

Touching the Void Question Paper

1. Read the first two paragraphs of *I Fell Through Arctic Ice*.

Choose **FOUR** statements below that are TRUE.

- Circle the statements that you think are true
- Choose a maximum of four statements.
 - A. There are fewer than 300 pure bred Canadian Eskimo dogs left in the world
 - B. Gary Rolfe has over half of all the Canadian Eskimo dogs in the world
 - C. Gary Rolfe describes himself as a perfectionist
 - D. Gary Rolfe set off on a solo arctic expedition on the 5th of March
 - E. Gary Rolfe fell into the Arctic Ocean
 - F. There are no polar bears in the Arctic
 - G. All of the dogs survived the expedition
 - H. Gary Rolfe was worried a bear might have followed him

[4 marks]

2. You need to refer to source A and source B for this question:

Use details from both sources. Write a summary of the differences between Gary and Joe's attitudes to their situations.

[8 marks]

3. You now need to refer only to source B, *Touching the Void*.

How does Joe use language to create a sense of danger?

[12 marks]

4. For this question, you need to refer to the whole of source A together with source B.

Compare how the two writers convey their different attitudes to danger and fear.

In your answer, you should:

- compare their different attitudes
- compare the methods they use to convey their attitudes
- support your ideas with quotations from both texts.

[16 marks]

5. Extreme sports like mountaineering and polar expeditions are dangerous and unnecessary – we don't need to do these things, so why bother?

Write an article for a broadsheet newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

(24 marks for content and organisation 16 marks for technical accuracy)

[40 marks]