

**From Passage 1**

- 1 In Paragraph 1, why does the author say that these are 'tough and confusing times we are living in' (line 1)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 2 What does the author suggest about the way we form our identity by referring to 'our toiletries, our automobiles, our swimming pools and even that latest Botox injection' (line 5)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 3 In paragraph 2, what contrast does the author make in lines 6-8 about our search for identity? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 4 Explain what the author means by 'frail or fragile' (lines 15-16).

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5 What is the author's intention in asking the question 'and why shouldn't we want a sense of unique significance' (lines 19-20) and what justification does he offer? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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6 What does the author mean by 'I would have been completely in tune with our radically synthetic society' (line 28) and how do the examples in paragraph 5 support his view? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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7 In paragraph 6, explain what the author means by 'our true vocation' (line 36). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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8 What is the author implying about our search for identity in lines 36-37? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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9 Explain the author's concern when he says 'we have wanted so desperately to be somebody that we have ended up being nobody where it really counts' (lines 40-41). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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**From Passage 2**

10 From paragraph 6, what does the author intend you to understand by the ellipsis (...) in line 42?

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**11** Using material from paragraphs 2-4 only (lines 8-35), summarise what the author has to say about why our identity is not a complete or truthful representation of who we are.

Write your summary **in no more than 120 words**, not counting the opening words which are printed below. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

*Our identity is not a complete or truthful representation because...*

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