

### Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a blog post. There is no fixed format, but clear paragraphing is essential to delivering the messages effectively. Include an introduction, a main body and a conclusion. Write in the first person while discussing the poem experientially.
2. Genre – This is a commentary and a piece of descriptive writing. Describe and discuss relevant, e.g. technical and thematic, aspects of the poem. Make both positive and negative comments on them with supporting quotes from the poem.
3. Language and formality – Since the post is a school assignment, write in a relatively serious tone. However, the language needs not be formal. Give the tone a little inspiring or inspired touch to make readers reflect on the poem's theme, friendship.
4. Organisation – Begin with what you think about the poem in general. Then move on to discussing your chosen aspects of the poem in separate paragraphs. In at least one, focus on the negatives. Organise the paragraphs, and sentences in each paragraph, with cohesive devices.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this blog post is poetry and friendship. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary for suggestions about ideas.

### Useful vocabulary and expressions

#### Verbs / verb phrases

appeal	吸引
appreciate	欣賞
condemn	指責
embrace	欣然接受
look beyond words	理解文字以外的 意義
maintain	維繫
relate closely with	把……密切連繫
sequence something in alphabetic order	把……以英文字母次序排列
treat	對待

#### Nouns / noun phrases

alliteration	押頭韻
blunder	錯誤
deep reflection	深刻反省
emphasis	強調
enjoyment	享受
essence	精要
figurative language	修辭
line	詩歌的行數
message	信息
mutual effort	共同努力
personal experience	個人經驗
prerequisite	先決條件
reader	讀者
restriction	限制
rhyming scheme	押韻模式
room for improvement	進步空間

#### sentence pattern

stanza	句型
strength	詩歌的段落
theme	優點、強項
thumb rule	主題
	基本法則

#### Adjectives

down-to-earth	實際的
engaging	有吸引力的
grumpy	脾氣暴躁的
impressive	令人印象深刻的
inspiring	激勵人心的
lasting	持久的
lively	生動的
playful	玩味的
rhythmical	有韻律的
straightforward	直接的
truly powerful	很震撼的
well-organised	很有組織的

#### Others

as long as	只要
regardless of	且不論