

## RUAE - How to Answer Each Type of Question

### **In Your Own Words**

Don't quote from the passage.  
Bullet point if possible.

### **Imagery**

Quote the image  
Say what is being compared to what  
Comment on the comparison's effectiveness

"Just as....so it is in the passage that...This is effective because..."

### **Tone**

Identify the tone  
Quote the words or phrase which helped you work this out  
Comment on HOW it helped you work out the tone

### **Referring to the Passage/Writer's Attitude**

Identify the writer's attitude/opinion  
Quote the words or phrase which helped you work this out  
Comment on HOW it helped you work out the attitude

### **Summarise Key Points from Passage**

Bullet point if possible.  
Scan passage for the main ideas covered or points made about the topic.  
Put these in your own words.

\*TIP\* Try scanning the topic sentences as these will be where the writer introduces new points.

### **Word Choice**

Quote the word  
State the connotations (what does the word make you think of?)  
Explain it's effect in reference to what the question is asking

### **Sentence Structure**

Identify the feature of sentence structure used  
Comment on it's effect

### **Linking**

Quote the part of the sentence which links back.  
Say what it links back to.  
Quote the part that links forward.  
Say what idea it links forward to.

### **Effective Opening/Closing Paragraph**

Pick an aspect of the paragraph  
Comment on why it's effective in opening or concluding the passage.

\*TIP\* For opening, think about ways in which the writer catches your attention. For conclusion, think about how they summarise or tie up what they've been talking about in the passage.

**Remember to check how many marks each question is worth. This will tell you how much you need to write. Try to bullet point your answers where possible.**