

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

- 2 Write about a time when you have been surprised by someone's views or realised that your own views were wrong.

Your response could be real or imagined.

EXAMPLE STUDENT ANSWER A TO QUESTION 2

In a school assembly the headteacher talked about an appalling civil war that had happened in part of Africa, and in which hundreds of thousands of people had been massacred, just because they were an ethnic minority. I had got used to people saying that we ought to respect the beliefs of others and I thought that pretty much all countries accepted this by now. I mean, I knew something about the holocaust in Europe during the Second World War – it was so terrible that it was a warning to the rest of the world never to do anything like that ever again. But this was another attempt at genocide, in my own lifetime. I realised that I had been wrong. It was going to take much longer for the whole world to learn. If they ever did.

Assess the answer above. Some of the aspects you might want to consider are: how does it manage information and ideas, does it address the intended reader, is it well structured, how accurate is the spelling and grammar, and generally how well has the text fulfilled the task set by the question?

EXAMPLE STUDENT ANSWER B TO QUESTION 2

I supposed I'd always envied him in a way, I mean he was good at sports, I mean I'm alright but he was obviously excellent, and he was quite clever as well. I sort of resented the way he could do things quite easily. So I never really gave him much of a chance. I slagged him off to my friends saying he was arrogant and such (using some nice slangy phrases of course). Later though he did me a good turn, though I didn't deserve it. He spoke up for me when I was trying hard to get into the first XI, and said I deserved a chance. I honestly dont know why he did, but it made a diffrence. It happened like this.....

Now look at the answer above. How well does the writer communicate? Do you think the writer understands the needs of their reader? What do you think of the tone and the vocabulary used?

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

A02

SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING,
ANALYSIS, ADAPTIVE
LEARNING,
CREATIVITY

How does Adiche develop a persuasive argument?

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

(12 marks)