

Read the passages and then answer **all** the questions which follow below. Note that up to fifteen marks will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this paper.

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NOTE: When a question asks for an answer IN YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE and you select the appropriate material from the passages for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it. Little credit can be given to answers which only copy words or phrases from the passages.

1. Suggest why the author starts off the passage with an anecdote.

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2. What does the phrase "it takes no prisoners" (line 8) tell us about the behaviour of perfectionists and the nature of perfectionism? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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3. Why has the author placed brackets around her explanation of the "magic tips" in line 23? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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5. "However, the distinction is lost on those who continue to misconstrue perfectionism as an admirable character flaw at the workplace." (lines 47-46).

How does the example of Steve Jobs support the above argument? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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6. "Perfectionism purportedly results in amazing ideas, amazing works of art and even more amazing products." (lines 51-52). Suggest two reasons why the author repeats the word 'amazing' in the above sentence. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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7. "Perhaps the more pertinent question should be: where is perfectionism *not* coming from?" (line 64). What is the author implying in the above question? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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8. "Competitiveness to be the best has also become the DNA of all schools." (line 68)
Explain what the author means in the above statement. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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9. a) According to the author in paragraph 9, what do social media users see online that depresses them? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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b) Why does the author claim social media users are “lock[ed]...into a game of mutually assured depression” (line 80)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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10. Explain why the author claims “It is a Herculean task to convince perfectionists that they have an attribute that needs to be moderated.” (lines 81-82). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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