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The first newspapers appeared in the 17th century. **[I]** This changed in the 1850s with the invention of powerful printing devices, which could print 10,000 papers per hour. **[II]** As a result, newspaper prices came down and more people could afford to buy them. **[III]** Thanks to another new invention, the photograph, it was also the first time that newspapers contained pictures as well as articles. **[IV]**

When a volcano erupted on the Pacific Island of Krakatoa in 1883, it killed 36,000 people. It was significant because it was the first time that news could travel around the world in minutes, using undersea electrical telegraph wires. Before the telegraph was invented, it used to take weeks for news to travel to a different continent. News of Abraham Lincoln's death, for example, took nearly two weeks to reach Europe in 1865.

In the early 20th century, before televisions became popular, people used to go to the cinema to watch the news. The news reels were changed weekly, not daily, so the news wasn't always **up to date.** Nowadays, they are important as historical documents, as they provide the only audiovisual records of those times.

Question 1: Where in the paragraph 1 does this sentence best fit?

However, ordinary people didn't use to buy them often because they were expensive.

A. I B. II C. III D. IV

Question 2: The word "up to date" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

A. current B. historical C. early D. rare

Question 3: Before the telegraph, how long did it take people to receive the news from a different continent?

A. hours B. days C. weeks D. years

Question 4: According to the passage, the following statements are true EXCEPT _____:

A. The first newspapers appeared in the 17th century.

B. In the 1850s, powerful printing devices could print thousands of newspapers per hour.

C. News about Abraham Lincoln's death reached Europe immediately due to the telegraph.

D. Early 20th-century news reels are now as valuable as historical records.

Question 5: What can be inferred from the passage?

A. The telegraph didn't significantly speed up news delivery.

B. News reels were the most accurate source of information at the time.

C. Powerful printing devices made newspapers affordable for more people.

D. News of the Krakatoa eruption took weeks to spread.

Question 6: What is the main topic of the passage?

A. The history of newspapers in the United States.

B. The impact of technological inventions on the spread of news.

C. Important natural disasters reported in newspapers in the world.

D. The popularity of news reels in the early 20th century.

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