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## Question 1

- Key words to highlight when reading the question are <u>outline</u>; <u>in your own words</u> and <u>either.</u>
- As this is a 15 mark question, you should aim to make three well developed points.
- I based my sample answer (available on educate <u>plus.ie</u>) on John Lanchester's comments as they are neatly divided into three paragraphs and a conclusion.



The question requires you to summarise and rephrase your chosen writer's points, so keep quotation to a minimum in this answer.

If you have time, a brief introduction outlining the points which will be developed in the rest of your answer is a good way to begin. Remember, though, that you MUST develop each of these points! Points / Plan - Always write a brief, (scribbled) plan for your own reference.

- Newness of video games is exciting and appealing
- Allow player to take control engages player with story
- Novels and video games take you into a world created by others

## Question 2

Key words to highlight are <u>two observations</u> (one from each writer);
<u>thought-provoking</u> and <u>personal response</u>. In this question you are asked to identify two observations from the text, you can limit your answer to two paragraphs.



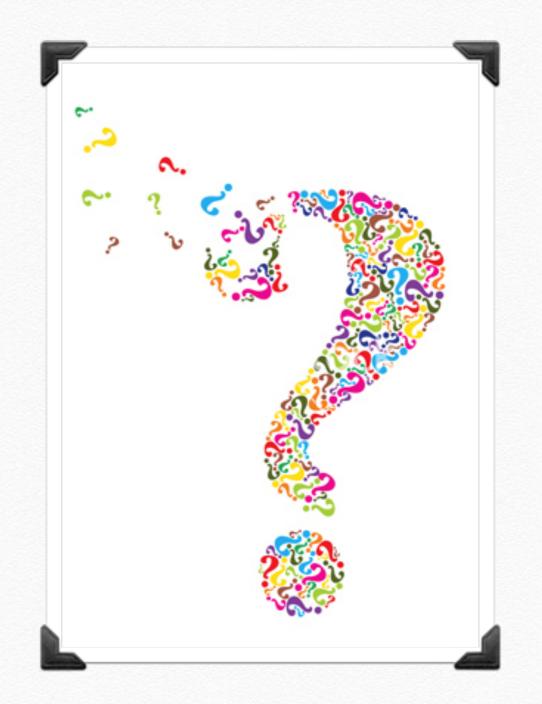
#### Points / Plan

Warner: importance of being true to your own culture rather than trying to impress

Lanchester: link between novels and video games

## Question 3

- Key words to highlight here are <u>style</u> and <u>in both of their</u> <u>contributions</u>.
- You are free to say you found both writers equally effective or you may prefer one over the other.
- The important thing is to compare both of them in your answer.
- Think of the way you compare texts in your comparative study. Use the same techniques in this answer: dig out the link words and phrases!



### Points / Plan

- Prefer Lanchester's style
- Warner lacks structure
- Chatty tone can ramble at times
- Lanchester refers to common frame of reference while Warner focuses on his own life
- Lanchester's writing is more memorable because it is more dramatic than Warner's conversational and personal approach
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