

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – You are asked to write a poem review. Your analysis should be based on the meanings of the poem and the poetic devices adopted.
2. Genre – It is a commentary and descriptive writing. You are expected to describe and explain the meanings of the poem and the writer's use of poetic devices in the poem. Elaborate on your ideas by commenting how you feel about it. You may even offer suggestions for the improvement of the poem.
3. Language and formality – As this poem review is to be shared with your schoolmates, the language should not be too difficult. When analysing the language and format of the poem, you may explain the language items clearly by quoting the words or phrases from the poem. A semi-formal tone can be used to show objectivity.
4. Organisation – You can begin the review with an introduction to the poem. In the first main part, briefly describe its organisation of ideas, its message and how the message is conveyed, i.e. how the poem is related to the theme 'peace'. In the second part, you can focus on its format and language, such as mentioning the Haiku writing style that it has adopted, and its use of poetic devices. Examine and evaluate the effectiveness of its idea delivery. Lastly, describe your feelings about the poem and appreciate it being an award-winning work.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of the writing is a Haiku-style poem about peace. You should have enough relevant ideas and vocabulary items for this topic. You can refer to the following ideas and vocabulary items.

Useful vocabulary items and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

arouse sb.'s awareness	引起某人的關注
consist of	包含
depict	描述
employ	採用
engage	從事 / 參加
generate	產生
imply	暗示
deserve	值得
infer	推斷
picture	想像
question	提問/ 質問
reveal	顯示
sacrifice	犧牲

Nouns / noun phrases

a considerable number	大量
battle	戰爭
consequence	後果
eagerness	渴望
irony	諷刺
linguistic device	修辭工具
metaphor	比喻 (暗喻)
necessity	必要性
outcome	結果
preciousness	珍貴
preciseness	準確性
reflection	反思

rhetorical question	反問
scene	場景
significance	重要性
termination	結束
troop	軍隊

Adjectives

bloody	血腥的
convincing	具說服力的
destructive	破壞性的
longing	渴望的
memorable	值得紀念的
inspiring	啟發人心的
miserable	可悲的
desperate	不顧一切的
reasonable	合理的
structuralised	結構完整的
subtle	含蓄的
violent	暴力的

Adverb

universally	普遍地
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Others

a considerable number	相當大數量
thousands of	成千上萬的