QUIZ 1 – 22nd CYCLE

1 Underline the correct word(s).

1 Felipe convinced me **not to give up** / **not giving up** playing rugby.
2 I'm so glad Mariana encouraged **me to try** / **that I try** that new hairstylist!
3 I suggested **to buy** / **buying** Ella some flowers, but Jasmin said she'd prefer chocolates.
4 The blackmailer threatened **to post** / **posting** copies of my private emails online.
5 Benjamin regretted **not asking** / **to not ask** how much the hotel was before he booked it.
6 Renata insisted **to pay** / **on paying** for our meal.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in parentheses.

1 Drivers shouldn't _____ (fine) for parking ten minutes longer than they've paid for.
2 These chocolate bars used to _____ (wrap) in aluminum foil.
3 The couple _____ (think) to have escaped to Europe with the money.
4 The Boston Celtics refused _____ (beat) and ended up winning the game.
5 That restaurant _____ (say) to be one of the best in the world.
6 It's difficult to avoid _____ (follow) by paparazzi when you're famous.
7 I saw Marie at the art exhibition. She _____ (show) around by one of the artists.
8 The community center is closed this week – it _____ (redecorate).

3 Complete the words in the sentences.

1 Both women were **a**_____ because of a lack of reliable evidence.
2 The **j**_____ gave the woman a shorter sentence because she had pleaded guilty.
3 The politician was **b**_____ by a colleague who knew some of his guilty secrets.
4 The police couldn't charge the men because there were no **w**_____ to say what they'd seen.
5 Email accounts often get **h**_____ into, which is why strong passwords are recommended.
6 Both men were found **g**_____ and sentenced to five years in jail.
7 A man has been charged with **s**_____ after following Ms. Jones everywhere for months.
8 The **p**_____ for murder is usually a life sentence.
9 The man had **c**_____ several previous crimes for which he was also charged.
10 The **v**_____ of the jury was that Mr. Martin was guilty of all charges.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

newscaster	biased	sensational	commentator	freelance	
gossip	vows	advice columnist	censored	~~paparazzi~~	reviews

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Example: Celebrities must get so fed up with *paparazzi* trying to photograph them all the time.

1 This show has been given very favorable _____ by critics. Should we get tickets for it?
2 The sports _____ at the basketball championship screamed with joy when his former teammate scored the winning basket.
3 The government _____ to reduce air pollution before the next election.
4 John doesn't work for one single newspaper. He's a _____ photographer.
5 Lena is an _____. She writes answers to people's letters in the local paper.
6 This journalist always uses such strong language in his news articles – it's too _____ for me.
7 I read that magazine for all the celebrity _____ – it's fun but I know it's not all true!
8 The internet isn't _____ so it's easier to spread fake news on it.
9 I loved it when that very serious _____ couldn't stop laughing as he read one story!
10 That news report isn't at all objective – it's very _____ actually.

5. Write an essay on the following topic:

"Nowadays there is too much fake news."

Write 140–180 words. Include the following information:

- **explain what type of fake news is most commonly available for you to read**
- **say why you think this type of false news exists and what the consequences of it are**
- **give your opinion on whether action should be taken to prevent the spread of fake news.**

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6 Read the article about the spread of fake news. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A–F) fits each blank (1–5)? There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

Why fake is faster

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In 2018, a study published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology revealed that fake news travels faster and reaches more people than genuine news. The research team had decided to do the study in the early 2000s when many people were beginning to use social media as their main source of news. The official study started in 2006. 1..... Each of the stories was carefully checked to determine whether it contained fake or genuine news.

When the results of the study were published in the journal Science, they showed several shocking facts. First, they found that people were 70% more likely to share or re-post false news articles than true ones. In fact, real news articles were rarely shared further than 1,000 people, while the most popular fake news articles could reach up to 100,000. Second, the results showed that real news articles took about six times longer to reach readers than fake ones. 2..... Other fast-spreading topics included celebrity news, urban legends, science, terrorism, and natural disasters.

The research also corrects a common media myth. There is a widespread belief that automated "bots" are responsible for spreading most of the fake news on social media. 3..... The researchers had analyzed the accounts they identified as bots and found that although they did spread fake news, they also shared true news at the same rate. This means they were not responsible for the speed and spread of fake news.

But why are people more likely to share fake news? One theory is that it could be because fake news tends to be more attractive to readers and is therefore more likely to get a reaction from people. In this age of social media, we are exposed to news 24/7, so we tend to almost turn off and stop listening to it unless it is really

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shocking or unexpected. 4..... It could be that people who post fake news want that power – regardless of whether the news they are spreading is true or not. The excitement attached to posting fake news and watching it go viral could be addictive.

Psychologists have also compared the rapid spread of fake news with the more traditional habit of gossiping. It is human nature to share news and gossip about each other. The best gossip is full of dramatic detail. It has to be surprising at the very least, or even shocking. Once people start sharing that fake news on social media, the last thing they, or their readers, are worried about is whether it is accurate or not.

While fake news may be a source of entertainment for some, real news is genuinely important to society. According to journalists, one problem that is caused by fake news is that people don't believe anything anymore. So, what can genuine news agencies do about fake news? Traditionally, newspapers competed to be the first to publish a good story. Media experts have said it is now more important than ever to publish news which is correct and accurate. 5..... The priority now must be to remain honest and make sure the content of their story is 100% accurate before they publish it.

A However, the findings of the study suggest that it is in fact humans that are most likely to share fake news.

B They say that journalists should not try to compete with the speed of social media as it is a battle they can't win.

C When they looked at news content on several popular social media sites, they realized that a large proportion of the so-called "news" articles seemed to be based on rumors, were incorrect, or were missing key facts.

D During the study, the team followed the spread of 126,000 articles shared by three million people on social media over a period of eleven years.

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E Of the types of fake news available online, the most common subject matter was politics.

F There is a position of power associated with being the person who shares news that others have not heard before.

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7 Listen to five newscasters reporting news about crime. Which situation does each newscaster describe? Choose from the list (A–F). Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter that you do not need to use.

A The suspect is not yet known.
B There is proof that the suspect is guilty.
C The suspect escaped.
D The suspect was arrested.
E The suspect has been sentenced.
F The suspect was acquitted.

Speaker 1: _____
Speaker 2: _____
Speaker 3: _____
Speaker 4: _____
Speaker 5: _____

8 Listen to a presentation by media student, Mia, about television crime dramas. Choose the correct answer.

1 Mia has done some research into
people who are obsessed with real crimes
why TV crime dramas are so popular
problems associated with watching crime dramas.

2 Mia says, if you are concerned about your crime TV habits **you don't need to worry**
you should seek psychological support
your family could be in danger.

3 Mia says people are attracted to stories of good versus evil
because of psychological problems
because we have problems controlling our fear
whatever age we are.

4 Mia thinks that people enjoy crime stories because
we think we could commit a crime and not get caught
they exercise our brains
we enjoy feeling like "the hero."

5 According to Mia, crime dramas might
make us feel that society is safe
make families feel closer
help us to understand the world.

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