



English I Reading

Single Selection
Scoring Guide
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Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

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After reading "Postcard: New Delhi," do you think Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea? Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

Score Point 0 — Insufficient Response to the Question

Insufficient responses indicate a very limited reading performance.

These responses have one of the following problems.

- The idea is not an answer to the question asked.
- The idea is incorrect because it is not based on the text.
- The idea is too general, vague, or unclear to determine whether it is reasonable.
- No idea is present. Sometimes the response contains only text evidence. At other times there appears to be an idea; however, this idea cannot be considered an answer to the question because it merely repeats verbatim, or “echoes,” the text evidence.

In "Postcard: New Delhi" by Simon Robinson, the modified airplane is a good idea. Overall a modified aircraft is a great idea and could change peoples lives.

Score Point 0

The student presents an idea that is too general to determine whether it is reasonable.

I think Gupta's Idea is very good because it helps people get over their fear of flying. Look at the quote "When we have more money we will go on a real plane." Before, this person would have been scared to death. Therefore, his idea is very good

Score Point 0

This response is insufficient because the student presents an idea that is not based on the selection. The idea that the modified airplane helps people get over their fear of flying cannot be supported by textual evidence from the selection.

Yes, I think Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea. The modified airplane is used to train engineering students and flight attendants during the week. "During the week, Gupta uses the plane to train engineering students and flight attendants. The modified airplane is a good thing."

Score Point 0

In this response the student presents an idea that merely “echoes” the textual evidence provided. Because the student has not presented his own original idea, this response indicates a very limited reading performance.

Gupta's modified airplane is a brilliant idea. Not only does it "train engineering students and flight attendants" (Robinson p.2) and educate civilians on the proper "aviation manners," (Robinson p.2) but it also "fulfill[s] life wishes" (Robinson p.2) of "poor villagers and students" (Robinson p.2). Therefore, the suburban airplane is a wonderful idea.

Score Point 0

The student asserts that the modified airplane is a good idea. However, the student does not explain why she thinks the modified airplane is a good idea. Instead, she strings together a series of quotations from the selection in an attempt to explain. This response is insufficient because no idea is present. A response that contains only textual evidence indicates that the student's reading performance is very limited.

Score Point 1 — Partially Sufficient Response to the Question

Partially sufficient responses indicate a basic reading performance.

These responses have one of the following characteristics.

- The idea is reasonable, but the response contains no text evidence.
- The idea is reasonable, but the text evidence is flawed and does not adequately support the idea. Text evidence is considered inadequate when it is
 - only a general reference to the text,
 - too partial to support the idea,
 - weakly linked to the idea, or
 - used inappropriately because it wrongly manipulates the meaning of the text.
- The idea needs more explanation or specificity even though it is supported with text evidence.
- The idea represents only a literal reading of the text, with or without text evidence.

After reading "Postcard: New Delhi," I think Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea because it helps people "We want to orient them about aviation manners." "People have money, but they don't know how to behave. We want to acquaint them with the cost of a plane, the safety aspects, how to treat the hostesses" Nirmal Jindal states the airplane is a good idea to help them.

Score Point 1

The student presents the idea that the modified airplane helps people and supports this idea with relevant textual evidence. However, the idea needs more explanation or specificity. Therefore, this response remains only partially sufficient.

I don't think Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea. Yes, it is a nice gesture for the poor families in New Delhi but in reality but what is it going to do for people? At the most it would give them hopes and dreams. Why teach families how to act on a plane if they are never going to be able to enjoy one? That would sort of crush me in a way. Gupta is extremely generous but I do not think that it's necessary.

Score Point 1

The student offers the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is not a good idea because Gupta is instilling false hopes and dreams in poor families. However, no textual evidence is provided to support the idea. Therefore, this response is only partially sufficient.

Yes, I do believe Gupta created something very inspiring for the large amount of people in India who aren't very fortunate. The sentence: "Born in a small village - 'we were not even having a bus' - Gupta got the idea for his enterprise more than 20 years ago when neighbors begged him for tours after he landed his job at Indian Airlines." in third paragraph represents that entity. Gupta did a wonderful thing for people who aren't familiar with planes.

Score Point 1

The student presents the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is a good idea because it is very inspiring for Indian people who aren't very fortunate. However, the textual evidence provided is flawed because it is only *weakly linked* to the idea. The textual evidence does not support the idea that people are inspired by the airplane. Therefore, this response indicates only a basic reading performance.

Yes I do think it is a good idea, for many reasons, such as it helps them learn more about aircraft. Also it has been some people's dream just to be able to sit in a airplane. It also lets them know the total amount of cost it is going to take to get on a real plane. -paragraph 5, 4, and 2.

Score Point 1

In this response the student presents several reasonable ideas why the modified airplane is a good idea: it helps people learn more about aircraft, it is a dream of some people just to sit in an airplane, and it informs people about the cost of a true flight. This response, however, is only partially sufficient because the student includes paragraph citations but does not provide specific evidence from inside the paragraphs that would support the ideas.

Score Point 2 — Sufficient Response to the Question

Sufficient responses indicate a satisfactory reading performance.

These responses have the following characteristics.

- The idea is reasonable and goes beyond a literal reading of the text. It is explained specifically enough to show that the student can make appropriate connections across the text and draw valid conclusions.
- The text evidence used to support the idea is accurate and relevant.
- The idea and text evidence used to support it are clearly linked.
- The combination of the idea and the text evidence demonstrates a good understanding of the text.

I do not think the modified airplane in Gupta is a good idea. That is because with India's rough economy only the higher classes will be able to afford a real airplane ticket. That won't help regular people considering the fact that "even a 20 dollar ticket is too expensive for most Indians."

