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Example Answer

He is an artist. He probably means that what he has to say in his art can only be expressed through the art itself, and not by intellectually putting ideas into words. If the ideas could be put into words, then there would be less purpose or value to the art that he produces.

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Total:

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Guidance

This is quite a challenging question. The starting point for producing a good answer is to think about the narrator's job – being an artist. Ask yourself why an artist produces art (apart from to make a living). Art expresses ideas that cannot be expressed as effectively or in the same way in ordinary sentences. (The same could be said of a poem as for a work of visual art.)

Marking

There are 5 marks available, but there are not five separate parts to the answer. To earn full marks you must understand the point that the narrator is making and explain it in a clear way.

If your explanation is a little weak or confused but demonstrates that you have understood, you will earn 3–4 marks

If you give an answer that is wrong but makes some sense, you might earn 1–2 marks. For example: 'He means if he was a better speaker he could do a job that involved speaking instead of being an artist.'

Top Tip

Think about why an artist produces art, and especially about why the narrator says, 'sometimes I make true art' (as opposed to art that just looks nice hanging on a wall).