Grade 12

Theme 7 News Stories

Test 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. While the reporter ____ a witness, the camera stopped working.
   A) has interviewed B) will interview C) was interviewing
2. By the time the rescue team arrived, the residents ____ the building.
   A) leave B) had left C) are leaving
3. The reporter checked the date ____ publishing the story.
   A) during B) before C) despite
4. The library closed at six. ____ it reopened the next morning, staff checked the damaged window.
   A) Before B) During C) Despite
5. A witness is someone who ____.
   A) edits every published report B) sees an event happen C) predicts tomorrow's headlines
6. A pedestrian is a person ____.
   A) travelling on foot B) driving a delivery van C) repairing traffic lights
7. The headline should summarise the story's ____.
   A) main point B) least relevant detail C) longest quotation
8. 'First the alarm sounded. Then everyone left.' Which event came earlier?
   A) Everyone left.
   B) Both are described as simultaneous.
   C) The alarm sounded.
9. The firefighters checked the building. ____ (at the same time), volunteers prepared a meeting point outside.
   A) Meanwhile B) Afterwards C) Previously
10. Choose the sentence reporting a completed past event.
    A) The bridge may reopen tomorrow.
    B) The bridge reopened yesterday.
    C) Please reopen the bridge.

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11. 'What happened next?' asks about ____.
    A) the following event in a sequence
    B) the reason for choosing a newspaper
    C) the exact meaning of a headline

12. The journalist corrected the report after discovering an ____.
    A) achievement B) invitation C) inaccuracy

13. No one was injured in the incident. The outcome was described as ____.
    A) fatal B) fortunate C) unconfirmed

14. After she ____ the details, the editor approved the article.
    A) will verify B) is verifying C) had verified

15. A reliable report distinguishes confirmed information from ____.
    A) the names of its verified sources
    B) facts supported by clear evidence
    C) claims that still need checking

Read the text and answer questions 16 to 20.

The Photograph without a Date

A student reporter saw a photograph of a flooded playground being shared online. Several comments said it showed the school after that morning's rain. Before writing a report, she contacted the person who had first posted the image. She learned that it had been taken two years earlier. Meanwhile, another student photographed the playground as it actually looked that day: wet, but not flooded. The reporters published a short explanation using both dates clearly. They did not blame everyone who had shared the original image; instead, they showed how missing context could change a story.

16. What did some comments claim?
    A) The picture showed that morning's conditions.
    B) The playground had been closed for two years.
    C) The photograph was taken inside a classroom.

17. What did the reporter check first?
    A) The image's original source and date
    B) The number of students' sports lessons
    C) The cost of replacing the playground

18. What did the second student contribute?
    A) A prediction about next year's rainfall
    B) A current photograph of the playground
    C) An interview with the school's first headteacher

19. What was the main problem with the shared image?
    A) It could not be viewed by anyone.
    B) It showed a place outside the school.
    C) It lacked the context of its date.

20. What does the reporters' approach demonstrate?
    A) Trusting a claim because many people share it
    B) Checking context before repeating a claim
    C) Removing all dates to simplify a story