

## Question 3(b) — Short Response

Total: 5 Marks

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Criteria	Marks	What to Do
<b>State Your Opinion</b>	1	Open with a clear opinion statement from the character's perspective. You must <b>agree or disagree</b> with the statement in the question — do NOT give a balanced argument. Write in <b>first person</b> ("I believe...") and maintain the character's voice throughout.
<b>Supporting Details (from the text)</b>	1	Identify <b>3 supporting details</b> from the text that this character would use to back their opinion. These must come from sections where the character is mentioned or where their views can be inferred. <b>Do NOT invent details that are not in the text.</b>
<b>Development (Inference)</b>	3	Each supporting detail must be <b>developed with strong inference</b> — this is where most marks are. Development means: explaining <b>why</b> this matters, what the <b>consequences</b> would be, or how it <b>connects to the bigger picture</b> .  <b>Example (Everest — local business person):</b> • Detail: "Tourism supports local businesses" • Development: "A ban would devastate livelihoods — locals depend on climbers for income and there are few alternative industries in the region"  <b>Example (Plogging — Anna Ruiz):</b> • Detail: "The problem begins with consumption habits" • Development: "Businesses should take responsibility by using recyclable packaging — expecting volunteers to clean up is not a long-term solution"

**TOTAL Q3(b) MARKS: Opinion (1) + Supporting Details (1) + Development (3) = 5**

### KEY REMINDERS FOR Q3(b)

1. Read the question carefully — identify WHOSE perspective you are writing from.
2. Find the sections in the text where that person is mentioned or their views are expressed.
3. Maintain a CONSISTENT perspective — do NOT switch to a balanced argument.
4. Do NOT reuse content from your Q3(a) summary — this is a different skill.
5. Write in FIRST PERSON as the character. Keep your response within the answer space (7 lines).
6. Introductions are unnecessary — go straight to your opinion.

## Q3(b) 1 — S24 V11: Plogging

## THE QUESTION

Imagine you are environmental campaigner **Anna Ruiz**. You are giving a talk to a local community group about how to deal with the problem of litter in their area. Someone in the audience asks you a question.

**Question from the audience:** *The best way to deal with the problem of litter in this area is to encourage more people to go plogging. What is your opinion and why?*

## RELEVANT TEXT EXTRACTS — Read carefully to find Anna's opinion

**From Paragraph 2:** "Environmental campaigners argue that the solution to the waste epidemic requires **multipronged efforts**, including reviews of existing laws..."

**From Paragraph 4:** "However, for others, the problem begins much earlier. '**Much of the litter we see is stuff we don't even think of as litter to start with,**' explains environmental campaigner **Anna Ruiz**, who feels **businesses and their customers** have a bigger part to play. '**Our consumption habits are the problem.** There are ways to improve the situation that **don't involve expecting someone else to use their free time to pick up your mess.**'"

**Step 1: What is Anna's opinion? Does she agree or disagree that plogging is the BEST way?**

I disagree with this statement because ~~plogging alone is~~ \_\_\_\_\_

*other people should not pick up your mess.*

**Step 2: Identify 3 supporting details from the text + develop each one:**

## MODEL ANSWER

I appreciate the enthusiasm, but plogging alone is not the answer. The problem begins much earlier — with our consumption habits. Businesses must take greater responsibility by reducing packaging and using recyclable materials, rather than expecting others to clean up their mess in their free time. Furthermore, existing laws need to be reviewed to act as a stronger deterrent against littering. While plogging helps, it only addresses the symptom, not the cause. A multipronged effort targeting businesses, consumers and legislation would create lasting change rather than relying on volunteers.

*89 words | Opinion: Plogging is insufficient | Details: 1) consumption habits/businesses responsible 2) review laws 3) expecting others' free time | All developed*

## Q3(b) 2 — S24 V12: Authentic Travel

### THE QUESTION

Imagine you are someone who lives in a city and has recently been on holiday at a 'black-hole resort'. You really enjoyed your stay. You are asked to give feedback about your holiday in a survey.

