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*Answer two questions using essay responses. You should use academic literature and practical examples to support your arguments.*

How can the concept and practice of community support the wellbeing of people and of nature together? Draw on local and other case studies to support your answer.

Satish Kumar suggested that “*By focusing on food we connect the personal with the political and the intimate with the ultimate”.* Critically reflect on the sustainability of a meal you ate recently, and explain how the intimate and personal acts of eating are influenced in positive or negative ways by the wider food system.

How might participatory art enable communities to explore their sense of identity and their visions for the future? Draw on examples from your own experience and from community initiatives to support your answer.

In what ways can we scale community based niche innovations towards wider socio-technological sustainability transitions?

What is the future for community centred conservation?

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You have been tasked to explore the reasons and consequences of deforestation and degradation of a local forest in a community in Zambia. Critically evaluate the potential of Participatory Rural Appraisal to achieve your goal, and explain the approach and tools you would employ.

Analyse the extent and characteristics of the ‘university community’ in St Andrews. In what ways might this ‘community’ support the university in its stated drive towards sustainability?

Community gardens grow food. What else can flourish there, and what are the limitations to growth?

How might art engage communities to envision and/or enact sustainable futures?

Does nature experience deepen sense of community or does community strengthen connection to nature?