Q1. The meaning of ‘Metamorphosis’ is change. Comment on what you think the poem is about

The poet is trying to tell us that life is always changing when we grow older. He always reminiscing his past and the fond memories during his childhood. During his younger days, life is simple. All his fun is running down corridors and shouting with his friends. They went to the gardens, under the bushes and under the tree leaves to catch spiders. Also they went to catch guppies in the long kang. But now a day, life has evolved. We do not see children running and shouting down the corridors or playing in the void deck of the HDB flat playing with friends. These days, parents are rich, they can buy computers or tablets for their children to play with them. But some children still play at the void deck but this is a really rare scene to see.

Friends do form a large part of the poet childhood. He talks about the things he do together with his friends. Some things to this day are still so real and unforgettable. He always feels so nostalgic about his past, and cannot seem to leave behind his childhood memories.

He also knows changes are inevitable. But he is still trapped in the past which he treasured so much. Trees are chopped down and to be replaced by brand new facilities. When there are any empty lands, new HDB will be built. These changes will improve his life but his past will stay with him forever. There is so much nature in the past, but now wherever there is an empty land, it will be replaced by a concrete jungle. Changes are truly inevitable as life is never constant. Changes are part and parcel of life. We have to adapt and move on but not forgetting the past. Life is always constantly changing for the better or for the worst. With the evolution of technology, our life, our childhood, will be drastically being different for the poet past.

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Point 1 – The writer of this poem is trying to tell us that life is always changing when we grow older.

Elaboration 1 – The poet reminiscent his past in staying in the HDB and his fond memories of his childhood.

Explanation 1 – During his younger days, life is simple. All his fun is running down corridors and shouting playing with friends. They also used to go to the gardens, under the bushes and under the tree leaves to catch spiders. Also they went to the long kang to catch guppies. But now a day, Life has evolved. Now a day, we do not see children running and shouting along the corridors or playing in the void deck of the HDB flat. These days, Parents are richer, they can buy computers or tablets for their children to play with them. But some children still play at the void deck but this is rare scene.

Point 2 – Friends forms a large part of the poet childhood.

Elaboration 2 – He talks about the things they do together and something to this day is still seems so real and unforgettable.

Explanation 2 – He is feels so nostalgic about the past, He also cannot leave behind his childhood memories.

Point 3 – He knows changes are inevitable. But he is still trapped in the past which he treasured so much.

Elaboration 3 – Tress are chopped down to be replaced with new facilities. When there are empty lands new HDB will be built. This change improves his life but his past will stay with him.

Explanation 3 – Changes are truly inevitable as life is never constant. Changes are part and parcel of life. We have to adapt and move on but not forgetting the past. Life always constantly changing for the better or for the worst. With the evolution of technology, our life, our childhood will be drastically different from the poet past.

Link – This poet is trying to tell us that difference of now and then. He held on to so much of his past and seems to think of the past all the time.

Q2.What do you think is the poet’s attitude towards his HDB neighbourhood? Support your answers with reference to the poem.