The survey question: *Some people think that a holiday at a 'black-hole resort' would be boring. What is your opinion and why?*

### RELEVANT TEXT EXTRACT — Read carefully to find the character's opinion

**From Paragraph 6:** "I notice more and more conventional travel companies are now trying to imitate us saying 'busy city people crave real life'. I'm not convinced those guys really mean it. They're just trying to cash in on this new trend of being a 'mindful traveller'. Some of the destinations they are proposing to visit are really basic, completely 'off grid', with **no reliable water or electricity supplies**. It can be **impossible to get online** in those places and **mobile phones rarely work**. I doubt many people will want to stay in these 'black-hole resorts' where the main attraction seems to be that you **hand over your smartphone** on arrival and **do nothing for a week!**"

**Remember:** The question tells you that you **enjoyed** your stay. So you must turn these apparent negatives into positives from your perspective as a busy city person.

#### Step 1: What is your opinion? Did you find it boring?

I \_\_\_\_\_ — my stay was \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step 2: Identify 3 details from the text and turn them into POSITIVES + develop each:

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### MODEL ANSWER

I completely disagree — my stay was the opposite of boring. As someone who lives in a hectic city, having no phone or internet access was a welcome escape. It allowed me to genuinely switch off, recharge mentally and appreciate my surroundings without the constant pressure of being online. Doing nothing for a week was exactly what I needed — it was not laziness but a deliberate choice to slow down. The simplicity of being off-grid made it feel like a real adventure compared to my usual routine.

*85 words | Opinion: Not boring | Details: 1) no phone/internet = digital detox 2) doing nothing = recharging 3) off-grid = adventure/contrast with city | All developed*

**Q3(b) 3 — W24 V11: Animal Sanctuaries**

You are conservationist Rita Ni. A journalist asks: *Some people think that sanctuaries like yours are irresponsible and exploit animals and volunteers. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I strongly disagree. My sanctuary runs a captive breeding and reintroduction programme — the gold standard of conservation work. Unlike other facilities, we adopt a hands-off approach because less direct contact with animals makes their eventual release into the wild far more successful. This may not be what volunteers expect, but animal welfare must come before satisfying their desire for closeness. Additionally, we educate our volunteers about the bigger picture of conservation, ensuring they understand why protecting entire species matters more than cuddling individual animals.

86 words | Opinion: Disagrees | Details: 1) captive breeding/reintroduction 2) hands-off for successful release 3) educates volunteers

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Rita Ni's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 4 — W24 V12: Fitness App**

You are Ned, the writer's personal trainer. A runner asks: *I've been thinking of getting a personal trainer, but some people say it's a waste of money. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I completely disagree. A personal trainer becomes more than just an instructor — I get to know my clients personally, which means my advice is tailored to their individual needs rather than a generic programme. I can tell when someone is being too hard on themselves and prevent them from overtraining, which protects them from injury. Beyond just running, I also recommend healthy eating and relaxation, looking after their overall physical and mental wellbeing. Unlike an app, I give guidance only when asked, allowing clients the space to progress at their own pace.

92 words | Opinion: Not a waste | Details: 1) personal/tailored advice 2) prevents overtraining/injury 3) holistic — diet, relaxation, mental health

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Ned's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 5 — S25 V11: Swimming Pools**

You are Ted, Mario's neighbour who refused to use his pool. Mario asks: *I think that sharing my swimming pool is an environmentally friendly thing to do. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I must be honest — I do not consider your pool environmentally friendly. Private pools consume enormous quantities of water, which is becoming an increasingly scarce resource globally. The chemicals you use, particularly chlorine, are harmful and create pollution. You have to empty and refill the pool regularly, wasting even more water. You could have chosen solar heating, but you did not — meaning significant energy is consumed unnecessarily. Sharing a damaging facility does not make it sustainable. I believe we should be finding alternatives that genuinely protect our environment rather than adding to the problem.

