Essay Question

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### Abstract A

Does tourism change our lives? The mainstream of tourism psychology research is mostly concerned with tourist motivation, behaviour in and satisfaction with destination, and few studies explore how tourism might affect people's perceptions of themselves, home, neighbourhood, work, friends, relatives, and life in general. This study seeks insights into the effect and influence of travel and tourism on people, not momentary impact during vacation but longer-term impact in terms of sense of being, direction in life, and well-being. It is found that there are positive changes in the perception of life among Chinese travellers in general and the perception changes among travellers are significantly stronger than the perception changes among the control group of non-travellers. There is clear evidence that travellers feel more positive than non-travellers in their general well-being, attitude toward life, sense of control, and outlook.

### Abstract B

This study aims to evaluate the stated reasons for a holiday amongst low income families and other groups who experience barriers to participation in tourism. The paper also analyses how socially excluded groups benefit from the opportunity to experience a holiday through financial assistance. The paper presents findings from application data to three national UK charities providing financial support for different groups. The research examines the situational circumstances of these applicants and adds knowledge on motivational needs for leisure travel. The paper concludes for the need for more detailed measures of the benefits of tourism and calls for wider links to be made between leisure travel experience and social policy agendas.

### Abstract C

Drawing on findings which form part of a wider study this article presents comparative information on attitudes of young people in Greece and the UK about tourism as a sector for their careers. It sets out the context within which career decisions are formed. It examines perceptions of tourism and attitudes to tourism jobs. It suggests that the UK pupils have a better established careers support system and that they have a less positive attitude toward tourism than their Greek counterparts apparently due to a more realistic view of the nature of the jobs in question. It also points to a variety of perceptions about what constitutes a tourism job, notably that many components of accommodation and catering are not seen as being part of tourism. It also demonstrates a difference between attitudes toward individual tourism jobs and attitudes toward employment in the tourism sector as a whole.

### Answers

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*Personal development can refer to how an individual feels about themselves (self-esteem) and their life. It also includes activities which allow people to learn new knowledge and skills, develop their talents, become more employable and realise their dreams.*

*In this essay question the student would have to look at how tourism may help individuals to develop and improve their lives.*

**This essay questions as students to look at whether musical education**

**(1) Most Relevant = Abstract A**

The article focuses on the individual benefits of tourism with direct links to personal development.

**(2) Abstract B**

The article will focus on the benefits of tourism (for socially excluded individuals). However, it is not clear whether these benefits will be about individual’s personal development. We can assume that aspects of personal development will be included in the benefits so it would be worth reading more.

**(3) Least Relevant = Abstract C**

This article focuses on young people’s attitudes towards tourism and working in the tourism. That means the information will just tell us young people’s opinions. The data will not show us the impacts of tourism on personal development.