

Uncertainty is caused by not knowing what is to come in the future. The authors of both passages portray this idea by showing how the places they inhabit may be safe now, but they don't know what is to come in the future. The author of passage 1 says, "I suppose, what we're banking on is that we've chosen the right moment in geologic time, a sweet spot between cataclysms." The author is putting his/her trust in the time at present but implying uncertainty for the future. The author of passage 2 says, "This is the danger of which I want to warn Earthpeople. Distrust – and even hatred – of Earthpeople is constantly growing among the settlers." This shows that the settlers are scared of future problems with the Earthpeople. The authors of both passages suggest that uncertainty is caused by lack of knowledge of the future and is therefore commonly present.

The Controlling idea is about how the environment is dirty and not clean and safe enough. They are stating that they need lights ~~and~~ to see and how they are living. They are also saying that the environment is too dirty and not safe.

Uncertainty ~~in both passages~~ was a big part in both passages. In passage 1 uncertainty is brought by discussing the earthquake that could happened by living on the fault line. Also by not knowing what will happened in the future. In passage 2 uncertainty about space also how earth people don't know anything about it because were stuck in our own little world.

Question 26 – Practice Paper D

Everything in life has a degree of uncertainty. The authors of Passage I and Passage II express this in their works. The author of Passage I is unsure of the timing they chose to build their house. Their house is placed on a mountain directly above a fault line. They are hoping that they chose the perfect time in between earthquakes to live there, but they can never be completely sure until an earthquake actually occurs. In Passage II the author describes ~~settlements~~ settlements on other planets other than Earth. Unlike Earth, everything in these settlements is controlled. Their uncertainty is what would happen if something completely foreign to them was introduced into their ecosystems. With this uncertainty comes fear. The author explains that their people are becoming more and more afraid of humans because of their germs. If an unfamiliar virus or bacteria found its way into their settlements, many people could die because they haven't built up an immunity to it like humans have. As a result of the fear, they are determining whether or not to cut all ties with humans.

Both passage one and passage two had controlled ideas about uncertainty. In passage one the speaker is uncertain about their house. As it keeps getting higher and higher they know it was to come down soon. In passage two the speaker is uncertain about space and that earth does not have some things they do. Both passages do have uncertainty in them.