91 words | Opinion: Disagrees | Details: 1) water scarcity/waste 2) chemicals/chlorine harmful 3) no solar heating/energy waste

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Ted's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 6 — S25 V12: Zoo / Project Planet**

You are animal welfare campaigner Lucy Graves. An interviewer says: *Our audience may be surprised that you've worked closely with the zoo on 'Project Planet'. Many people are against this project. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I understand the concern, but I fully support this project. I have worked closely with the zoo to develop interactive displays and documentaries that will educate visitors about why animals are truly at risk — something a traditional zoo simply cannot achieve. The new site offers far larger enclosures in a rural setting, which is significantly better for the animals' welfare. Furthermore, the project focuses on a species survival plan, directing resources towards the animals that most need protection. This is about making a genuine long-term impact on conservation, not merely entertaining visitors.

93 words | Opinion: Supports Project Planet | Details: 1) interactive displays/education 2) larger rural enclosures 3) species survival plan

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Lucy's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 7 — W25 V11: Mount Everest**

You are a local business person living near Mount Everest. A journalist asks: *Some people want to ban foreign tourists from climbing Everest due to the negative impact they have on the area. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I am strongly against a ban. Tourism is a vital part of our economy — climbers support local businesses including guesthouses, eateries and trekking services, and a ban would devastate the livelihoods of ordinary people who depend on this income. There are very few alternative industries in this region due to the harsh climate and geography. Instead of banning climbers entirely, we should establish a quota system or increase permit fees to manage the numbers responsibly. The government is already taking action to clean the mountain, proving that solutions exist without destroying our way of life.

95 words | Opinion: Against a ban | Details: 1) tourism supports livelihoods 2) no alternatives due to climate 3) quota/permit fee alternatives

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of the business person's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 8 — W25 V12: Sneakers**

You are Matthew Chang, director of Vida. A fashion journalist asks: *Many people think that Vida sneakers are boring. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I would argue that there is nothing boring about sustainability. Our sneakers are deliberately simple and classic in design because we want them to last — unlike big brands that release a constant stream of new styles encouraging wasteful overconsumption. Every Vida sneaker is made from entirely recycled material, and customers can return them for recycling when they are worn out, keeping them out of landfill. Our growing popularity proves that consumers are turning away from mass-produced products and choosing brands with a genuine social and environmental conscience. That is not boring — it is the future.

95 words | Opinion: Not boring / have other qualities | Details: 1) simple design = deliberate/timeless 2) 100% recycled/return for recycling 3) gaining popularity

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Matthew's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

**Q3(b) 9 — Specimen: Treehotel**

You are Kent Lindvall, one of the owners of the hotel. An interviewer on a local news programme asks: *Some local people think that the Treehotel might have a negative effect on our forest environment. What is your opinion and why?*

**MODEL ANSWER**

I disagree entirely. We purchased this land from someone who intended to use it for logging — without our intervention, the trees would have been cut down. We built the Treehotel sustainably, even fitting an infrared film visible only to birds to prevent them flying into the glass. Activities like noisy snowmobile safaris are strictly prohibited, and instead we offer sociable walking tours where guests meet local families and develop a genuine appreciation for the forest. Our deep commitment to the environment is the very foundation of this project — we are preserving the forest, not damaging it.

*95 words | Opinion: Disagrees — positive effect | Details: 1) saved land from logging 2) built sustainably/wildlife protection 3) no damaging activities/walking tours*

**YOUR TURN:** Pick one of Kent's points above and develop it differently in your own words:

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**REMEMBER FOR Q3(b):** Opinion (1 mark) + 3 Supporting Details from text (1 mark) + Strong Development of each detail (3 marks) = **5 marks**. Write in FIRST PERSON. Do NOT give a balanced argument. Keep within 7 lines. No introduction needed.

# SECTION B- PART (B): SHORT RESPONSE

→ Give a clear opinion  
(Agree or Disagree)

→ Give 3 reasons, developed

- ① Point + development-
- ② Point + development-
- ③ Point + development-

# interviewer's QUESTION

Q: For the following hypothetical scenarios, answer how the person mentioned would:

(a) Imagine you are a social media influencer, Maya Leigh. You are speaking on a podcast about body image, self-confidence, and the impact of online beauty culture. Someone in the audience asks you a question:

The best way to improve body image in young people is for influencers to stop posting pictures of themselves. What is your opinion, and why? Maya Leigh's Answer:

= No, I don't think so!   
 Self-esteem   
 Exposure ...

