

**1. What elements of satire did you notice the first time you read the article?**

The first element of satire I noticed was exaggeration, and a lot of it. The author uses scientific terms along with exaggeration to convince the audience on why the MagnaSoles shoe inserts are an amazing thing. An example of this can be seen when he says, *“it’s a total foot-rejuvenation system.”*

**2. What rhetorical strategies contribute to the satire? How are they effectively used?**

Irony, humor, and sarcasm play a big role in contributing to the satirical effect seen in this article. The testimonial quotes made by the customers are sarcastic and have a bit of humor in them as well, such as when one customer says *“But after wearing MagnaSoles for seven weeks, I’ve 60 noticed a significant decrease in pain and can now walk comfortably. Just try to prove that MagnaSoles didn’t heal me!”* As well, the mention of that by wearing these shoe inserts your own energy will match Earth’s energy vibrations is a great example of the exaggeration used in this article, showing how above and beyond people go to promote their own products.

**3. What are the key differences between student response 2A and student response 2B?**

Student response 2A is written in a more sophisticated/intellectual manner, in such a way that the student analyzed the passage as a whole and with great detail. With response 2B, the student writes in a less sophisticated manner, further the response being satisfactory enough; however, it is still written in a well-organized way.

**4. Explain the score received by the writer of student response 2C. Where do you think this writer might have missed an opportunity to craft a much stronger essay? Where are the opportunities for improvement?**

Student response 2C received the score it did because the response could have used some more touch up to make it much stronger and effective. The response is not clear enough, providing little detail as to what specific strategies were used; possibly the student may not have understood the detail of the question well enough. For this response to have been much stronger, the student should have made some annotations if they had not done so already, and read the article in a more in-depth manner in the specific scope of what the question was asking. On top of that, they should have been more specific. They make mention to things, such as that *“the essay correctly identifies some strategies,”* but doesn’t explain what specific strategies.

- 5. Based on your evaluation of the question, responses, and scoring commentary, what advice would you give to your classmates for approaching a question that required an insightful analysis of satire?**

The main advice I would give is to read the prompt more carefully and in correlation with what the prompt is asking. A lot of times students may read the given prompt and miss out on specific details the question is asking. It is important to know what you are looking for when reading the prompt so that you can answer the question as accurately and in-depth as possible.