

Q#1: (A) Text #1

(i) One example of change in the song "Big yellow Taxi" by Jani Mitchell, is the destruction of "paradise", which is replaced with urban development of parking lots, hotels and "swinging hot spots." The nature of this type of change deals with environmental issues as a result of over-development.

(ii) The composer uses descriptive language to express the message of the song.

"With a pink hotel, a boutique, And a swinging hot spot"

Descriptive language helps with imagery which creates a picture in the reader's mind, allowing them to interpret and see the message of the song.

The composer also uses irony to convey ~~the~~^{the} message.

"They paved up paradise, And put up a parking lot."

The irony is that where there was once "paradise" is now an ugly paved parking lot. We replace perfection with destruction, all in the name of progress.

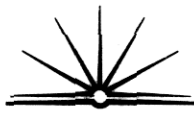


Q#1 - Text #2

- (b) The cartoonist conveys his attitude to change through the message of the cartoon. What if roles were reversed and suburban and urban areas were cleared for the development of rainforests? It's an unlikely scenario although it would be so ironic, the destruction of humans homes so rainforests (which is home to all types of animals) can be further developed. The cartoonist's attitude to change could be that it won't change, and he uses irony to convey this.

Q#1 - Text #3

- (c) The poet express a change in the natural world through the emerging of cicadas in the summer.
- "After years of slow life among the tree roots,"
- This shows the repetition and lack of change in the beginning of the poem, which contrasts to:
- "With an insistent call, to live our day in the sun."
- Which is more lively and descriptive, as is the change in nature.



Q#1 - Text #4

- (d) The website represents the effects change has impacted on the Inuit way of life. These people still use traditional methods to gather food, yet live in conventional housing. The Inuit people are embracing the change brought by technological advancements and finding ways to benefit from this change such as cutting out the middle-men in their top industries like tourism. The Inuit people are combining their traditional practices with modern technology to use as a useful tool for communication, entertainment and community progress.

Q#1 - Text #1,2,3,4

- (e) The two texts I would choose for inclusion on HSC English CD-ROM would be text four (the website) and text one (the song).
Text four is an interesting piece with the story about the Inuit people and their relationship with technology. This fits well with the title "Past, present, Future" because of the combining of a traditional culture and modern technology.
Text one is a song about the development of humans and the destruction of the natural environment. It fits well because the mistakes we make in the past, we try to fix in the present, but it will cost us in the future.