

ANSWERS

I have typed in suggested answers. If you have included the key information in your own words you can give yourselves a mark.

1. How did Janet Gibbs originally feel about being evacuated to the countryside?

The text says that she dreaded the thought of moving to the countryside. You could say that she was either worried, apprehensive or fearful. Later in the text she states that the atmosphere was electric and she remembered it as a fun time.

2. Name three ways in which Janet describes life on the streets of Highams Park during the war.

Janet says Highams Park was a 'quiet "suburban area" with tree-lined streets where life was very simple.' She also states 'life was lazy, content and peaceful.'

3. What was the most used transport in Highams Park in 1939?

Buses and trains were the most used transport in Highams Park 1939.

4. How did Janet's family protect themselves during air raids before their Morrison Shelter arrived?

They went into the cupboard under the stairs with blankets, two torches and three stools.

5. What did Janet see the other evacuees carrying?

The evacuees had name tags on their coats, gas masks hanging from a string from their necks as well as their cases.

6. How long did Janet and her mum last in the countryside?

They lasted two weeks before returning to Highams Park.

7. What changes were made in Highams Park during the war?

The streets of Waltham Forest were dark and quiet. The road signs, railway station names and any form of identification of places had been removed. Blocks of cement were placed at different points in the road to act as defence against enemy tanks and the local sweet shop began to make ice cubes.