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SECTION A

This question invites the candidate to consider two texts about The Kokoda Trail. Text 1 is an advertisement promoting reasons to walk the Kokoda Trail, while text 2 is part of a magazine article which describes the inherent dangers involved.

A barely satisfactory comparative commentary will:

- note that both texts are about the Kokoda Trail but explored from different perspectives
- note the different genre
- comment on the different purpose and audience associated with each text
- mention at least one or two stylistic devices in each text.

A better comparative commentary may also:

- discuss key stylistic elements: for instance, imperatives; names; descriptions; exotic visual imagery, historical allusions found in text 1; hyperbole, imagery, capitalization, simile, statistics, enumeration and formal register found in text 2
- discuss and explain the upbeat/reassuring/comforting tone of text 1 as compared to the concerned somewhat alarmist tone evident in text 2
- comment in more detail on the language style apparent in both texts and relate this to purpose
- comment on how imagery is used to advance a reader's interest in walking the Kokoda Trail in text 1, but used to the opposite effect in text 2
- comment on the function of the narrative viewpoints: the use of second person in text 1 compared to third person in text 2.

The best comparative commentaries may also:

- more thoroughly explore the language style evident in both texts
- consider the titles of each text
- note that both texts are written in a persuasive manner but achieve different purposes
- examine the structure of text 1 and how this contributes to its persuasive purpose
- compare and contrast the didactic nature of texts 1 and 2
- comment in more detail on the tone of both texts and what effect this has on audience.

SECTION B

This question invites candidates to compare an excerpt from an autobiographical memoir and a poem, both of which are concerned with a child-father relationship.

A barely satisfactory comparative commentary will:

- note the different genres: one is an autobiographical memoir, one a poem
- note that the narrator in both texts is referring to their father
- comment on the structure of each text
- mention at least one or two stylistic devices in each text *e.g.* anecdote and dialogue in text 3, simile and alliteration in text 4.

A better comparative commentary may also:

- discuss the language style evident in both texts. Text 3 is lively and more playful, while text 4 is formal, almost ceremonial
- recognize that the narrator in text 3 is male and the narrator in text 4 is female and perhaps that the father in each text is a doctor
- comment in some detail on stylistic devices
- comment on point of view in each text and the effect this has on the reader
- comment on the nature of the relationship in text 3 as compared to text 4
- discuss the tone evident in each text *e.g.* admiring, witty or resigned in text 3; restrained, cautious, even respectfully solemn in text 4.

The best comparative commentaries may also:

- discuss in more detail the relationship between the narrator and their father: the hint of regret in text 4 (without much affection) as compared to deep affection and admiration in text 3
 - comment in further detail on stylistic devices *e.g.* description, juxtaposition, irony in text 3; use of meter, rhyme scheme and the multiple meaning of “slipping” in text 4
 - discuss the way wit and hyperbole is used to characterize the father in text 3 while respectful distance is used to characterize the father in text 4
 - consider the relationship between tone and meaning in both texts
 - note that text 3 describes the relationship (past tense) through recall, while text 4 describes the relationship (present tense) through the aging process.
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