



Gulf Asian English School, Sharjah

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GRADE 11- ENGLISH

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Task 1

Q.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage below, make notes in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title. (Minimum four abbreviations needed)

Q.2 Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

In democratic countries any efforts to restrict the freedom of the Press are rightly condemned. However, this freedom can be easily abused. Stories about people often attract public attention than political events. Though we may enjoy reading about the lives of others, it is extremely doubtful whether we would equally enjoy reading about ourselves. Acting on the contention that facts are sacred, reporters can cause untold sufferings to individuals by publishing details about their private lives. Newspapers exert such tremendous influence that they can not only bring about major changes to the lives of ordinary people but can even overthrow a government.

The story of a poor family that acquired fame and fortune overnight, dramatically illustrates the power of the Press. The family lived in Aberdeen, a small town of 25,000 inhabitants in South Dakota. As the family had five children, life was a perpetual struggle against poverty. They were expecting their sixth child and were faced with even more pressing economic problems. If they had only one more child the fact would have passed unnoticed. They would have continued to struggle against economic odds and would have lived in obscurity. But they suddenly became the parents of quintuplets, four girls and a boy, an event which radically changed their lives. The day after the birth of the five children an aeroplane arrived in Aberdeen bringing sixty reporters and photographers. The news was of national importance, for the couple had become the parents of the only quintuplets of America.

The rise to fame was swift. Television cameras and newspapers carried the news to everyone in the country. Newspapers and magazines offered the family huge sums for the exclusive rights to publish their photographs. Gifts poured in not only from unknown people, but from baby food and soap manufacturers who wished to advertise their products. The old farmhouse the family lived in was to be replaced by a new \$100,000

home. Reporters kept pressing for interviews. So lawyers had to be employed to act as the spokesmen of the family at press conferences. The event brought serious changes to the town itself. Plans were announced to build a new highway, as Aberdeen was now likely to attract thousands of tourists. Signposts erected at the outskirts of town directed tourists not to Aberdeen, but to 'Quint-City U.S.A'. The local authorities discussed the possibility of erecting a 'quint museum' to satisfy the curiosity of the public and to protect the family from inquisitive tourists. While the five babies were still quietly sleeping in the oxygen tents in a hospital nursery, the parents were paying the price for fame. It would never again be possible for them to lead normal lives. They had become victims of commercialization, for their names had acquired market value. The town itself received so much attention that almost everyone of the inhabitants was affected to a greater or less degree.

Task 2

Q.4 Complete the following sentences using appropriate verb forms.

1. My friend -----1----- (read) a lot. He -----2----- (be) fond of reading since he was a boy. Last Sunday he -----3----- (take) two books from the library. He -----4----- (finish) reading them in two days.

Q.5 The following passage is not edited. There is an error in each line. In the space provided write the error and the correction.

	Error	Correct.
i. The Portuguese began to explore a west coast	-----	-----
ii. of Africa. Year after year they sent out ships when	-----	-----
iii. sailed along the coast, every daring a little	-----	-----
iv. further south. At first when they landed they find	-----	-----
v. that anything was made hot and dry by	-----	-----
vi. the burning winds which blowing off the	-----	-----
vii. Sahara Desert. They thought of the stories they have	-----	-----
heard, that the sun would black burn their faces.		

Q.6 .Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences

- time/ greatest/ one/ was/ of/ the/ Mother Teresa/ our/ of/ missionaries
- the/ dedicated/ entire/ poorest/ her/ of/ the/ of/ the/ poor/ to/ she/ life/ service
- she/ made/ a/ foreigner/ settled/ though/ in/ home/ and/ it/ her/ Calcutta

Task 3

Q.7 Write a letter to the Manager, Oberai International, Lucknow, to find out the rates for conducting the wedding reception of your sister on the lawns, enquiring specifically about the catering cost per head, service and decoration charges and advance to be paid.

Q.8As Manager, Spring Blossoms School, Delhi, place an order for school furniture (at least 4 items). Write a letter to Curzon & Co., Furniture Manufacturers, Delhi.