

Question 1 (continued)

- (a) What does Martino mean when he says to Alex 'Sei proprio un pulcino!?' 2
 That Alex is being negative and he's not accepting the fact that the situation will be resolved in due time. He also doesn't understand the truth in Martino's comments, i.e., that Aidi is at that moment feeling worse than him.
- (b) Explain how Aidi's remarks in lines 7-9 reflect her character. 3
 These comments show that Aidi is cautious and indecisive. She wants an emotional relationship with Alex, talking with him and going out with him, however doesn't want a physical rapport with him. She's hesitant about being with him because then when she leaves ^{for America} the heartache would be too great to deal with. These remarks also show that she's a spiritual person as she implies that if they're meant to be together it will happen.
- (c) What is the director's purpose in juxtaposing these two scenes? Discuss in relation to settings and dialogue. 4
 By juxtaposing these scenes the director shows us the support systems of Alex and Aidi. They can't talk to each other about their relationship and feelings, so they turn to their respective friends for advice and support. Aidi and Giulia are talking at Aidi's house. This shows that Aidi is comfortable at home and that she enjoys spending time alone with her friends. Alex and Martino are in the disco environment and this highlights the importance of music in Alex's life.

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- (d) Analyse the role of friendship as portrayed in the extracts you have studied from the film. 6

Friendship plays an important role throughout the film. It is Alex's friendship with Martino that opens his eyes and allows him to find the strength and courage to leave the group. Martino's friendship with Alex acts as a catalyst for Alex's change. The film also deals with Alex's friendship with the group of boys (Rocco, Nardini, Tony, Hoge). There is no depth in the friendship, but rather the rapport is superficial, eg; they recite song names and bands to each other as part of a conversation. The group is shown to be holding Alex back as he is not being a true individual when they are together. The group has a negative impact on Alex's life. Alex and Aidi have a significant friendship. They are open with each other and feel at ease talking about deep and meaningful issues. The relationship that eventually develops between these two characters is based on a very strong friendship.

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