**Question 1:**

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“*Trash* is a typical example of an outsider taking advantage of the misery of the Third World’s poor to sell an entertaining story to affluent foreign readers.”

As a well-off young Australian, how may *your* reading of this novel…, be used to challenge this statement?

*Each of the following dot points could be used to write a paragraph answering this essay question. The big question is “has the author taken advantage of poor people?” You need to answer this question in every paragraph by using phrases like “Trash is not an example of an outsider exploiting the poor because…”*

**Are the characters looked down upon or treated as dirty villains?**

* No: the characters have friendship, honour
  + Egs from book…
* No: the author seems sympathetic to the causes for law-breaking
  + Egs from book…

**Are the characters patronised or idolised?**

* No: their life is dirty and involves compromise
  + Egs from book…
* No: they are not represented as especially virtuous or brave, just curious
  + Egs from book…

**Are the characters two-dimensional or less than human?**

* No: they are fully rounded characters, with many similarities to us
  + Egs from book…

**Are the characters or their life presented as especially different to ours?**

* No: they have goals, struggles, joys, hopes
  + Egs from book…