

Question types (Narrative & Non-narrative)

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Literal

Factual: identify answer directly from passage

Vocabulary: provide meaning from text

Inferential - Connotation

Pick out key words from question

Use

(a) author's intention

(b) prior knowledge

(c) contextual clues

Reference

Type 1- complex reference

a. Identify main idea/commutation from question

b. Identify synonyms of ^

c. Evidence + Explanation

Question: Explain how the language in paragraph __ shows that _____. Pick 3 evidences to support your answer. (phrases/sentence)

D + C + synonym = 1 mark

Answer : [Denotation] ~~shows that~~ **therefore/ thus/ it highlights/ emphasises** [Connotation; Explanation Of phrases + synonym if the idea found in question]

Type 2 - Simple reference

"Refer to paragraph __, identify word or phrase..."

Question: Give evidence from paragraph...

Answer : The evidence is "____"/ It is evident from "____"/ Rephrase

Type 3 - vocabulary (can fall under quotation as well)

a. Given [Connotation]

b. Identify [denotation + evidence] from text

Full complete sentence

Quotation marks

Type 4 - support using evidence

'How _____ can support his view using evidence from paragraph ____'

D + C = 1 mark

Answer : Denotation (quote from text) shows/highlights Connotation (explain and describe Denotation)

Example

Identify a **phrase** from paragraph **3** which suggest that Gina was **crying in pain**

- ~~The phrase is "wailing loudly"~~
- The phrase is "wailing loudly in agony"
- ~~The phrase is 'Gina was wailing loudly in agony.'~~ (sentence)

Quotation

1. Identify topic
2. Understand denotation of quote
3. Understand connotation of quote in context
4. Link to topic and formulate answer

Example

What does 'given quote' suggest/tell you about [topic]

Answer (Answer based on topic)

It highlights that Jane is feeling (Topic).

Gist (narrative comprehension)

Evaluative: requires you to look at the emotion/gist of each paragraph

- Notice keywords in paragraph; look out for characters, emotion/plot
- Categorise the words; positive/ negative, compare feelings/emotion
- Find the gist of each paragraph

First type: emotions/feelings of narrator/another character

- Adjective

Second type: plot development/experience of narrator/another character

- Not clear cut

Intended effect: purpose + effect

Evoked/create a sense of (emotion)

In/on the (what is the emotion directed towards)

How is it effective

[Denotation] : what word means

[Connotation] : in reference to context

Literary devices

Metaphors, Simile, Personification

- Metaphor: one object is compared to a particular characteristic of another object
- Simile: same as metaphors, except that they have a particular structure of “as.....as...” or “like....”

-Identify Simile and Metaphor: don't need subject

- Personification: same as metaphors but only use human characteristics

- Identify personification: need subject

Answer

A(subject) is compared to B(object) which highlights/emphasizes that C(connotation: shows extreme/intensity: “very”)

Irony

Expectations do not meet reality

Answer

Since [scenario in text], therefore [logical consequences] yet [opposite of logical consequence, in text, paraphrased]

Pun

aka word play; when a single word/phrase has more than one meaning in the same context/ same sounding words, in context

*common in visual text; advertising - to attract attention of audience

Steps to understand a pun ; answer structure

1. Identify the pun
2. Identify the meanings

Answer

There is a pun on (word/phrase). The first meaning is (meaning). The second meaning is (meaning).

Unusual yet Effective

Unusual

Steps to unpack ‘unusual’ question

- What is odd/weird/uncommon about the expression?
- Look at words in the sentence and find words that are not normally used together
- Explain

Answer

The phrase “_____” is unusual as “[first word]” usually describes/means [definition], while “[second word]” usually describes/means [definition]

*both definitions have to contrast each other (needs to link)

Effective (link to context)

- What does it emphasise?
- Include ‘very’/‘extremely’ -> Writers use unusual phrases to highlight the intensity of things

Answer

It is effective as it highlights that situation from text (must include very/extremely or any word that highlights severity)