

N – Level English Paper 2

Tips for Students

Section A: Visual Text

The main problem with this section is students who give answers that are not specific enough.

For example, the answer for question 1 could be:

1. *Designers.*
2. *Graphic designers.*
3. *The main audience are artists.*

All these answers are not specific and will not get you the mark. Always remember that for visual text it is usually a two part answer:

Part A: Topic/Illustration

Part B: Explanation

The most accurate answer would look like this:

Designers [**Part A**] who are looking for a job [**Part B**].

Part A gives the target audience and Part B gives the explanation why this particular group of people would be interested.

Section B: Narrative Text

Now look at Question 4. You still need to apply the principle of specificity in your answer.

The correct answer is:

He was a visitor/guest [**Part A**] to the crew/captain [**Part B**].

Part A identifies the role of the author and Part B gives a more specific explanation of who he is playing that role with on board the ship. Many students just give Part A of the answer thinking that they have answered the question adequately because the question is only worth one mark. This is one of the main reasons students lose marks especially for the easy questions that they know the answer but it is lacking in specificity. Remember this:

If your answer is not specific, it becomes too general for the full marks to be awarded.

Section C: Expository Text

The summary question usually asks for 2 aspects:

Summarise the factors that contribute to **dying oceans** and the **effects on marine life and the ocean**.

Look for specific points that answer one of those 2 points. Go through every sentence in the section of the text that has been prescribed by the question. A rule to follow is : If it answers one of the questions, it is a content point. Use it in your summary. Good Luck!

