

# Answers

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## **RESEARCH** .....

### **Article: Christie's Auctions off National Geographic Societal Archives**

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/12/02/christie-s-auctions-off-national-geographic-society-archives.html>

Pictures encapsulate the most vivid memories we have of the people we love and the world we inhabit. The National

Geographic Societal Archives display the most stunning and compelling of images, and showcase the many aspects of

life that we all share.

1. What aspects of life does the range of pictures show?

- adventure
- nature
- human triumphs and failures

2. How do pictures capture memorable moments?

- They are able to freeze scenes and moments that can never be relived again.

3. Which of the featured pictures would you want to own? Why?

- consider what the picture shows, how it is significant for communities, and why it has an appeal

**COMPREHENSION**.....

**Article: The Future of Shopping**

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/12/02/megan-mcardle-on-how-luxury-will-win-the-shopping-wars.html>

1.(i) What is author's argument in paragraph 1? [2]

The author is saying that the trend of shopping has greatly decreased over the years.

(ii) Why is this significant? [2]

Although consumerism is still common, the downward trend may mean that people are less willing to spend money.

2. (i) From paragraph 2, how have people's shopping habits evolved? [2]

Consumers go online to buy whatever they need, and no longer depend entirely on brick and mortar stores for their

consumption.

(ii) Why is this significant in today's world? [2]

This change in habit suggests that how we communicate and behave have changed fundamentally with the rise of technology.

3. What is author's suggestion in paragraph 3? [2]

The author suggests that huge corporations streamline their operations into smaller stores that may be more effective in generating sales.

**VOCABULARY**.....

**Article: Paparazzi with Drones**

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/12/02/paparazzi-with-drones.html>

Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Write your answers in one word or a short phrase.

No.	Paragraph	Word	Meaning
1	1	unusual	Odd/strange
2	1	defending	Protecting/shielding
3	1	widespread	Contagious/viral
4	2	frightening	Scary/terrifying
5	2	commonplace	Ordinary/status quo/expected
6	3	great	Big/huge
7	3	intimate	Close
8	3	area	Space/place
9	5	recalling	Remembering/reminiscing
10	5	caught	Gotten hold of

1. unusual: This dress has such an unusual design, it is worth buying.
2. defending: Stop defending him, he is obviously at fault.
3. widespread: Due to widespread chaos, the police has ordered a lockdown.
4. frightening: It can be frightening when you are attending school for the first time.
5. commonplace: Such root vegetables are commonplace at the market.
6. great: All great leaders are willing to make sacrifices.
7. intimate: Are you in an intimate relationship currently?
8. area: The area around the housing estate is serene.
9. recalling: She is recalling the moments at her wedding.
10. caught: After ten years of dedication, the police finally caught the evasive robber.

**GRAMMAR** .....

**Article: How to Campaign for Sainthood**

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/12/02/how-to-campaign-for-sainthood.html>

Verbs

Identify the correct answers in the following sentences.

1. Don't (jump/jumps/jumped) the gun! Take some time to consider your options. (jump)
2. She (takes/take/taken) after her mother, they are both stubborn. (takes)
3. (Try/Tries/Tried) again even if you fail, it is okay to make mistakes. (Try)
4. She is just (sitting/sits/sat) beside me waiting for my promise. (sitting)
5. (Draw/Drew/Drawing) strength from your failures. (Draw)
6. Reach out if you ever feel that you (need/needed/needs) help. (need)
7. He is playing games while he (eats/eat/eaten). (eats)
8. Is there any hope for you if you have (fall/falls/fallen) before? (fallen)
9. Typing furiously, Jane (rushed/rush/rushes) her assignment. (rushed)
10. Take a chance, you may (win/won/wins) this game. (win)