

24th September – Reading Part C

Text 1: Assisted Dying (Euthanasia)

Paragraph 1 – Vocab:

- Candid
- Oft-cited argument
- Viable

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1. When we need to understand what reference words like “this” refer to, how far back in the paragraph do we need to read?
2. Can the sentence after the word “this” help us in any way?

Nowadays, many countries around the world provide exemplary standards of palliative care. However, recent research debunks the oft-cited argument that improved access to palliative care negates the need for assisted dying. There remains a significant minority of patients with fatal illnesses, whose suffering cannot be controlled, who are often denied the option of shortening their life in a dignified, swift, and painless way. I would argue that this should compel us to take an honest and candid look at assisted dying, carefully consider its limits, and investigate whether it can or should be a viable part of the system. Those in favour claim that it could offer a safeguard against an agonising or undignified death in cases where palliative care fails to.

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- (A) sensitivity about changes to provision of end-of-life care.
- (B) uncertainty about how to care for terminally ill patients .
- (C) concern that end-of-life care is gradually deteriorating.
- (D) distress experienced by some terminally ill patients.