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EXAMPLE RESPONSES



You need to refer to **Source A** and **Source B** for this question.

The effects of the weather on people in both Sources are very different.

Use details from **both** Sources to write a summary of the different ways people are affected by the weather.

[8 marks]

Simple textual detail

In Source A people ~~feel~~ feel cold and feel as in it's the worst storm that they have ever seen

Simple difference

And in Source B there was less

people out not many people would come out because they

Simple awareness

there was no transport and people who walked there was less of them out and about

Level 1: 2 marks

Statement to show simple difference between texts, with simple references.

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Attempts inference

Some appropriate textual detail

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Firstly, in Source A the ^{weather} storm is described as life-threatening and dangerous. This is because of the quote "the apocalyptic vision crept silently and swiftly towards them". The adjective 'apocalyptic' means has connotations of things like the end of the world. This shows that ^{the} weather would have a very bad effect on people as it has been described like this.

Some appropriate textual detail

Attempts inference

Also, in source A there is the quote "The total of eight fatalities made this the greatest loss of life in any twenty-four hour period". The part "greatest loss of life" shows how people have been affected by the storm as many people have died because of it, which is negative.

On the other hand, in Source B the effects of the weather is on

Statement to show
difference between texts

people is shown as more positive, ^{by someone} and not a danger to life. This is because of the quote "nothing could ever be more beautiful". This shows that the weather is harmless as it is 'beautiful'. Overall this

Overall the weather is Source A has been described as much more negative as in Source B because of the different impacts on people.

Level 2: 4 marks

One statement to show a difference in the ways people are affected by the weather in both texts; attempts some inference with some appropriate references from both texts.

This response could have been improved by identifying more than one difference in the ways the people in the each text are affected by the weather. The approach is correct and there are several attempts at inference with some appropriate references, but the focus of the question, statements to show differences between the texts, is the weakest aspect.

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Attempts inference

Some appropriate textual detail

~~Source~~ The weather affects the people in Source A negatively. One way that the weather is presented negatively is that it causes fatalities. For example: 'The greatest loss of life in any twenty-four hour period on the peaks.' This has a strong cynical effect on the climbers.

Attempts inference

Clear difference between text with inference

The weather in Source B affects people in the sense that they become distracted but they are also happy for the distraction. For example: 'We had the loveliness and utter purity of new-fallen snow.' The cold is displayed as a beautiful thing in Source 2, whereas in Source 1 it is presented as a highly destructive force.

Another way that the weather affects people in Source 2 is positively. In Source A, lives are taken, whereas in Source

Statement to show
some difference

B the biggest issue that arises
is that a homeless girl states that
she felt as old as a frog.

Level 3: 5 marks

There is just enough in this response to reach level 3. All level 2 descriptors are met, plus there is one statement to show a clear difference between how people are affected by the weather in each text. The same statement also contains clear inference.

This response could have been improved with a greater range of differences identified and interpreted.

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[8 marks]

In Source A the weather is shown to affect people very severely and causes death. For example "the greatest loss of life on the peak"

This shows that storm in Source A was so severe that it actually caused fatalities. It also shows the overwhelming effect that it had physically on the people. The phrase

"Not a single land mark... was visible through the raging white-out" shows the disorientation caused

by the weather. The fact that experienced climbers were so disoriented and lost by the storm

shows that the weather can have a serious effect on anyone. We know that the climbers some of the climbers who died were experienced or at least prepared as they were on "commercial

expeditions". This shows that nature in the form of weather can still have severe consequences to those who are trying to be prepared.

In Source B the weather is shown to have a much less serious effect on people. For instance "enjoying the marvellous scene" shows that the weather has actually been

Clear inference

Perceptive inference

Judicious textual detail

Perceptive inference

Focus on differences
with perceptive
interpretation embedded

Perceptive difference
between texts

appreciated by some people and is shown to have positive effects. Furthermore, the effects of the weather are much more trivial and much less harmful than those in Source A. The phrase "my beard froze" summarises the difference in the effects of weather. Having a frozen beard won't cause any long term problems and will soon be gone again. Also this is in no way like threatening threatening and is more of a minor problem. The phrase "as cold as a frog" also emphasises how the effects of the weather in Source B are negligible in comparison to the death and suffering in Source A. Overall, the effects are very different in both the sources, mostly a large change in severity.

Level 4: 8 marks

Statements showing the different ways people are affected by the weather in both texts are perceptive throughout the response; several perceptive inferences with judicious selection of textual detail.

The use of comparative words and phrases such as "much more trivial" and "much less harmful" help this candidate to effectively synthesise the differences between the texts.

Interpretation is naturally embedded throughout the summary.

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