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Midnight Carnival

Directions: Read the passage below, then answer the questions that follow.

The abandoned carnival stood silent in the moonlight. Rusty rides creaked as the wind pushed against them, and the striped tents sagged with age. A broken Ferris wheel loomed above the empty lot, its seats swaying slightly. The smell of damp grass and faded popcorn lingered in the air, while shadows stretched across the cracked pavement.

1. What is the setting of this passage?

2. What mood does this setting create (e.g., creepy, mysterious, sad)?

3. List **three clues** from the text that show how the setting creates that mood.

4. Bonus Question: If the carnival were bright, full of people, and filled with music, what mood would it create instead?