**The Lottery – Shirley Jackson**  Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Analysis Questions (5 marks x 2 = 10 marks)**

Please answer all the questions in full sentences on a separate piece of paper. Hand in when you are finished.

Use examples from the text to support your answers.

1. Were you surprised by the ending of the story? If not, at what point did you know what was going to happen?
2. Where does the story take place? In what way does the setting affect the story? Does it make you more or less likely to anticipate the ending?
3. How does Jackson start to foreshadow the ending in paragraphs 2 and 3?
4. What are some examples of irony in this story? For example, why might the title “The Lottery,” or the opening description in paragraph one, be considered ironic?
5. What do you think is the writer’s own attitude toward the lottery and the stoning? Exactly what in the story makes her attitude clear to us?
6. Why do you think the village still participates in the lottery?

**Elements of a Short Story (5 marks)**

Label the following elements of a short story for “The Lottery”. Use your notes to help guide you.

**Plot** (general overview/outline)

**Character** (type, conflict)

**Setting** (where and when)

**Atmosphere** (mood or tone)

**Style** (diction, sentence structure, point of view, irony, etc.)

**Parts of a Plot (5 marks)**

Label the following parts of the plot (more specifically) for “The Lottery”. Use your notes to help guide you.

**Exposition** (beginning)

**Rising Action** (the problem)

**Climax** (highest point)

**Falling Action** (outcome)

**Resolution** (the end)

**Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 20**