

2023 Sec 4 Prelim Paper 2

Section C

ANSWERS/FEEDBACK



15(a) With reference to Paragraph 1, what assumption does the writer try to correct?

The writer is correcting the assumption that thrift shops have only recently appeared / are a new phenomenon / recent trend.

Reject:

- It was discovered recently. (*'discovered' = WW*)
- It recently became popular. (*The writer doesn't dispute that it recently became popular, but that it didn't exist before.*)

15(b) (b) Pick out a five-word phrase from Paragraph 1 which suggests that thrift shopping has recently gained popularity.

‘a fresh wave of demand’

16. The writer says that buying clothes is now a 'frequent pursuit' (line 10). From Paragraph 2, give two factors that have resulted in this.

- 2** In the past, new clothes typically came into households with festivals, familial occasions or changes of seasons. However, the landscape of fashion and subsequently, people's attitude towards it, has witnessed some change. With trends dominating the fashion scene and the coming of fast fashion, the buying of clothes moved on from simply being an occasional activity to a more frequent pursuit. Fast fashion brands and websites pounced on this opportunity by making trendy clothes available at cheap prices, and they have since enjoyed the plentiful fruits of their labour.

- (i) **Trends dominating the fashion scene [1]**
- (ii) **The coming of fast fashion [1]**

17(a) In Paragraph 3, we are told that ‘Fast fashion brands and websites pounced on this opportunity by making trendy clothes available at cheap prices’ (lines 10-11).

The writer is adopting a critical/disapproving/condemning tone.

Reject:

- **Mocking/sarcastic** *(no sense of ‘making fun’ of them)*
- **Accusatory** *(more of an observation than an assertion of fault/guilt)*

17(b) Explain in your own words what the outcome of this strategy was.

From text: "... enjoyed the plentiful fruits of their labour".

The fast fashion brands and websites earned large profits.

Reject:

- **'increased / earned higher/more profits' - MORE THAN WHAT? Must reflect the magnitude of the profits gained, i.e. 'plentiful'**

18(a) Give one reason from Paragraph 3 that Janine can use to support her view.

**Fast fashion is affordable/cheap
for consumers / has made
fashionable clothing cheaper.**

18(b) With reference to Paragraph 3, give two examples which support Gregory's opinion.

- 1. The alarming rate of textile waste fills landfills very quickly (leading to various forms of pollution in landfills).**
- 2. Labourers in fast fashion factories are underpaid.**
- 3. Labourers in fast fashion factories are exploited by the use of chemicals without proper safety measures being taken**

Any 2 points

Reject:

- Labourers in fast fashion factories are exploited. - Examples must be specific - how are they being exploited?**

19. 'Fast fashion may have made fashionable clothing cheaper, but at what cost?' (lines 21-22).

What does this imply about the writer's attitude towards fast fashion?

NOTE: This is NOT a direct attitude question. Simply answering with 'disapproving'/'critical' etc. is insufficient to convey the essence of the quote. (Number of lines also provides a clue!)

The writer believes that the affordability of fast fashion does not justify the drawbacks it brings about / the severe consequences of fast fashion far outweigh the benefits of it being cheaper.

Accept: 'more harm than good'

Benefits

1	<i>keeps clothes and their components in circulation for a longer time</i>	clothes and their parts circulate for a greater period
2	<i>reduces the use of finite resources to manufacture new ones</i>	lessening the use of limited resources needed to make new clothes.
3	<i>prevents various types of pollution</i>	Several kinds of pollution are also reduced.

4	<i>recycling textiles can require huge amounts of energy which thrift shopping limits</i>	Thrift shopping reduces the energy needed to recycle used clothes.
5	<i>thrift shops can offer them luxurious apparel at cheaper prices</i>	Not only can fashionistas purchase branded clothing at lower costs,
6	<i>these shops are also a haven for those with limited finances</i>	those who struggle with money can shop there too.

Limitations

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*it is not quite size-inclusive
/ stock limited clothes of
larger sizes*

However, the apparel at thrift shops is often not size-inclusive.

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*larger-sized buyers might
often find themselves
behind on trends that
others might be able to
take part in*

Those of larger sizes may not be able to keep up with trends if they shop there.

9	<i>far less efficient and convenient</i>	Furthermore, thrifting requires more time and effort,
10	<i>become a justification for consumerism</i>	and people may even use it to justify themselves purchasing even more.