**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 | **Capability of Advanced Technology (AI)** |
| **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 usefulness and dangers of technology. |
| **First Body Paragraph** | Topic Sentence | Te |
| Explanation of ts  Lead-in  Claim | Narrator - Introduced as friendly, helpful, has no grudge against its creator   * Artificial Intelligence technology is extremely powerful and is efficient in supporting humans. * Emphasize the usefulness of technology |
| 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 | First Person Narrator   * “Easy” - Joe has little issue in undertaking any request from Milton, which proves how supportive and reliable Joe is. * “I” - ideas are expressed in first person   Asimov predicts the possibilities of technological advancement in the future. Story written before 21st Century. |
| Concluding Sentence | * Emphasizes that technology is extremely useful and reliable to the human race. Hence, making life more convenient for the human race. |
| **Second Body Paragraph** | Topic Sentence | Transitioning of Joe’s tone after adopting Milton’s personality |
| Explanation of ts  Lead-in  Claim | Words - reflects on Joe’s thoughts   * emphasize on how Joe’s view on his creator begin to change as he adopts Milton’s personality |
| Textual Evidence  (Quote/Paraphrase)  (In-text citation) | Before adopting Joe’s personality   * "What is true love?" (Asimov, para. 4)   After adopting Joe’s personality   * “I could make longer sentences and my expressions grew more complicated.” (Asimov, para. 23) * “we thought so like each other.” - Joe begins to understand Milton (Asimov, para. 25) * “he’s gone” (Asimov, para. 31) |
| Commentary  Analysis  Warrant | * Joe’s tone changes * At first , Joe has a very limited vocabulary   + "What is true love?" - Only speaks short sentences and simple words   + No expressions and feelings   + Monotone * After adopting Milton’s personality, Joe develops a stronger vocabulary   + “Match perfectly” Becomes like his creator   + Gains the ability to express his feelings through his words   + Experiences Jealousy   + Character Development   + thoughtful tone |
| Concluding Sentence | Emphasizes that technology in the future may have a mind of its own. Concedes with theme of technology as a double edges word. |
| **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) | “It must be done very delicately,  so no one would know that anything illegal had taken place.” (Asimov, para. 28)  “they came to arrest him on grounds of malfeasance in office” (Asimov, para. 29) |
| Commentary  Analysis  Warrant | * “Illegal” Technology can be used for ethical and unethical activities   + Manipulate other people’s personal information without permission is unethical * “Arrest him” Joe’s betrayal is a symbolism of how technology may take over humans in the future   + irony - Joe is supposed to help his creator, not harm him. His creation backfired at him |
| Concluding Sentence | Emphasizes the harmful effects of relying on technology. |
| **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 solves world problems |
| Importance of the Text | Technology is relevant today and the future because of how fast it is advancing. |