

BACCALAURÉAT BLANC**SESSION DE FEVRIER - SÉRIES A-D-C****ANNÉE SCOLAIRE : 2011-2012****DURÉE : 3 H 00.****ÉPREUVE D'ANGLAIS****PART ONE : READING**

Read the text about JOURNALISM below and do all the tasks, which follow it.

**JOURNALISM UNDER FIRE**

- 1 They are rude and accusatory, cynical and almost unpatriotic. They twist facts to suit their not-so-hidden liberal agenda. They meddle in politics, harass businesses, invade people's privacy, and then walk off without regard to the pain and chaos they leave behind. To top it off, they claim that their behaviour is sanctioned, indeed sanctified, by the U.S Constitution.
- 6 The press, by its nature, is rarely beloved- nor should that be its aim. Too often it must be the bearer of bad tidings. Since World War II, journalists have covered the turmoil of civil rights movement, conveyed vivid scenes of domestic protest and battlefield gore during the Viet Nam War, and participated in the collapse of a presidency. Within the past two years, the press chronicled the pain of 10% unemployment. Increasingly, this bad news has been brought by the emotional medium of TV which can seem rudely intrusive at both ends of its electronic linkage: at the scene of suffering and in the privacy of the viewer's living room. Moreover, the time-honored image of the reporter- a low-paid but high-spirited regular fellow drinking beer with the police as the city edition is put to bed- has given way to a person shaped by television: the anchorman or anchorwoman, cool, comely, and paid far more than the president.
- 18 Print journalists contend that when television became an accepted part of the news business, its you-are-there intrusiveness and emphasis on conflict tarnished the reputation of the entire profession. Says Washington Post Executive editor Ben Bradlee: "Television has changed the public's vision of the reporter into someone who is petty and disagreeable, who has taken cynicism an unnecessary extra step". TV executives reply that print can get away with more aggressive behavior because it is gray and abstract rather than immediate. "The printed press does not show the reporter asking the question, says NBC News President Reuven Frank. "What is peculiar to television is that the intrusiveness is part of the story"
- Freedom of the press, like any other freedom, can be dangerous. But Thomas Jefferson (1), who suffered at the hands of journalists as much as any contemporary politician, insisted that protecting the press at its worst was an essential part of having the press be free. Said Jefferson: "It is so difficult to draw a clear line of separation between the abuse and the wholesome use of the press... I shall protect them in the right of lying and calumniating". Moreover, the press, however forceful, has no power to indict or impeach, no power beyond what is granted by its audience. A journalist can expose a situation, but cannot compel an indifferent public to change it.

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Note : (1) Thomas Jefferson was the third President of the United States (1801-1809)

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A. All the words in column A are from the text. Match each word in column A with its meaning in column B. The paragraph number and line number are given in brackets. Write your answer like this: 11.a.

A

B

1. rude (P1, L1)
2. meddle (P1, L2)
3. sanctioned (P1, L4)
4. expose (P4, L8)
5. compel (P4, L9)
6. contend (P3, L1)
7. petty (P3, L5)
8. wholesome (P4, L5)

- a. argue
- b. reveal
- c. oblige
- d. healthy
- e. interfere
- f. ill-bred
- g. approved
- h. narrow-minded

B. The following statements are about the text. Decide which is TRUE or FALSE. Then write your answer like this: 12-True or 13-False.

1. Newsmen do not distort the truth.
2. Journalists are careful not to disturb people's private lives and feelings.
3. The press frequently has to inform the public of the bad news.
4. The press reported the fall of President Nixon in a passive way.
5. Over the past few years, TV has played a growing part in informing the public.
6. Formerly, reporters would make friends with the journalists.
7. People now form a quite different opinion of journalists.
8. TV newsmen draw much lower wages than they should.
9. Thomas Jefferson found many powerful allies among the journalists.
10. Jefferson decided to maintain the freedom of the press.

PART TWO: WRITING

- A. In the passage that follows about JOURNALISM UNDER FIRE several Words are missing. Fill in each space with a word of your choice without changing the meaning of the text. The ideas are to be found in the text. Write the number of the space and your answer like this: 1-rude.

Journalists are often taxed to be (1)..... rude They get involved in any type of (2) without paying attention to the (3) they cause to people They argue that their (4)..... is authorised by the (5) which govern the US. The press is (6) loved, and must not (7) to be. Journalists have reported the (8) of the (9) American in (10) who is out of work. According to TV executives newspapers are not (11)..... of aggressiveness because they do not (12)..... anything. For Thomas Jefferson we must (13)..... the press in order to safeguard its (14) A journalist's (15) are what the public makes them.

- B. Since September 19, 2002 people say that newspapers in Côte d'Ivoire are too insulting rude and incite people to violence. As a member of your school newspaper team, write an article in which you show the importance of journalists in our society and how they can positively contribute in the process of reconciliation to bring back peace for all.
20-25 lines (250 words).

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PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE

- A. Fill in the blanks with a word from the box. Write the number of the space and your answer like this: 15-country.

witness / nothing / victims / reporter / on / succeed / popular /
whatever / ever / what / despite / reading.

(1)the growing popularity of the news (2)..... TV, most people still prefer (3) a daily. He's been a (4)..... for two years in the United States and he is quite (5)..... with his readers. Journalists hardly (6) think of what the (7)..... of a tragedy may feel (8) paper you may read you can never be sure that (9)you find in it is (10).....but the truth. The newsman did not (11)..... in getting all he wanted from the (12)of the assassination.

- B. In the dialogue below some words are missing. Fill in each gap with the suitable word from the list. Write your answer like this: 8-ever.

As, enough, far, for, just, so, such, than, that, to, too.

- C. I hate packing! My suitcase isn't big (1) for everything I want (2)..... take with me I need a (3) bigger case (4).....this little one.
D. Nonsense! You're (5)..... trying to take (6).....many things. All these things would be too heavy to carry.

GOOD LUCK!

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