

Utopia and dystopia

Tasks (refer to Mock exam text 5)

1. Outline what the Controller says about the concept of happiness in the new state.
(*Comprehension*)
2. Characterise the Controller and explain how the point of view used in this passage influences the reader's perception of him. (*Analysis*)
3. Choose one of the following tasks:
 - a) Compare Huxley's fantasy of the future with the idea of the pursuit of happiness in the American Dream. Do you think there exists a "general" idea of happiness? Explain your idea. (*Evaluation: comment*)
 - b) Do you think that today's discussion about cloning embryos for organ-transplant can result in a world described in Huxley's novel? (*Evaluation: comment*)
 - c) Re-read the excerpt from the novel, concentrating on what we learn about Bernard Marx's reactions and feelings. Use these clues to write an interior monologue which shows what he is thinking while listening to John and the World Controller.
(*Evaluation: re-creation of text*)