

### Question 3: Explain

**Sample: Explain which parts of Pete Boardman's story of the return to Camp 6 you find tense and exciting. (8 marks)**

This question will always ask you to comment on an aspect of Source 3. The question will assess your ability to **understand and interpret meaning** in the source text. This will involve identifying sections that you feel meet the question topic, selecting quotations from these sections and interpreting the ideas and meanings in these quotations. Therefore, the most efficient paragraph structure to use is one based on the structure below:

**Point:** identify a suitable part of the text  
**Evidence:** provide a quotation to support this point  
**Explain:** comment on your selected quotation, giving reasons as to why it supports your point.

There is no need to make comments on language in this question response. Save those for your response to question 4.

**Example response extract:**

*The question 'were we in the gully?' is very effective and is very tense. By this point in the story, we have realised that they are on a mountain-side and are trying to get to a camp. This is a dangerous situation and the fact that they do not know where they are suggests that they are in trouble. The question here makes the reader doubt the safety of the characters. 'Panic' implies that Pete has seen something which means that he is in the wrong place; he might not make it. This is all tense and exciting to read as you want to know what will happen to them.*

**Question 3 revision task:**

In the paragraph above, identify the verbs that are used to show **interpretation** and understanding of the quotations (the first one is in bold font).