

Sample Answer

The writer of Text D appears to be surprised by the “thrill of flying kites”. He feels that he had been kept hidden from the benefits of it, asking, “who knew? “It could bring such joy.” Birmingham feels it is an “awesome spectacle” and realises he’s been keeping his children away from such wonders. He also feels he’s missed being with the “friendly folk” who take part. Birmingham feels a little disappointed that his kids “loved them” and did not “require any help from him”, but was proud of the possibility that he could maybe “show them how it’s done”. Birmingham feels that the activity is very affordable, only costing “a couple of pounds” and is amazed that such “joy” can be obtained from “a piece of plastic”. He finds the activities rewarding and is overwhelmed by the benefits repeating “the joy” it brought him.

Bonatti from Text E had not been so surprised by the reward of rope climbing as he had spent much of his childhood watching others “with wonder and envy”. Bonatti admits he was “fascinated” by the mountains and would “stand for hours” and says he would “try to imitate”, showing how absorbed he was in this activity. He feels pride “somehow I managed to climb that first difficult pitch” but sees it as a professional activity as he prepares himself by wearing “a pair of enormous army boots” and is instructed by someone who has “the air of an expert”. On succeeding his is elated and “at the centre of a delirious dream”.