

(MYCT J1 Review)

Q2) When answering the question, use the passage's context. Here the context would be "to show that these undesirable activities". Then go on to infer from the phrase 'sudden explosion' in the question which will lead you to the answer "expanded very fast **and** happened without warning". Sometimes, slow down to think, does the word 'sudden' and 'explosion' mean the same thing? In this case, no – you have to explain these 2 distinct terms.

Q3) I'm not sure why no marks were awarded. I would have awarded 2 marks because the part of your answer on "very mysterious and mind-boggling" captures the idea of "enigma" and the part of your answer on "almost impossible to fully comprehend" captures the idea of "difficulty of understanding". Apart from that, something which you can improve on is how to write your answer more succinctly to answer the question on point.

Q4) There are 3 points to be included in the answer here. Your first point did not have the idea of "cheating death", you merely mentioned about finishing a "dangerous task", this is not sufficient. For the second point, your answer "great feeling" does not satisfactorily paraphrase "**glory** of winning", "honour and recognition" is the preferred paraphrase. For the third point, your answer "respect and recognition" is not accepted because "respect" is from the passage itself and "recognition" is different from "envy". "Envy" has an element of jealousy in it, whereas "recognition" does not embody the element of jealousy.

Q6) Your answer is too general. The question requires you to make some specific comparisons between the teenage brain and a 'home entertainment system'. Please see the answer. For questions like this where you are required to make a comparison, the starting words "Just as ..." would be a very useful start.

Q7) Just note that this question type is increasingly popular now. The reason why an author uses a bracket (i.e. a parentheses) is usually to introduce a secondary idea/point or to remind the reader about something mentioned earlier which is relevant, it can also be an explanation to a difficult concept some times.

Q8) I would give you the 2nd mark because you mentioned "refuse to listen to others without any reason". For the 1st mark, you have to look at the passage to get the clues so that you would be able to answer that "teenagers want to protest against whatever they are told by grownups".

Q10) You should be awarded 2 marks for "spending more time in school" and "parents being with their children more often and for longer durations". You missed the 1st mark because your answer "teenagers having a longer childhood duration" is ambiguous.

Q11) I would not have awarded any mark here for your answer because you mentioned about "and feel that adults take greater risk than teenagers", this is different from what the passage is focusing on which is the capability to taken on risk. Your answer did not focus on this important aspect.

Q12) Your contrast was incorrect. You mentioned "failure" but if you look at the passage, it refers to "apparent dangers" so you need to mention something about "harm". Because the

first part is wrong, even if the second part of your answer is correct, no marks will be awarded unfortunately.

Q13) You did not make a proper comparison. Your answer did not say that the brain can absorb information “quickly” but your reference to the sponge had that idea. While you mentioned that the brain can “change to accommodate new information”, your reference to the sponge did not mention anything about how the sponge can change its shape.

Q14) See answer. Self explanatory.

Q15a) See answer. Self explanatory.

Q15b) See answer, I think you misunderstood what the author was saying. This is probably one of the more difficult question in this paper because you have to use information from different paragraphs.