

Solutions

Authored self-check guidance: accept equivalent correct methods and supported interpretations. The points check reasoning, not an official grade.

2.1 D – Proposal and trial establish the figurative sense. A and B take an inapplicable physical sense; C reverses the positive momentum expressed by gained.

Correct response linked to the given case.

2.2 A – The narrator explicitly cannot distinguish patience from amusement. B, C and D concern stated events; the final explicit uncertainty concerns patience versus amusement, not whether repair happened.

Correct response linked to the given case.

2.3 personification – The clock is described using a human-like trait.

Correct response linked to the given case.

2.4 False – Quoted views can be contrasted, questioned or left unresolved.

Correct response linked to the given case.

3.1 It personifies or imagines the labels carrying the uncle’s practical guidance after retirement. “As though” marks the comparison as figurative. It also prepares the contrast between labelled objects and the unlabelled cup mark’s personal meaning.

Sound conclusion or proposed method. Relevant supporting steps or textual evidence. Accurate conditions, checks or qualification.

3.2 The key initially makes responsibility feel large and abstract. The final list reduces that anxiety to concrete work—finding a washer, repairing safely and leaving room. The change qualifies the narrator’s expectation of a dramatic break rather than proving complete expertise.

Sound conclusion or proposed method. Relevant supporting steps or textual evidence. Accurate conditions, checks or qualification.

3.3 No. Remembering the uncle’s adaptive tool placement and making room for his cup suggest respect and continuity. The narrator remains unsure about his smile, so neither wholly approving nor wholly mocking motives should be asserted as fact. An interpretation of affectionate unease can explain the mixed evidence.

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