

2.1 Causes, triggers and comparison: supported rehearsal

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Total: 6 marks

Objective

Supported preparation: Distinguish causes, triggers and consequences; Build a comparative argument across the school’s two selected topics. This is original rehearsal, not completion of the assessed task.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

A cause explains how conditions contribute to an outcome; a trigger helps explain timing. Evaluate relative significance by mechanism and evidence, not simply chronology. Authentic comparisons need the school’s selected topics and cases.

Original source / task evidence

Fictional sequence: membership fees rose, attendance declined, and a later meeting approved closure. Did the meeting cause the entire decline?

Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
Causes, triggers and comparison

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2 Practice

2.1 For the worked case, identify the evidence and a conclusion it can support. Explain one material limit. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Attendance began falling before fees rose. How should the causal argument change? Give a reasoned answer, evidence or method, and a relevant qualification. [3]

Solutions

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3.1 The fee rise cannot explain the earlier onset by itself. It may still worsen a later decline. Reconstruct chronology and compare work schedules, alternatives and group patterns, then qualify the relative significance rather than erase the inconvenient evidence. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.