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# TOK QUESTIONS 2017

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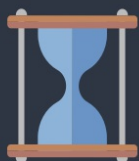
**“IT IS ONLY KNOWLEDGE PRODUCED WITH DIFFICULTY THAT WE TRULY VALUE.”**

To what extent do you agree with this statement?



**“FACTS ARE NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THEORIES BUT THEORIES ARE NEEDED TO MAKE SENSE OF FACTS.”**

Discuss this statement with reference to two areas of knowledge.



**SHOULD KEY EVENTS IN THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE ALWAYS BE JUDGED BY THE STANDARDS OF THEIR TIME?**



**“IN THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE, TRADITIONS OF AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE OFFER CORRECTIVES FOR WAYS OF KNOWING.”**

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**GIVEN ACCESS TO THE SAME FACTS, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE CAN BE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN EXPERTS IN A DISCIPLINE?**

Develop your answer with reference to two areas of knowledge.

**“HUMANS ARE PATTERN-SEEKING ANIMALS AND WE ARE ADEPT AT FINDING PATTERNS WHETHER THEY EXIST OR NOT” (ADAPTED FROM MICHAEL SHERMER).**

Discuss knowledge questions raised by this idea in two areas of knowledge.



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