

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- an interpretation of a literary text requiring a defense through textual evidence and a line of reasoning

2.2

- a reasonable reader could dispute it, so there is something for the essay to defend

2.3

(a)

- could someone who read the story disagree with this; what would I have to show to prove it

(b)

- it need not list points, elements or specific evidence

3.1 A

- a summary

3.2 B

- permitted, not required

3.3

(a)

- nobody could dispute it

(b)

- any arguable interpretation, e.g. “the story uses the family’s silence about the cold to show how they avoid speaking about the loss it stands for”