(b) Imagine you are Mr. Hassan, the owner of a garment factory in a developing country. You are attending a conference after reports about worker conditions in your factory.

Text Summary: The media has reported that workers in Mr. Hassan's factory work long hours for very low wages. Critics say the conditions are unfair and exploitative. However, in this region, employment opportunities are scarce, and many families depend entirely on this factory for survival. The factory has brought economic activity to an area that previously had little to none.

Question: If you were in your workers' place, working those hours on that wage, would you still defend your business practices? What is your opinion, and why? Hassan's Answer:

Yes, I would defend my business practices here.

(c) Imagine you are Anaya Rahim, a senior science teacher at a prestigious private school. You are participating in a panel discussion on ethics in education.

Text Summary: Recently, you discovered that your school has been slightly inflating students' predicted grades on official reports sent to universities abroad. This has helped many students get into top institutions, even if they didn't quite deserve it, giving them better futures. You confronted the administration privately, but nothing changed. Now, you're being asked whether you should go public with the information, even if it means harming the school's reputation and affecting current students.

Question: ~~If you believe in honesty and fairness, why haven't you reported~~ your school's actions to the media or the authorities? What is your opinion, and why?

*will you* *your own child.*  
*yes, I will report it.*

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*No, I will report.*

(d) Water Access and Corporate Ownership

Imagine you are Elina Costa, the CEO of a private water company operating in a drought-prone region. You are being interviewed on a national news channel. Someone in the audience asks you a question:

*likely to get droughts*

Question: If water is a basic human right, should any private company — including yours — have the power to control access to it?

*yes, we should have access to it.*

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Opinion:- yes / no

Short Response.

### Part (b)- Interviewer's Question

After you're done with the summary, you'll be given a certain scenario from the passage and you have to answer according to the person in the question.

For example, if the passage is about pollution caused by cars, you may be asked to answer from the perspective of a fuel car manufacturer.

#### Wordings Of the Question:

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Pollution Causes  
- fuel-driven cars

20 marks

(6) =

Imagine you are Profession A, xyz.

You are given a scenario about your life/ job.

Someone in the audience asks you a question.

Give your answer to their question, using information from the text.

Question from the audience: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your opinion and why?

xyz's answer:

### How To Answer?

Tips for writing an opinion-based response:

#### Before Writing: Read Strategically

- Skim the text to **identify anything** said about/by the person or perspective mentioned in the question.
- **Circle** things the character says or does, these are your clues and evidence.
- **Form a clear opinion** (e.g. agree/disagree) based on what you've found.
- Identify at least **two strong reasons** from the text that support your viewpoint.

↳ 3 reasons!

#### While Writing: Structure Your Response

- Start by **clearly stating your opinion**, remain consistent throughout your answer.
- **Create a 'voice'** for the character. Think: How would this person really feel or speak?
- Present your two reasons one at a time.

For each:

- Introduce the reason with a clear link to your opinion.
- Use a piece of evidence from the text.
- Develop it** by explaining how this evidence supports the character's attitude or situation.
- Show a **result or consequence** — what this idea leads to or reveals.

### ✓ *After Writing: Review and Improve*

- **Reread your response** to ensure clarity and focus.
- **Check for any missed evidence** — is there another small detail from the text that could strengthen your points?

### Examples:

For the summary that you just completed, "Excursion through China", complete the following interviewer's question:

Imagine you are Elon Musk, someone who lives a life of luxury but recently decided to travel in a Hard Class carriage to experience something closer to ordinary life. You found the experience refreshing and honest, and it gave you the sense of connection you were looking for.

You are asked to give feedback for a travel magazine review column. Give your answer to the review question, using information from the text.

