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by [R DE VILLIERS](#) - 2 May 2017 @ 21:17

Hi Guys,

This one has me completely stumped. Any recommendations on how to tackle it?

“Although critics have lambasted Babamakuru in Nervous Conditions as a domineering patriarch, his vision is far more advanced as he is concerned with the welfare of the Sigauke family in a context where education provided one of the few avenues through which Africans could realise their dreams in a colonial context”

Write an essay in which you discuss to what extent you would agree with this assessment of Babamakuru's role in Nervous Conditions.

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by [R BEHARI](#) - 3 May 2017 @ 18:14

There is no wrong answer as long as you use quotes and examples from the book to justify your thoughts. You can also agree "to an extent". It doesn't have to be that you 100% agree with the statement.

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by [B MARCER](#) - 5 May 2017 @ 10:31

Hi There,

I am worried that I do not know enough quotes for the exam. How do I make sure I have enough without knowing what the topic of the question will be? Should I make

sure I have 2 or 3 for each character or should I focus more on events from the novel?

Your advise would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Bianca

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by [K BUCHANAN](#) - 5 May 2017 @ 20:06

Bianca, what I do for every novel in any module, is memorize 1 quote for every theme. No matter what the essay question is, it will somehow tie in with one of the themes in the book. So in other words, memorise one quote that relates to patriarchy, one quote that relates to colonialism, one quote about identity etc. so that no matter what the question is you have at least one quote you can use.

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by [R BEHARI](#) - 8 May 2017 @ 17:18

Yes! This is a perfect strategy.

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by [B MARCER](#) - 9 May 2017 @ 17:50

Thank you so much for your help. I'll definitely try that!

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[Re: Nervous Conditions Babamakuru Question](#)

by [M FOORD](#) - 14 May 2017 @ 23:49

Bianca,

I know it is rather late and the exam is tomorrow, but I wouldn't stress too much about learning quotes off by heart. Rather paraphrase them if you are unsure.

Good luck for the exam tomorrow!

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by [L ERNST](#) - 15 May 2017 @ 7:32

That's exactly what I was thinking. Better you understand a theme and concept. If you can define a concept and relate it to the incident and explain why that is relevant to the topic, I think that will score you marks too. Goodluck every one.

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by [B MARCER](#) - 15 May 2017 @ 9:08

Thank everyone. The quotes were a bit of a stress for me so I have done what you have suggested and will paraphrase as I know the books well I unfortunately do not know it word for word. Good luck everyone

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by [R BEHARI](#) - 1 May 2017 @ 19:24

Identity is shaped by a number of different factors, including race, gender and class.

When reading "Nervous Conditions", it is not possible to understand the character of Tambu without considering how all these factors influence her identity. Write an essay in which you respond to the statement above.

You may agree or disagree with the statement but you must refer closely to the novel to support your view.