2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

This is the film I viewed for this particular assignment question. This film made in 1968.

Most of the technology made for this film was totally ahead of its time, even for the year 2001. Some of the things that were thought we would have, were quite ridiculous, including enormous space stations floating through space, easily accessible by rocket. This space station had coffee lounges, hotels (the Hilton seen in the background), conference rooms and other of Earth’s luxuries.

They also showed everyone wearing grip shoes, which were made so that the forces of gravity could not pull you off the ground. Picture Phones were another invention shown, in which you could see the person you were talking to. (That was really the only realistic invention for the year 2001).

A man and four other men were off on a mission to Jupiter, in which they took turns at hibernation. Two men would be the crew while three others hibernated. They did this to save air in the Space Ship, which happened to be quite large. While the men were in hibernation, their hearts only beat three times per minute, and only breathed one time per minute. Another invention was a computer which could reproduce a human brain, which worked faster, and helped run the space ship. There were also other high technology inventions, most of which were crazier and more unrealistic than the ones already listed.
But even with all these inventions, there were normal things that did not fit in, because they had not been changed to make it look like it was in the twenty first century. Like ordinary water jugs and glasses, as well as the clothing, e.g. the flight attendants in the rocket were wearing flares. The reason for this, was because they were real things that were being used in the late sixties-early seventies.

This was not a very interesting movie at all. In fact it was really boring. Most of the time they were playing classical music. I couldn’t work out a plot for the movie and there was very little dialogue. However, it was amusing to see all the crazy inventions that were expected to be in use by the year 2001.

Grade Commentary

Jessie has demonstrated a sound understanding of some of the structure and features of a film review. There is some evidence of planning, and appropriate language has been used to communicate ideas to the audience. An understanding of the film is evident in the analysis of the plot but the characterisation and themes have barely been identified. A personal opinion has been provided and elaborated upon.

Jessie’s response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at grade C standard.