Analysis of Themes On Past Exams

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| Common threads: relationships/friendship; independence/ changes in perspective as we grow. | **Growing up/Growth** | **Maturity/loss of innocence** | **perspective shift** | **On tomorrow’s doorstep** | **Small is good** | **Memories** | **Importance of relationships** | **Bad things happen** |
| 1. Our best views of the past change as we mature | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The best gifts are the simplest ones |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Memories can influence our lives |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. We learn the most from those closest to us |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Certain experiences can mark the beginning of maturity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Challenging circumstances lead to positive actions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Our journey into the future begins in the past. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Forming meaningful connections enriches lives |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. People can be influenced by their environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Sometimes people are unable to control the direction their lives take |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. People can create their own reality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Taking advantage of opportunities can be beneficial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Each stage of life brings new challenges |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. A good life doesn’t have to be complex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. It is important to have a realistic view of life | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 1. Surprises can make life interesting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Adapting to new situations in life is essential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Taking charge of your own life is essential |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The pursuit of freedom involves change |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Keeping an open mind allows for growth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The important things endure over time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. With independence comes increased responsibility (2008/9) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Each generation has something valuable to offer (2008/9) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. People learn from a variety of sources |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Differing points of view make life interesting (June 2010) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Happiness can be found in unlikely circumstances (August 2011) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. A person’s view of the world may change over time (August 2012) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |