

Expected answers

1. Outline the information the reader gets about Mary Ann.

- two sisters, with whom she shares her bed
- 28 years old
- works for Philips in Manila
- likes her work, thinks it is a chance
- she tests and solders parts of the circuit board of an electronic toothbrush

2. Show what the author thinks about globalization and analyze four language devices he uses to convey his attitude towards globalization to the reader.

- author's attitude: sceptical, disapproving
- means of persuasion: imagery (taken from the field of war: 1.4 "foot soldier", 1.28 "armies of women" > shows inhumanity of globalization)

enumeration (1.18ff. countries, 1.24ff. parts of the toothbrush > underlines the large number of countries involved)

contrast (1.6 "swim- sink" > murderous competition, 1.22 comparison with "Europeans and their romantic ideals..." > underlines bad conditions)

sentence structure (short, clipped, partly incomplete with few connectives to show fast pace/time pressure)

- (individual answers)

3. Is globalization unfair? Please reflect on this question.

- introduction
- unfair because: exploitation of poor countries
inequality
rich get richer/poor get poorer
concentrates on profit, not on human rights
people in less developed countries have to take poorly paid jobs/their only chance
- not unfair because: everyone gets a chance
question of choice
creates new opportunities
offers many advantages to many people
- conclusion
- (individual answers)

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