

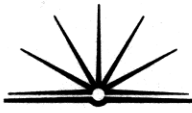
## Section I

1. a) Many people consider Paul Smith's choice of career 'incredibly stupid' because he jumps off planes some 14000 feet up in the sky, performing acrobatics while freefalling at the breakneck speed of 120 mph. ~~People do~~ Many people think it's suicidal and a waste of time.

b) Paul obviously loves this sport. In paragraph eight he says:

'I know this may sound strange, but I actually feel safer in the air. In the air, you are the master of your own destiny. When you are on the ground, you have to always look behind. Someone might steal your bag, or you might get shot in a drive-by shooting. I feel more frightened being in a car driven by someone I don't know than being in the air.'

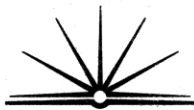
This is one of his perspectives about this sport. He feels safer in the air than on the ground. Because when



you are in the air, you are the master of your own destiny. And on the ground he you always have to watch out and look behind.

Also in paragraph fourteen he says that he loves this sport. He says that is is a good thing, it gets young people out of bad habits. He says that it is a great career, he gets paid for something he truly loves.

c) ~~Here~~ This sentence is somebody's thoughts. It is asking a question is it really safe being in the air. It makes you think about this sport in a different way than Paul sees it. For Paul it is like a dream, he loves it. But you never know when you may fall down splat, and destroy those dreams.



d) It is very interesting. Paul talks about this sport in the best way and it makes responder read it and also be interested in his sport. It really sounds fun.

e) The purpose of text 2 is to persuade people to go and climb on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

f.) The meaning of 'heart-thumping, throat-tightening, pulse-pounding, sweaty palms suspense' quoted in the Critical Comments is that the movie is very exciting. It makes the viewer feel like it's for real, he can feel that action happening while watching it.

g) Text two is more like a ~~commentary~~ advertisement, to persuade people go climb on the bridge, there isn't much of a written language. And in the text three there are opinions of people and their point of view about the movie.



h) Dear editor,

I'm writing to you to ~~to~~ say a few words about increasing popularity of adventure activities. I've been reading your newspaper 'Champion' for several years now and I think it is great.

I love reading everything, but the most I love <sup>about</sup> is sport. I ~~find~~ mostly find in your paper articles about soccer, volleyball, tennis... but I would like to read more about adventure activities, such as skysurfing.

~~Not~~ Not many people are into this adventure activities, so please write more about them and I hope that more people will be interested in doing these activities. They are really fun.

Thank you very much. I hope that you will think about my suggestion.

~~John Smith~~