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Of course, some of the points listed below will appear in weaker papers, but are unlikely to be developed.

1.

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- show an understanding of the apparent relationship between the sisters as initially treated by the narrator
- recognize the surprising reality of the relationship as revealed in the final paragraphs
- discuss the significant qualities of the narrator's language and what they reveal about her character
- comment on the narrative style of address to an apparently familiar listener or reader.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- point out the ambiguities in the narrator's character exposed by her observations about herself at various points
- consider in more detail the ways in which the rational precision of her language reveals her character
- recognize the humour in the passage.

2.

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- describe and comment on some of the images of the persona's memories of her grandmother
- identify and comment on some additional poetic devices involving nature, showing an awareness of contrast
- discuss the shift in focus in the poem between stanzas 1–3 and stanza 4.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- show a greater awareness of the contrasting patterns in the devices and the effect of these patterns on the overall impact of the poem
 - address a wider range of poetic devices showing perhaps an awareness of pace, sound, movement, stillness and their influence on the experience of the poem
 - recognize the ambiguity, especially in the final stanza.
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