Score Point 2

The student presents the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is not a good idea because there are many people in India who cannot afford a real airplane ticket. A direct quotation is provided to sufficiently support the idea. The combination of the idea and the evidence demonstrates that the student has a good understanding of the text.

yes, I think that Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea, "We want people to have a good time, to inspire them, so that kids can see that if they study hard they might become a pilot." This shows that kids will use this as a goal for their career whether they want to be a pilot or not, and study harder to reach that goal.

Score Point 2

The student presents the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is a good idea because kids will be inspired to study hard and set career goals. The student provides relevant textual evidence to support the idea, demonstrating a satisfactory reading performance.

Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea, it gives the people the opportunity to see how flying on a plane works. "Passengers check in, receive boarding passes and climb a steep metal staircase to enter the plane. Flight attendants then run them through the safety procedures serve snacks and cool drinks and answer questions about how an aircraft works." all that is done as if on a real plane.

Score Point 2

The student offers the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is a good idea because it allows people the chance to experience the process of flying without ever leaving the ground. A direct quotation is provided to support the idea, making this a sufficient response.

Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea. The author states "People have the money, but they do not know how to behave. We want to acquaint them with the cost of a plane, the safety aspects, how to treat the hostesses." Gupta's modified airplane is good because the passengers would know how to act and treat people right on a airplane.

Score Point 2

The student offers the reasonable idea that the modified airplane is a good idea because it teaches passengers how to act and treat others on a real aircraft. The direct quotation the student uses is clearly linked to the idea, indicating a satisfactory reading performance.

Score Point 3 — Exemplary Response to the Question

Exemplary responses indicate an accomplished reading performance.

These responses have the following characteristics.

- The idea is perceptive and reflects an awareness of the complexities of the text. The student is able to develop a coherent explanation of the idea by making discerning connections across the text.
- The text evidence used to support the idea is specific and well chosen. Overall, the evidence strongly supports the validity of the idea.
- The combination of the idea and the text evidence demonstrates a deep understanding of the text.

All his life, Gupta from the short selection "Postcard: New Delhi" has grown up seeing the poverty of his neighborhood and decides to take a step forward by creating a modified airplane. Having seen the extreme conditions of the people, tickets are "too expensive for most Indians" and with his invention, passengers "whom have never been on a plane before" are finally given a chance (Robinson). In this way, it comes across as an act of kindness and since many "can visit free." This experience like no other might interest those that previously weren't and serve as motivation to spread their wings and take off; "we are fulfilling life wishes"

Score Point 3

In this accomplished reading performance, the student presents the perceptive analysis that the modified airplane is a good idea because Gupta used his childhood experiences to inspire others to dream. The student uses a combination of direct quotations, paraphrase, and specific synopsis to support the idea. The combination of the idea and evidence demonstrates that the student has a deep understanding of the text.

In my opinion, Gupta's modified airplane is a very positive concept. "Poor villagers and students can visit free." So with no economic worries they might decide to take the opportunity and board a plain, which will later on payoff with the knowledge and motivation they will gain experiencing flight procedures. This wonderful experience gives the passengers a chance to dream and to realize that with some effort, you can become whatever you want. "We want people to have a good time, to inspire them, so that kids see that if they study hard they might become a pilot." says Gupta.

Score Point 3

The student presents the idea that modifying the airplane motivates those Indians who are economically disadvantaged and gives them a chance to dream for a better future. This analysis demonstrates the student's ability to make discerning connections across the text, and well-chosen textual evidence enhances this analysis. This response represents an accomplished reading performance.

Yes, I do believe Gupta's modified airplane is a good idea. The plane allows people to experience something they could not otherwise, it helps to teach people, and it inspires people. Most people in Dwaraka cannot afford to travel by plane, and is considered a luxury. Gupta says "Flying is still beyond the reach of common man." People are able to board a plane, and they also learn about safety precautions. This part of the program is important to Gupta's wife, Nirmal, who states "We want to acquaint them with the cost of a plane, the safety aspects, how to treat the hostesses." So while people are enjoying themselves they are learning as well. The greatest part of this idea is to inspire people. They are giving people something to strive for, and Gupta says "We want people to have a good time, to inspire them, so that kids see that if they study hard they might become a pilot." It is a great idea.

Score Point 3

In this exemplary response, the student develops a coherent analysis by making discerning connections across the text. Specific and well-chosen textual evidence supports the analysis, demonstrating the student's awareness of the complexities of the selection.

In Robinson's article "Post Card: New Delhi" BC Gupta's modified airplane is presented as a chance for those who aren't able to afford to board an actual aircraft to still become knowledgeable about not only the mannerisms of a passenger but also become inspired by the experience of being in a airplane, thus making this a good idea. Gupta worked for Indian Airline, and now uses the modified plane "to train... students and flight attendants." He explains that people from his village "begged him for tours" when he worked for the airline company, but the security wouldn't allow it. Thus, he got the idea to use the modified aircraft as a way for the poor and students to also get a feel for flying, saying that he hopes "to inspire them so that [they] see that if they study hard, they might become a pilot." Gupta's idea offers an inspiring experience to those who wouldn't usually be able to gain it by making the price for visiting the plane free. He allows them to get a feel for luxury that will hopefully motivate them to work hard and reach their dreams because that was the purpose of his modified plane, making his idea a both good and inspirational one.

Score Point 3

The student uses specific paraphrased text taken from throughout the selection to develop a coherent synopsis that supports the validity of the analysis. The student's perceptive analysis and well-chosen textual evidence reflects a deep understanding of the selection.