

Appendix 6 - Imaginative Writing [Nov 2020] Final Draft: Student A

Write about a time when you, or someone or know, had an unexpected visitor.

Your response could be real or imagined. (40 marks)

“Jessy!”

I turned around to see who was calling my name. It was Mr Thomas. “I haven’t seen him in years,” I thought to myself. Walking towards him made me remember the first time I met him and how he had turned my life into a much better one.

Meeting Mr Thomas' visit was unexpected, but a very welcome miracle. When i was younger I had never thought, or even dreamt, that i would ever meet anyone like this wonderful man in my life. It all happened in 2012 when Mr Thomas came to my town for a programme, the programme was for the youths, and all the youths were to show what they could do. It Was a talent show and also a youth seminar, and Mr Thomas was one of the invited guest speakers.

At the programme I was called to sing in the church service. I did not know I could sing that much, because I had no training. I was so nervous due to the fact that it was my first time seeing a man like him and also other rich people in my church. I had to calm myself down by drinking a lot of water, and I also asked for a chair to sit at first, So that I could calm my head down.

I then started singing in churches for payment. After all, I had little siblings to take care of. As an undergraduate I was studying Mass Communication in the Auchi Polytechnic. Singing was not what I was studying, it was just what I had as a natural gift, so I had to do what I knew best to earn a little money to help my family in any way that I could.

I was called by the head of the church, and he told me about Mr Thomas's offer concerning the way I sang. Hearing this made me happy, I was jumping with joy because I had never taught that anyone might have any interest in the way I sing, as I only had experience of singing with the use of YouTube. In fact I made use of YouTube most of the time. I normally watched and copied the singers. That was how I learnt how to sing a little bit. This made me happy, because I thought to myself that the offer was a very good beginning for a girl like me, and it would give me more opportunity to earn better money to help my family in the future. With joy in my heart I could not stop myself from smiling throughout that day.

Relaxing at home, I heard a knock. I was wondering who that could be, because it was very early in the morning. I walked towards the door and I opened it. It was Mr Thomas in a stocking and a happy tone, I let him in. We started a discussion that changed my life to a better one. He gave me a paper that contained a scholarship into a school of music. “Wow!” I said with excitement. Oh, a day I will never forget!

Seeing Mr Thomas in good and healthy life made me feel so incredibly happy, I was delighted to see him again after three long years.

Commentary: There is a definite improvement in the redrafted piece. This was in response to 'feedback' which followed the 'feedforward' model, i.e. by emphasising scope for improvement in order to take the learning forward. The areas for improvement focused on accuracy with respect to capitalising words appropriately; structural features, such as a more purposeful use of paragraphs and punctuation; interjections and fillers to give the language a more naturalistic feeling; and a greater use of adverbs, adjectives and adverbial phrases to add an extra layer of description.