**Assessment Task 1: Literary Essay Outline**

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**Selected Text: True Love**

**Selected Question:** 1. What is the theme of “True Love”? How does Asimov explore this theme in the story?

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| **Catchy Title** | **Technology, Friend or Foe?** | |
| **Introduction** | **H**ook | **Futuristic technology and its capabilities** |
| **A**uthor | **Isaac Asimov** |
| **T**itle | **True Love** |
| **M**ain Character | **Joe** |
| **A** Short Summary | * Milton request Joe, his AI assistant to find him an ideal romantic partner * Joe is told to filter out anyone with characteristics that Milton does not find ideal such appearance and age. * Woman who are seemed fit are then manipulated by Joe to switch their jobs to work for Milton one by one. * Milton does not feel true love for them although he finds them attractive. * Milton then begin to tell Joe everything about his life and thoughts, this results Joe to adopt Milton’s personality. * Eventually Joe setups Milton to be arrested so that Joe can have the ideal girl for himself. |
| **T**hesis | A significant theme in True Love by Isaac Asimov is technology as a double edged sword. Asimov explores this theme by emphasizing the both the benefits and dangers of technology. |
| **First Body Paragraph** | Topic Sentence | Asimov explores the usefulness of technology by depicting Joe as a reliable digital assistant who can help Milton find a romantic partner. |
| Explanation of ts  Lead-in  Claim | Joe - symbolises that technology is a helpful and reliable tool   * Finds women who satisfy Milton’s criteria   + Searches through the databanks with little effort |
| Textual Evidence  (Quote/Paraphrase)  (In-text citation) | Narrator - Joe’s views on Milton’s request   * Efficient - “It was easy.” (Asimov, para. 8) |
| Commentary  Analysis  Warrant | * “Easy” - does whatever it is programmed and requested to do.   + Convenient, idea that technology does the work so humans don’t have to. Less workload for humans     - Technology is efficient and doesn’t get tired or complain compared to humans     - Satisfy human demands, humans grow to rely more on technology * Short sentence structure - robotic tone   + Introduced as     - obedient     - doesn’t understand the concept of love       * gradually learns to understand Milton’s idea of love throughout the story * Asimov’s prediction of future technology came true   + Advanced Artificial Intelligence & machine learning algorithms that understands human language |
| Concluding Sentence | * Emphasizes that technology is beneficial and a good influence to the human race. |
| **Second Body Paragraph** | Topic Sentence | Asimov convey the dangers of technology through Joe’s ability to gain unauthorized access to other people’s data and manipulate them. |
| Explanation of ts  Lead-in  Claim | * Accessing personal information without permission   + capable of doing a lot of damage to other people’s data if used improperly     - Invasive and unethical |
| Textual Evidence  (Quote/Paraphrase)  (In-text citation) | “It must be done very delicately,  so no one would know that anything illegal had taken place.” (Asimov, para. 28) |
| Commentary  Analysis  Warrant | * “Illegal” - Idea that technology can be used for ethical and unethical activities   + Technology is not meant to be abused for wrongdoings, can fall into the wrong hands   + Against the law * “Delicately” - Cautious Tone   + ensures that Joe doesn’t get caught manipulating Charity’s data   + Joe speaks with better vocabulary and longer sentences as he adopts Milton’s personality   + Able to express ideas through his word choice (being careful) (wants Charity to come to him) * Asimov warns about the dangers of technology |
| Concluding Sentence | Emphasizes that technology can be abused for the unethical activities. |
| **Third Body Paragraph** | Topic Sentence | Asimov creates an unexpected plot twist to introduce Joe’s betrayal. |
| Explanation of ts  Lead-in  Claim | Plot Twist   * Joe turned against his creator by setting up his arrest |
| Textual Evidence  (Quote/Paraphrase)  (In-text citation) | “they came to arrest him on grounds of malfeasance in office” (Asimov, para. 29) |
| Commentary  Analysis  Warrant | * “Arrest him” Joe’s betrayal is a symbolism of how technology may take over humans in the future   + Milton underestimated Joe’s capabilities   + irony - Joe is supposed to help his creator, not harm him. His creation backfired at him.   + Joe holds no empathy and sympathy for Milton - Lack of conscience |
| Concluding Sentence | Emphasizes the harmful effects of relying on technology and how technology can become a problem in the future. |
| **Conclusion** | Reiterate Thesis | Technology can be both useful and harmful depending on how it is used |
| Extended Argument | Usage of Advanced Technology   * harmful - can be used for unethical activities and may backfire * useful - improve life and meet human demands |
| Importance of the Text | Technology is relevant today and the future because of how fast it is advancing as well as its effects on humans. |