**TPO – 43**  Integrated Task

The reading asserts that there are several variant possibilities about how agonists ‎may have lived. The lecturer, however, finds the idea dubious and casts doubt on ‎the reasons proposed by the reading passage.‎

First, the reading states that the agnostids may have been free-swimming predators ‎that hunted smaller animals. Conversely, the professor underlines the fact that free-swimming predators need to track prey and because of that, they should have large ‎eyes. However, they might not have any particular sensor which recognizes prey, so ‎they are not predators.‎

Furthermore, the reading states that they may dwell on the seafloor and would ‎have survived by scavenging dead organisms or by grazing on bacteria. On the other ‎hand, the lecturer mentions the fact that If they might have dwelled on the seafloor, ‎they should move very slowly but as they transmit a long distance in a short time, ‎they must have fast speed. ‎

Finally, the author argues that they might be parasites, living on and feeding off ‎larger organisms. On the contrary, the lecturer states that parasites might have a ‎small population because if numerous of them would have been living on those ‎organisms, they might kill off all of them. Because we have a lot of fossils of ‎those organisms, that theory which says they were parasite is unconvincing and they ‎might not be parasites.‎

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