

## TEXT I: Job interview

### ANSWERS

- a** Give **one** word to describe how Xander is feeling at the beginning of the conversation. Give **one** example of his language and **one** description of the way he speaks that shows this. 3 marks

Possible words to describe how Xander is feeling include:

- nervous
- uncertain
- shy

Possible descriptions of the way he speaks include:

- He speaks quietly.
- He speaks hesitantly.
- He pauses a lot.

Possible examples of language include:

- 'um'
- 'oh'
- 'I mean'

- b** Xander says that he enjoyed watching the clowns on his first circus visit. Name **one** other act that he enjoyed. 1 mark

Possible answers:

- acrobats
- unicyclist
- jugglers

*(Note that 'sword swallower' would be incorrect because Xander did not enjoy watching this performer.)*

- c** What reason does Xander give for wanting to become a clown? 1 mark

Possible answer:

**He wants to make people as happy as the audience was the first time he went to the circus.**

- d** What does NACA stand for? 2 marks
- the National Academy for Circus Arts**

- e** What does Xander mean when he says he likes watching little kids 'crack up' when he performs? 1 mark

He means that he likes:

- ☐ watching the children cry at his performance
- ☒ **watching the children laugh at his performance**
- ☐ when a group of children splits into two groups
- ☐ seeing the children get better after he performs

- f** Does Rabia like employing clowns who have not had a lot of experience? Why or why not? 2 marks

**Yes**

Possible reasons:

**because new clowns have a lot of / more energy/passion/enthusiasm**