
Analysis of Answers for GP Paper 2 Exercise (‘Kindness’)

1. The word ‘drapery’ means something that is put on merely for show and to hide something ugly, **and in this context, the writer implies that** kindness and selflessness are false fronts which are meant to disguise our own self-interest.

**Useful points to take note of:*

2. The shift the author is referring to is **the change from the notion** that we are intrinsically self-serving to the more complex understanding that we are more compassionate and collaborative than we think.

**Useful points to take note of:*

3. **Firstly**, we are nice to people so that they will help us when we are in trouble. **Secondly**, we want to be recognized as nice so that others will desire to cooperate with us. **Thirdly**, we are nice to others in a group setting because united teams produce more effective results.

**Useful points to take note of:*

4. *Laughter helps to* build cooperation **by** relaxing people and signaling to others that they enjoy their company, **which in turn** fosters a sense of solidarity.

**Useful points to take note of:*

5. The author’s intention is to **use a metaphor to illustrate that** just like how giraffes evolved to have long necks to help them thrive in their environments, similarly, humans cultivated values that ensure that they and their communities flourish and achieve their purposes.

**Useful points to take note of:*

6. It is counterintuitive because on one hand, the common perception is that achievements will bring joy, **yet** it could be the inverse: that having fulfilment first is what leads people to accomplish their goals.

**Useful points to take note of:*

7. The word 'even' suggests that in today's context, kindness is valued **to such a large extent that** many competitive businesses **whom we would not normally expect** to recognize kindness as they are more profit-driven, are also starting to view kindness in an important way.

**Useful points to take note of:*

8. The writer suggests that gifts that would "make a bigger difference" are those that are more innovative and unique; are personally meaningful for the recipient; brings joy and positive feelings; and are able to benefit society.

**Useful points to take note of:*

9. The phrase reinforces the writer's overall argument in the passage that there are limitless benefits in being kind not just for oneself but also for society.

**Useful points to take note of:*

10. Summary Question (ANSWERS)

#	Points from the Passage	Paraphrased Points
1	Kindness is a simple concept... OR And yet it is the easiest thing in the world to execute .	a clear / uncomplicated / plain / straightforward / easily understood notion / approach
2	yet so very impactful OR Bob Kerry once said, "Unexpected kindness is the most powerful ..." OR	while also highly / incredibly / exceedingly / extraordinarily / exceptionally influential / compelling / effective

	How can something so simple and so easy have such a tremendous impact on others and ourselves?	
3	It can make the world a better place...	It causes society to be more pleasant / delightful / enjoyable / happier / improves society
4	by ending suffering at the hands of war, hunger, human rights violations, and injustice.	by eradicating / eliminating / resolving / overcoming its major / most challenging problems / issues
5	It has the power to drastically improve our own well-being...	It can radically / considerably / significantly enhance / enrich / boost our welfare / quality of life
6	as well as that of our families, friends, acquaintances, and strangers.	And of those around us / of people in our lives
7	The very act of expressing graciousness to one another can make us empathetic of other people's hardships.	Makes us more understanding / compassionate / concerned / sympathetic / considerate
8	Within the workforce, kindness towards one another can inspire employees to be productive and...	Motivates / encourages / stimulates / spurs workers to become more efficient / fruitful
9	make businesses profitable .	Companies / firms become lucrative / successful
10	And within our communities, kindness contributes to safe...	Secure / harmless / less dangerous surroundings / living environments
11	and clean schools and neighbourhoods	spotless / tidier / neater
12	...least costly	Most inexpensive / affordable / cheapest
13	...and most underrated agent in human change.	And highly undervalued / unappreciated / unrecognised / underestimated method / means
14	we can transform a human being's day, week, or even life.	to change / alter / improve a person's life / make people happier
15	The kits empower an individual to start their own chain reaction of kindness.	To spread kindness, we can enable / encourage / equip people to initiate / begin / birth their own series of events / a ripple effect / knock-on effects of kindness
16	Each Kit includes a long list of fun and...	Through entertaining / engaging / exciting / enjoyable / amusing / joyful / interesting
17	innovative ways in which the recipient can create their own acts of kindness. OR	and inventive / original / artistic / resourceful / ingenious methods / means

	and doing something more imaginative and creative that will make a bigger difference to both you and them.	
18	Kindness Kits are their way of replacing consumerism...	Substitute / instead of materialism / buying gifts / presents
19	with the truly honourable experience of spreading cheer in people's lives.	Genuinely noble / worthy / meaningful way / means / method of bringing joy / happiness / delight
20	Additionally, businesses and organisations are using Kindness Kits for employee gifts, thank you's, and tokens of customer or employee appreciation , to name a few.	Corporations use them to affirm / recognize / show gratitude as well / too

Sample Summary Answer

Kindness is [a straightforward]¹ **yet** [highly effective]² approach [in making society more pleasant]³ **by** [overcoming its most challenging problems]⁴. [Kindness can radically enhance our quality of life]⁵ **and** [those around us]⁶ **through** [making us more compassionate towards others]⁷. **In the workplace**, [kindness motivates workers to be more efficient]⁸ **resulting in** [firms becoming more lucrative]⁹; **within society**, [kindness creates more secure]¹⁰ **and** [spotless living environments]¹¹. **Indeed**, [kindness is the most inexpensive]¹² **and** [highly underappreciated means]¹³ [to make people happier]¹⁴. [To spread kindness, we can encourage people to initiate their own series of events]¹⁵ **through** using [engaging]¹⁶ and [inventive]¹⁷ methods, which can be [more meaningful substitutes for buying gifts]¹⁸. **Increasingly**, [corporations are using kindness to affirm their employees and show gratitude too]²⁰. (118 words)

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