

# Answers

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

### **Article: 'Hold the Baby Close'**

Page 14

Children should always be protected from the horrors of the world, and in any disaster, the young ones are always those most keenly taken care of. As Hurricane Sandy wrecked buildings and flooded basements, the heroism of nurses shows an undying dedication to protecting young lives, and as always, these are timely opportunities for us to reflect on how well we may prepare for the unpredictable future so that the innocent and the powerless may never be subjected to unnecessary suffering.

1. What is striking about this article?
  - Victims of the hurricane included very young children who are very sick
  - It shows the extent of damage that has been done
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2. Why is it important that it was the nurse who rescued the baby?
  - Professional staff embody important values
  - Even though she was not personally related to the baby, she was willing to risk her life to save the child
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3. How does the incident show the power of community?
  - Individuals from all parts of society contributed to rescue efforts
  - Everyone came together to help those who needed a hand
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4. Why are such stories of triumph compelling in times of disaster?
  - It shows that there is always hope
  - It proves that people are not alone

**COMPREHENSION.....**

**Article: The Urge to Serve**

Pages 34 to 39

1. What are the contrasting characteristics of Hanible mentioned in paragraph 1? [2]

Answer

...(She was) girly...(but) also stubborn as a fence post.

Remarks

Only award all 2 marks for both points.

Excess Denied applies.

2. What is the 'tiny act of personal heroism' mentioned in paragraph 4? [2]

Answer

When word surfaced that her best friend was going to be jumped, (Hanible) smashed the glass on a fire alarm (so that the) girl escaped a beating.

Remarks

Only award all 2 marks for both points.

Excess Denied applies.

3. What is the significance of Hanible's score on the aptitude test in paragraph 7? [2]

Lifted

Males needed a 31 score to pass; females needed 50; Tee scored 60.

Paraphrased

She was able to score significantly higher marks [1] than required to be eligible as a Marine [1].

4. What are Hanible's achievements as described in paragraph 26? [4]

Answer

(She was responsible) for the flow of more than 1,000 Marines...she had to outfit each of them with the weapons arriving by ship...she was (never) overwhelmed...(and she was always trustworthy and independent)

Remarks

Only award 4 marks for all 4 points.

Excess Denied applies.

**VOCABULARY**.....

**Article: Scorsees Film heroes**

Pages 52 and 53

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	endured	put up with/bore/coped
2	2	realises	becomes aware/gradually recognises or acknowledges
3	3	divided	split/torn
4	4	variety	range/diversity/myriad
5	5	object	icon/symbol/representation/manifestation
6	6	credible	trustworthy/with good reputation
7	7	gazes	stares/looks intently/peers
8	7	accept	acknowledge/agree/recognise
9	9	brutal	violent/merciless/ruthless/cruel
10	9	directly	immediately/in a straightforward manner/specifically

1. endured: Mrs Tan has endured unspeakable suffering to survive the war.
2. realizes: When he finally realizes that he has lost the battle, he will be heartbroken.
3. divided: The team is divided between recruiting fresh talent and securing a championship.
4. variety: There is such a variety of choices that I have no idea what to pick.
5. object: If the puppy is just an object of fancy for you, you should not buy it.
6. credible: The newspaper is highly credible because it is willing to include multiple perspectives.
7. gazes: The poor boy gazes at his dream girl with futile hope.
8. accept: When it is clear that your team has lost, you should just accept defeat.
9. brutal: The brutal murders in this community have scared most of the newcomers away.
10. directly: This economic downturn will directly affect low income earners' livelihoods.

**GRAMMAR**.....

**Article: Petraeus’s Rules for Living**

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*Parallel Structure*

We often want to say many things at once – in conversations, when writing essays, and even when thinking aloud to ourselves. Details of every kind seem to make sense when jumbled up together, but this is true only for ourselves – in order to ensure effective communication, it is important to note that only similar points should be mentioned together.

Identify the sentences with incorrect parallel structures.

1. The soft toy on the table is old, as the weather is warm. **(Incorrect)**
2. The team has lost its morale, after the captain passed away. **(Correct)**
3. As far as the road can go, we will make our journey by bus. **(Correct)**
4. Having a balanced diet is crucial, for you never know what skills you need. **(Incorrect)**
5. The teacher is only as effective as his or her students’ understanding, as results matter more than intention. **(Correct)**

Identify the correct explanation for each point.

Point 1:

**It is crucial to lead by example, because a leader’s dedication to results is directly mirrored in followers.**

OR

It is important to have good results, because every good leader has exceptional achievements.

Point 2:

A good leader must give clear instructions to all followers so that the entire organization can achieve a common goal.

OR

**A good leader must communicate a clear big picture to followers, with concrete steps that can be taken by team members throughout all rungs of the organization.**