● Review Question: "Some people say that the Hard Class carriages are uncomfortable, noisy, and not worth recommending. Would you advise someone to book it?"

Yes, I would recommend it. -Imarh?

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Moreover, the hard class also has air vents which opens up the atmosphere to fresh air. Hence, I felt more connected to nature. lastly, the carriages were full of people; this gave me an incredible opportunity to interact with people from diverse backgrounds and also befriend them.

### Before Writing:

- ✓ Your role: You are a luxury traveler who enjoyed the Hard Class for its realness.
- ✓ Read the question: Would you recommend the Hard Class?
- ✓ Skim the text to find what is said about Hard Class.
- ✓ Form your opinion:

→ Yes, I would recommend it to someone looking for real, everyday experience.

- ✓ Choose 2-3 reasons directly from the text, and think of their developments:

“The ‘Hard Class’ coaches are already full.” = *They are popular*

“Occupants lean from open windows to buy food.” = *How active/ informal the journey is*

“chunky design that seem old-fashioned to us” = *A touch of the vintage era*

“air vents on top” = *Lively carriage, free of artificialness, taste of reality.*

### While Writing:

- i. Start by stating your opinion clearly.
- ii. Then write one reason at a time:
- iii. Give the fact (paraphrase it a little)
- iv. Develop it: Explain what it shows and why it mattered to **you**.
- v. Add result: What effect or feeling did it create?

### Musk’s Answer:

Yes, I would recommend the Hard Class carriage, but only to someone who is seeking a genuine and grounded travel experience, rather than luxury. For me, it was a huge contrast to my usual polished environments, the activity and energy of that carriage gave me a feeling of connection I rarely experience. **People were leaning from windows** so freely, interacting with vendors and that to me, really caught the spontaneity of a trip. **The chunky designs and air vents** were like a window into the lives of commoners, and a real opportunity to see how the locals get by. In the end, it’s worth noting that **the hard class was already full**, which suggests its popularity and reflects that many local people do opt for it.

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### How the candidate could improve their answer

- (a)
- The candidate should only have selected content that was relevant to the task.
  - The candidate needed to use their own words and avoid copying sections of text.
  - The candidate should have written no more than 150 words.
  - The candidate could have included correct linking devices to ensure ideas connected and flowed.
- (b)
- Before answering, the candidate should have located and reread the section in the text relevant to the question: paragraph 6 focuses on black-hole resorts.
  - Details from the relevant paragraph should have been used to support the perspective targeted in the question.
  - The candidate needed to avoid a lengthy introduction which repeated the question and instead begin including text detail from the start.

### Common mistakes and guidance for candidates

- (a)
- Candidates sometimes lost sight of the question and included indiscriminate and excess content. Candidates must read the question carefully and only select ideas relevant to the task.
  - Summaries which were overlong lacked concision. Candidates should adhere to the 150 word limit. Counting words is not an efficient use of time; however, candidates ought to be able to estimate the number of words they write.
  - Some summaries were written in the first person and in a conversational style. Instead, the register for a summary should be formal and candidates should avoid phrases, such as 'on the flip side' or 'moving on'. More appropriate linking devices would be 'however' or 'furthermore'.
  - Vocabulary was not always precise or appropriate. Candidates must demonstrate a range of vocabulary but, at the same time, obscure vocabulary should be avoided.
  - Candidates who relied on copying sections of the text missed opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of the passage and their writing skills. Candidates needed to rephrase and reshape the relevant ideas in the text.
- (b)
- Candidates did not always recognise the perspective they were to take. The question needs to be read very carefully. The candidate must then refer back to the relevant sections in Text B, including where the person identified in the question is mentioned.
  - Candidates sometimes unadvisedly offered their own opinions or generalised what they had read. The response must be based on details in the text which are to be extended and developed. The viewpoint must be consistent throughout the response.
  - Seven lines were allocated to answer this question. Some candidates' introductions were unnecessarily long and repetitive. Candidates needed to make more efficient use of the designated space by identifying and developing the relevant ideas from the start of their response.