

The First Term English Examination

Part One Reading: (14 pts) Read the text below carefully then do the activities

Journalists employ a variety of techniques to research stories that they then submit to their editors. They interview people, check a variety of sources, and observe things first-hand in order to create a newspaper article that informs the public. Sometimes, however, deadlines press them to break the rules of journalism. For example, journalists have plagiarized someone else's writing or even inserted fabricated, or made-up, information to make an article more interesting. Both of these actions are considered unethical and, when made public, can damage a publication's reputation.

That was true in the case of Jayson Blair of the *New York Times*. Blair was caught modifying his stories with fabricated and plagiarized material. In some cases, Blair said he had interviewed people in person. In fact, he had spoken with them by phone. In other cases, he had apparently never spoken with them at all. Blair also borrowed sentences from other newspaper articles and tried to pass them off as his own. In several cases, Blair made up quotes to include in his articles. This became apparent when the individuals he supposedly quoted spoke up and said that they had never said those things.

Because Blair's actions were made public, the *New York Times* was forced to apologize publicly in order to protect their reputation. In a cover story published on May 11, 2003, the *New York Times* publicly acknowledged the unethical conduct of Jayson Blair. It emphasized its dedication to ethical journalism and assured the public that Blair-type reporting would not be tolerated at the paper.

Unethical behaviour surely exists in all organizations, but the case of Jayson Blair was particularly upsetting. A journalist's misbehaviour affects millions of readers and ruins the trust of the public.

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Comprehension and Interpretation (7 pts):

1- Say whether these statements are true or false:

- a- Journalists need to go through many steps when doing their work.
- b- Jayson Blair was caught writing real stories.
- c- Blair used to interview people only by phone and said that he had met them in person.
- d- The journalist's unethical behaviour has no effect on the readers.

2- Answer the following questions according to the text:

- A- Why do some journalists break the rules of journalism?
- B- Did Jayson Blair always use real quotes in his articles? Justify your answer.
- C- What did the New York Times do in order to preserve its good image after Blair's bad behaviour?

3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that the immoral behaviour of some journalists lead people to lose confidence in the newspapers they are working for?

4- What or whom do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a) them (§1).....
- b) them (§2)
- c) It (§3)

5- Choose the right answer. The text is: a) prescriptive. b) argumentative. c) expository.

Text Exploration (7pts):

1- Pick out from the text words whose definitions are the following:

- a) The latest dates by which things must be done or completed (§1) =
- b) The opinion that people have about somebody or something, based on what happened in the past (§3)=...
- c) Bad behaviour (§4) = ...

2- Divide the following words into roots and affixes following the given example:

Words	Prefixes	Roots	Suffixes
<i>E.g. illogical</i>	<i>il-</i>	<i>logic</i>	<i>-al</i>
a) Supposedly			
b) Unethical			
c) Misbehaviour			

3- Join the pairs of sentences using the given link words. Make the necessary changes:

So ... that - Despite the fact that - Providing that.

A- Journalism is a noble profession. Some journalists behave dishonestly when doing their work.

B- Some newspapers are untruthful. Many people lost confidence in them.

C- Journalists respect the journalism ethics. People trust them.

4- Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables:

apologize - quote - damage - journalist.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables

5- Re-order the following sentences to get a coherent paragraph:

A- and the representation of them as one's own original work.

B- and a breach of journalistic ethics.

C- Plagiarism consists in the stealing and publication of another author's thoughts, ideas or expressions

D- It is considered as an academic dishonesty

Part Two: Written Expression (6 pts): Choose **one** of the following topics:

Topic One.

Journalism is a noble profession and all journalists have to behave on this basis. Use the following notes to write a prescriptive essay about journalism ethics focusing on how journalists should behave when doing their work:

- Report events objectively: tell stories as they are/ not from their personal view/ not to be subjective...
- Tell the truth: To make sure about what they write/ use reliable sources/ say all the truth/ avoid half-truths/ avoid fabricated stories ...
- Avoid plagiarism: mention the sources of information/ report people's exact words/ avoid fake quotes ...

Topic Two.

All ancient civilisations rose, flourished and finally fell to ruins. Write an expository essay about the different factors that might have caused the fall of the world's early civilisations.

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