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**Of course, some of the points listed below will appear in weaker papers, but are unlikely to be developed.**

**1.**

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- identify the girl's situation
- consider the differing relationships which emerge between the girl and her father, the girl and her mother, and the mother and father
- discuss the girl's reaction to her new school, and how it is presented
- comment on how the girl's deafness and its effects are conveyed, through both the lack of hearing and her reliance on other senses
- comment on the final two paragraphs.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- evaluate the way in which the parents' characters are revealed through their different behaviour towards the girl throughout the passage
- more specifically, discuss what is revealed about the girl's relationship with her mother in the opening and closing dialogues
- consider how the language used conveys the opening up of the girl's perspectives; for example, the expansion of the possibilities for communication, changes in her mood, enhancing of her happiness
- discuss in more detail the use of sensory imagery and other devices.

2.

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- discuss the situation of the speaker in different periods of his life
- show awareness of the speaker's attitudes towards his memories
- discuss the effect of some of the imagery
- make some comment on the structure.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- analyse more fully the nature of the speaker's response to his three different situations, commenting on line 14 and the final lines
  - discuss the way contrast is used (for example, between the speaker's willed and unwilled memories and between the old man and the speaker)
  - recognize the impact of the sensual imagery (for example, "moist nights", "muscular water", "muddy seedtime")
  - discuss a variety of other devices and their impact (for example, caesuras, relationship of structure to meaning, repetition).
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