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9. Evaluate Aisha's responses to Carol's arguments. Do you think that they are convincing? P11-25

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Write an argument for or against this view.

200 words maximum

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