

SOME SUGGESTED ANSWERS

PARAPHRASING

1) a label thrown around a lot at the moment.

A term which is used very often/ frequently /all the time/ but also indiscriminately /randomly/ casually and inappropriately.

2) a person who thinks their status as a unique individual means they are destined for great success.

Someone who believes they are exceptional / special/distinctive/unlike anyone else/ and therefore certain to be successful /succeed in life / have a successful life/career

(3) young people are over-sensitive and quicker to take offence than previous generations of students.

Thin-skinned teenagers and twenty-year olds in full-time education who seem to be more easily offended than those in the past.

4) the lengths that snowflakes go to silence debate.

Collins writes / Peterson claims that the Snowflake Generation will stop at nothing to prevent discussion of controversial/difficult topics/subjects/issues.

(5) apt to cause offence

Collins claims some university textbooks are likely to be considered offensive/ likely to offend.

SUMMARY: A SELECTION OF POINTS TO INCLUDE

Students should mention 1+2 briefly and points 3-5 being sure to mention both sides of the argument as well as the author's opinion.

1. ATTRIBUTION- Bhunjun in Metro

2. DEFINITION- Collins Dictionary

(THE ORIGINAL DEFINITION – IS NOT RELEVANT)

3. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & ANXIETY- evidence / trigger warnings as a means of prevention for easily offended students

4. COLLINS / PETERSON OPINIONS

Collins cites the recent example of Jordan Peterson who believes it is unfair to ask him to use the personal pronoun people choose as they can't choose their sexuality

Collins claims many young people find these attitudes unacceptable and non-negotiable but maybe looking for insults where none were intended.

5. UNIVERSITIES - The UK Government will resist deplatforming /no-platforming- evidence-University Minister.

6. BHUNJUN's OPINION

This is just another example of older commentators trying to stop the fight against inequality by harshly attacking more progressive-thinking younger ones.

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

To be or not to be a 'snowflake'. What would **your** stance be?

Argumentative title: The Oxford Student presents the case against while The Conversation and McQuade argue in defence of snowflakes.

OXFORD STUDENT De Maricourt	THE CONVERSATION Haslam-Ormerod	McQuade
Living in unreal, over-safe environment (trigger warnings, no platforming policies), is no preparation for real life.	Unfair label. Attacked because of the importance they give to mental well-being which is, in any case, important.	Students are resilient as they can cope with difficult + unanswerable questions. They are aware of the all-pervasive presence of fake news and can look below the surface.
Constructive criticism builds character and should not be taken as a personal attack, this shows a lack of resilience.	They are resilient. They take fewer drugs + less alcohol than previous generations, vote more and fight injustice.	The use trigger warnings is not to be kept in cotton-wool but as a guide or hook to explore difficult subjects further.

Your essay must be structured to try to demonstrate your point of view based on your own ideas and the opinions expressed in the excerpts summarised above.