

ACTIVITY 3

A02

SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS,
INTERPRETATION

▼ SENTENCE TYPE

Ralston uses a variety of sentence types to make his writing interesting. Copy and complete the following table with examples of each type and explain the effect.

▼ TYPE OF SENTENCE	▼ EXAMPLE	▼ EFFECT
Long complex sentences		
Short sentences		
Incomplete sentences		

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

A02

SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS,
ADAPTIVE LEARNING, CREATIVITY

How does the writer use language and structure to engage of the reader?

You should support your answer with close reference to the passage, including brief quotations. (12 marks)

ACTIVITY 4

A04

A05

SKILLS

PROBLEM SOLVING, CREATIVITY,
INNOVATION

▼ WRITING TASKS

- Write a magazine article giving your views on the statement: 'Extreme situations bring out the best in all of us'. In the article, you may include:
 - anecdotal incidents that support this statement
 - the positives and negatives of facing extreme situations
 - any other points you wish to make.
- In 1910, Robert Scott, an English naval officer and explorer, led an expedition to the South Pole. Three explorers from this group set out in July 1911 to collect emperor penguin eggs to be studied by scientists back home. After 35 days they managed to return to base camp with three eggs. During this trip, the three explorers faced extreme hardship due to cold and weather. Imagine that you are one of the explorers and write a diary entry detailing one day of the journey.

KEY POINT

First-person narration is often noted for its level of detail. This can enable the writer to write with immediacy and power.

HOW TO WRITE A SUCCESSFUL ANSWER

in this paragraph Addresses the question directly.

unsure Focuses on a specific feeling.

he is also able to make a quick decision and react His thoughts are given in the candidate's own words.

The following is a candidate's answer to the question, 'In your own words explain what the writer's thoughts and feelings are in paragraph 5'. The annotations show some of the strengths of the answer.

In this paragraph the writer feels worried as he is unsure whether the stone that he is balancing on will hold. The movement of the stone alerts him to danger and reacts quickly. He is very frightened as he watches the stone falling towards him, but he is also able to make a quick decision and react. He doesn't give up and wait but thinks of what action he can take and picks the only option available to him which is to push the stone away.

Using this answer as a guide, write your own answer to the following question.

- In your own words, explain the writer's feelings and reactions in paragraph 7.