. Marlow is on his boat on the Thames, waiting to leave, and he begins to tell his story.
- c) Marlow is beginning his journey up the Congo River in Africa, going deep into the jungle.
- a) Kurtz is being carried on a stretcher towards Marlow's boat. The natives don't want him to leave.
- b) At the end of the story Marlow is visiting Kurtz's girlfriend in England and giving her the papers Kurtz gave him.

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- a) Kurtz
- b) the accountant
- c) Kurtz's girlfriend
- d) Marlow

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- a) Kurtz said these words just before he died to no-one in particular.
- b) The accountant is speaking to Marlow who has recently arrived in Africa.
- c) Kurtz's girlfriend is speaking to Marlow at the end of the story. She is very sad.
- d) Marlow was speaking to the company manager. He is defending Kurtz.

Pages 82-83

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- a) adventure, Africa
- b) dark
- c) trading, sail
- d) sent
- e) natives
- f) loyal
- g) mystery
- h) focus
- i) respected
- j) tribe

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Conrad, like Marlow, also went to Africa up the Congo River in 1890. He also became very ill. There is a strong autobiographical influence on the story.

Pages 84-85

- 13 a) 2 b) 3 c) 1
- 14 View of Africa – A mysterious place (p. 23) full of beauty and also danger (p.p. 35–36).
View of the colonizer – Generally cruel people (p. 24). Only interested in the ivory. (p.p. 24–25)
- 15 Kurtz’s words could refer to several things: colonization in general, the exploitation of the natives, man’s greed and cruelty or Africa itself.
- 16
- a) Marlow goes from England to Belgium, back to England and then sails to Africa. He goes up the Congo River to the Inner Station.
- b) He saw how the colonizers treated the natives and how Kurtz had tried to change this. He respected Kurtz, who lived with the natives and lost any respect for the white people in Africa.
- c) Kurtz learnt to respect the natives more than his colleagues and preferred to live with them. He was living like an African native in a tribe when Marlow met him.
- 17 c) One of the friends on the *Nellie* and Marlow.
- 18 both a) and c) are possible

Pages 86-87

- 19
- a) dark
b) dark
c) dark
d) darkness
e) darkness
f) darkness
- 20 b + e
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- a) power
b) escalator
c) nuclear energy
d) interconnection
e) the weather
f) turn on/off
- 22
- a) anchored
b) current
c) bank
d) up river
e) down river

Test

Pages 88-89

- 1** a) 1 b) 2 c) 1 d) 2
- 2** a) 3 b) 3 c) 4 d) 1 e) 1
f) 4 g) 4 h) 1 i) 3 j) 1

Project Work

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- 1**
- a) Fiji, Malaysia, Canada, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Tanzania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei, Cameroon, Cyprus, Dominica, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu and Zambia.
- b) Officially it ended with the independence of Burma in 1948 although it began its gradual decline before and after the Second World War as, one by one, countries gained their independence.
- c) Queen Victoria (1837-1901) reigned when the Empire was at its strongest.