

Exercise walk-through

Choices, actions, and speech reveal complexity ■ 9.2

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what responses to a resolution reveal
- state the CED's note about inconsistency with earlier behaviour
- name what inconsistencies and unexpected developments affect
- explain why the ending is a strong source of evidence

Method — Responses

A character's responses to the resolution of the narrative — in their words or in their actions — reveal something about that character's own values.

Method — Inconsistency

These responses may be inconsistent with the previously established behaviors or perspectives of that character. The CED anticipates the inconsistency rather than treating it as a fault.

Method — What they affect

Inconsistencies and unexpected developments in a character affect readers' interpretation of that character; other characters; events in the plot; conflicts; the perspective of the narrator, character, or speaker; and/or setting. Six things — the effect radiates.

Method — The ending as evidence

At a resolution a character has nothing left to gain by concealment, so what they say and do there is unusually direct evidence of what they value.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what responses to a resolution reveal.

Solution 2.1

Method: Responses

Worked steps

something about that character's own values **B1**, through their words or actions **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name four things inconsistencies affect.

Solution 2.2

Method: What they affect

Worked steps

any four of: that character; other characters; events in the plot; conflicts; the perspective of the narrator, character or speaker; setting **B2**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The ending is a strong source of evidence.

(a) Explain why.

(b) State the CED's note about inconsistency with earlier behaviour.

Solution 2.3

Method: The ending as evidence

Worked steps

(a) at a resolution a character has nothing left to gain by concealment **B1**, so the response is unusually direct evidence of what they value **B1**. (b) responses may be inconsistent with previously established behaviours or perspectives **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

A character's response to the resolution reveals something about

A that character's own values

B the publisher

C the reader's values

D the genre

Solution 3.1

Method: Responses

A that character's own values



B the publisher

C the reader's values

D the genre

Worked steps

A. their own values.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED treats inconsistency at the resolution as

A anticipated, not a fault

B an error

C impossible

D irrelevant

Solution 3.2

A anticipated, not a fault



B an error

C impossible

D irrelevant

Worked steps

A. anticipated.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A cautious character acts recklessly on the final page.

- (a) State what this may reveal.
- (b) Explain how a reader should treat it.

Solution 3.3

Method: Responses

Worked steps

(a) a value the earlier caution was protecting or concealing **B1**. (b) as evidence rather than as an error **B1**, and as a reason to reread the earlier caution in its light **B1**.