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N.B. This question paper consists of **14** pages.

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Section	Question	Content	Total	
A	1	Comprehension	/30	
B	2	Summary	/10	
C	3, 4	Language in context: Visual literacy	/20	
	5	: Grammar	/10	
TOTAL:			/70	/100

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION
QUESTION 1: READING FOR MEANING AND UNDERSTANDING

TEXT A

What is news?

1. The question “What is news?” sounds simple. But a simple answer is not easy to give. Journalists themselves tend to give answers like: “News is what journalists decide news is”, which is true, but not very helpful.
2. Millions of events take place each day. Yet only a hundred or so will find their way into a newspaper. A far smaller number, perhaps only ten or 15, will make up a half-hour news bulletin on TV. What makes them into a news story? One clue is given by the word “story”. It is used not only in the context of the media, but also (in phrases like “storybook”) to describe a kind of fictional writing.
3. This kind of writing usually has certain specific qualities. It has a narrative – “a beginning, a middle, and an end.” It has recognizable characters. It may deal with an important subject. It may be exciting, full of drama, suspense, and conflict. Or it may simply touch the emotions, making the reader feel sad or happy, awe-struck, or outraged. In short, a good story is always interesting.
4. A news story is exactly the same, except of course that it deals with real people and actual events and not invented ones. But whatever a news story is about, it should be *interesting*. It can be interesting because it is exciting – a story about a bank raid, or the hi-jacking of an airliner. It can be interesting because it is important – the passing of a new law, or the fall of a government. Or it may be interesting simply because of its human qualities, like this story:

5. **AMBULANCE DRIVER FINDS WIFE DYING IN CRASH**

An ambulance driver, Mr. Christopher Daunton, answered an emergency call to a road crash, and found his wife dying in the wreckage, it was disclosed yesterday.

His wife, Wendy, aged 28, a taxi-driver, of Birchy Barton Hill, Exeter, was taking home four handicapped children when her vehicle and a tractor collided on the A30 near Honiton, east Devon, on Friday.

The children, aged between five and 11, had cuts, head injuries, and broken bones. Their condition was said to be satisfactory yesterday, but their escort, Mrs. Alison Quantick, aged 28, was still critically ill.

Mrs. Daunton died without regaining consciousness.
(The Times, 12 July 1976)

6. Normally, a road crash with relatively few casualties would not be newsworthy enough to make the national press. But here, the tragic coincidence of the ambulance driver arriving at the scene to find his own wife dying is enough to lift the story out of the ordinary.

1.6 Why is it important for a viewer/reader to have an emotional connection with the news story? 2

REFER TO PARAGRAPH 4:

1.7 What makes a news story different from a storybook story? 2

1.8 Give an example of an exciting news story from paragraph 4. 1

1.9 Give an example of an important news story from paragraph 4. 1

REFER TO PARAGRAPH 5:

1.10 Does the fact that the children in the accident were handicapped have more of an impact on you as a reader? Explain your answer. 2

1.11 “...but their escort, Mrs. Alison...”
What is an escort? 1

1.12 Consider the news article in paragraph 5. Why is it important for a journalist to be as objective as possible? 2

REFER TO PARAGRAPH 6:

1.13 “...would not be newsworthy enough to make the national press.” What does newsworthy mean in this context? 1

SECTION B: SUMMARY
QUESTION 2: SUMMARISING IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Summarise the article below in your OWN WORDS in a fluent paragraph of 70-80 words.

NOTE:

- It is not necessary to write down a heading for your summary.
- Indicate an accurate word count clearly at the end of your summary.
- Your summary must include at least 7 points.

TEXT C

A laughing matter

- 1 Fifteen muscles in your face contract, your upper lip automatically lifts, blood rushes to your face, strange sounds come from your throat and soon the people around you show the same symptoms. Laughter is contagious!
- 2 Why do humans laugh? Scientists have various theories. Laughter probably became part of human behaviour because it promotes human bonding. Laughing with other people is relaxing and sends the message that they do not have to fear you.
- 3 Laughter helps humans come to term with fear. That is why there are so many jokes about illness and death. Comedian Bill Cosby summed it up so accurately when he said: "If you can laugh at it, you can survive it."
- 4 Laughter can also be used to exercise power over others. The person who has the ability to make the group laugh, controls the group. Research has shown that bosses tend to crack more jokes than their employees.
- 5 There is a link between laughter and creativity. Humour encourages out-of-the-box thinking. Humour expert professor William Fry says, "Humour often involves bringing together two items that do not have an obvious connection and creating a relationship."
- 6 Laughter is good for your health. Scientists estimate that laughing 100 times is equivalent to a 10- minute workout on a rowing machine. Laughing reduces stress and boosts immunity. It exercises different muscles, ranging from the diaphragm to the back muscle. It helps keep people mentally healthy because it helps relieve the harmful biochemical effects of negative feelings.
- 7 Laughter is truly the best medicine! So the next time you feel like cracking up, crack a joke instead.

Source: <http://www.primrosehs.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Grade-9-English-HL-Summary-worksheet-edited.pdf>

TEXT E: ADVERTISEMENT



This advert was created by the World Wildlife Fund.

Source:
<https://www.trendhunter.com/slideshow/wwf-campaigns>

QUESTIONS:

- 3.4 What is the elephant made from? 1

- 3.5 What is happening to the elephant? 1

- 3.6 What is the message of the advert? 2

SUB-TOTAL: 10 MARKS

QUESTION 5: EDITING

TEXT F: OPINION AND ANALYSIS

1	What is the purpose of journalism?
5	<p>“The purpose of journalism,” writes Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel in <i>The Elements of Journalism</i>, “isn’t defined by technology, nor by journalists or the techniques they employ.” Rather, “the principles and purpose of journalism are defined by something more basic: the function news plays in the lives of people.”</p> <p>News is that part of communication that keeps us informed of the changing events, issues, and characters in the world outside. Though it may be interesting or even entertaining, the foremost value of news is as a utility to empower the informed.</p>
10	<p>The purpose of journalism is thus to provide citizens with the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their governments.</p> <p>Source: https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/journalism-essentials/what-is-journalism/purpose-</p>

QUESTIONS:

- 5.1 Why has *The Elements of Journalism* been italicised?
_____ 1
- 5.2 Which part of speech are the following words:
a) Bill Kovach (line1) _____ 2
b) changing (line 5) _____
- 5.3.1 State the purpose of the apostrophe used in line 2.
_____ 1
- 5.3.2 For what other reason do we use apostrophes?

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- 5.4 Rewrite “communication” (line 5) as a verb.

_____ 1
- 5.5 Provide an antonym of your own for “best” (line 9). Make sure the antonym is in the correct form.

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- 5.6 Provide a synonym of your own for “provide” (line 8). Make sure the synonym is in the correct form.

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