

Science, technology and the environment: 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 Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451*. Comment on the question whether these visions are still relevant for us today. Pay special attention to the concepts of happiness and the role of books in the two societies. (*Evaluation: comment*)
 - b) Conceive yourself to be in the position of Bernard Marx. Re-read the excerpt from the novel concentrating on what we learn about his reactions and feelings. Use these clues to write an interior monologue showing what he is thinking while listening to John and the World Controller. (*Evaluation: re-creation of text*)