**Section A**

1. The writer’s main argument is that population growth has fueled the destruction of ecology and the environment. With population growth, more countries are becoming more industrialized and destroying the environment in pursuit of economic gains. The author argues an effective solution would be social and economic development which would help reduce the population growth. However, this may carry the risk of further destroying the environment as they exploit resources for economic development.
2. My understanding of runaway population is that the population growth is exponential and that it is hard to control. The cause of this problem is that there is a lack of family planning programmes that allow families to assess the risks and costs of expanding their family. There is also a lack of birth control options for these families that may be caused by low income or a lack of education about this contraception.
3. Deforestation has caused large amounts of carbon dioxide to be released into the environment, which could disrupt the global climate, and cause adverse effects such as global warming. Furthermore, with deforestation, it may cause animals and plants to lose their natural habitats which results in a less diverse ecosystem and may result in the loss of scientific knowledge for our human race.
4. A large proportion of the population of developing countries consist of children below reproductive age, hence birth control programmes would not be able to tackle the root cause of the problem, and that this would not stop the population from further increasing in the near future.
5. In the pursuit of Economic Development, industrialized countries may ask poorer countries to give up the strategy of exploiting natural resources for economic development, this would lead to the poorer countries to remain in a cycle of poverty, and this may cause overpopulation especially in these poorer countries.

With Economic Development, the majority of people would have an higher standard of living which would consists of better educational and career opportunities. Hence, with these factors in mind, it has allowed the birth rate to fall and stabilize at a significantly lower level.

**Section B**

The author argues that due to the changes in our environment, this has caused the problem of overpopulation. This problem would pose an enormous threat the environment on a global scale. Furthermore, in the pursuit of economic development, this has caused people to exploit natural resources for their own economic benefit. The author proposes using family planning and birth control programmes to curb the population growth. However, this may not solve the root cause. To solve the root cause, the author believes that poorer countries have to target economic growth to slow down their population growth, this may cause the destruction of the world’s ecological system.

However more affluent countries may hinder this as they would want to preserve the natural environments. and that more affluent countries and poorer countries must collaborate to solve this problem effectively

**Section C**

**A)**The importance of sharpening the saw is that it allows people to further improve on themselves and safeguard against burnout and allow them to be more productive in the future. I would make sure that I would take study breaks in between long stretches of study ranging from 2 -3 hours. To implement this, I would use the pomodoro technique so that I would be able to rest during my long stretches of studying time.

**B)**SMART Goals are goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound. A student can set a smart goal of studying 3 hours a day on a single module that would help to improve the grades for that module.

**C)** Hearing is a physical reception od sound and is and automatic reaction of sense and nervous system, however listening is a voluntary act that involve higher mental processes. I think the student should focus on ideas and not facts and the student should also attempt to understand the lecturer’s purpose.

**D)** The main thesis would suggest the author’s main argument in the article. In the critical response, the writer should express clearly and directly with sufficient evidences and examples.

**E)** Summary writing would shorten the text, however paraphrasing would include could include just as many words or is slightly shorter. In summary writing, the writer have to substitute key word or phrases, identify key points in the text, organize ideas logically in the text, and eliminate wordiness from the text.

**Section D**

1. David could have an untrained memory, may not be listening effectively in class and he may not be thinking critically about the text that he is reading through.
2. David should train his memory by paraphrasing, rephrasing and explaining the text he is reading through to himself until he truly understands the content and he can explain it to his friend. David could also use mnemonic such as Acronyms and using rhymes to memories the important information that have to be memorized by rote.

Secondly, David should also have effective listening skills, he should make it a habit to seat in the first row in every lecture so that it would help to reduce the noise and activity in the immediate area. Furthermore, David can also understand the lecturer’s purpose by reading through the content first, so that it would help him better understand the lecturer’s purpose. The student should also try to write out questions that he may not understand by reading the content before class, this would help him prepare mental question that he could ask during the lecture E.g. The concepts that the student may be confused by and the linkage of certain ideas with other previous ideas.

Lastly, David should improve on his critical thinking skills. When he receives a text for his module, he should try to form an opinion logically and cast away his personal opinions. David should evaluate the text through reflection, David has to evaluate the article by examining the claim and supporting evidence and check if there is any logical gaps between the evidence and the argument. David should also outline and summaries the text so that he could identify the main ideas and state them in your own words so that it is simple to understand, and that David could refer to it in the future.