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The Raven

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Answer the following questions in COMPLETE sentences

1. Do you think the speaker, the narrator of the poem, is insane? Is there another explanation for his behaviour? (2 marks)

2. How does the narrator's behaviour change over the course of the poem? (2 marks)

3. Is it possible that the speaker is making up or imagining some of the weird events in this poem? (1 mark)

4. Do you think the Raven pushes our speaker over the edge, or does he do it to himself? Explain your answer (2 marks)

5. Why do you think a raven was for Poe a useful symbol? What if, instead, the ghost of Lenore had showed up? (2 marks)

6. The speaker half-suspects the Raven is an evil spirit. Does this seem reasonable to you? What evidence can you use for or against this theory? (2 marks)

7. Does the talking Raven actually seem supernatural to you? Is it possible that there is nothing going on here that can't be explained in a scientific manner? (2 marks)
