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Option A

GHOST PHOTOGRAPHED: PROOF OR FAKE?

1 Speculation over the presence of a ghost at Tantallon Castle in Scotland was aroused by a picture released as part of an experiment into the photographic evidence of the paranormal. The image, taken in May 2010, appeared to show a figure in medieval costume. The photographer 5 claimed that they were unaware of anyone present at the time the image was taken, and that there were no actors in costume at the castle.

Now another image which could show the same ghost has been presented to psychologist Richard Wiseman, who has been running the study. It was taken 30 years ago by Grace Lamb, during a family trip to 10 the castle. It is a picture of her husband and their children but in the background appears to be some kind of apparition. "I have been getting a picture of a ghost every ten minutes since I launched the study. Most of them are nonsense, but a few are interesting", Professor Wiseman said. Experts admit that these two images don't seem to have been digitally 15 altered. The face, however, may be just another visitor; and it was also suggested the image could have been caused by light reflection off the stone walls of the castle.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE)

A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point)

Why has a ghost been believed to inhabit Tantallon Castle?

B. Is the following statement *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s)  
in the text supporting your choice. (0.5 points)

Experts are sure that the pictures have been digitally altered.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct.  
(1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each)

C1. Professor Wiseman...

- a) is a psychologist.
- b) says he does not believe in ghosts.
- c) is married to Grace Lamb.

C2. The oldest of the two pictures was taken ...

- a) by Grace Lamb.
- b) by a very famous photographer.
- c) in the spring of 2010.

C3. The walls of Tantallon Castle...

- a) are made of stone.
- b) are covered with mysterious faces.
- c) can't reflect the light.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH)

a) **Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** "Richard Wiseman is running this research on the paranormal. I don't trust his methods."

b) **Transform into reported speech:** "The face in the picture may be just another visitor." **Begin with:** "Skeptics conjectured that..."

c) **Complete:** "I will not believe in ghosts unless..."

d) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** "The image appeared to show a figure in medieval costume."

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER)

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) ignorant or not conscious of something
- b) something that is absurd or contrary to good sense

- Find synonyms for each of the words below:

- c) excursion
- d) sort
- e) modified

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS. (4 POINTS)

Write about a paranormal phenomenon you have witnessed, heard of, read about...



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**Option B**

**CABLE’S BIG FEAR: INTERNET TV**

1 Force of habit is a powerful thing. How else can I explain why I spend \$ 200 per month for a package of Internet, TV and telephone –most of which I don’t really need? My wife and I make most calls on our cell phones. An even bigger waste of money is TV, which accounts for \$125 of  
5 the \$200 package. Nearly everything we want we could get online. So why not just pay for the Internet and forget the rest?

Nielsen recently reported that although online video viewing has risen TV viewing is still done on a traditional TV. But that’s not the case for younger people, like my pal Dan Frommer. He gets shows from the  
10 Internet via a Macintosh computer hooked to his LCD television. He can’t get everything he’d like to see. The next generation will likely never sign up for cable TV at all.

Cable companies are faced with a dilemma: do they embrace the Internet and try to make money online, or do they fight the Internet and try  
15 to hold off the destruction? The answer is to do both –holding off the rising tide with one hand while racing to devise workable Internet business models with the other.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE)**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point)**

Why does the author pay for a package of Internet, TV and telephone?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice. (1 point as a whole: 0.5 points each)**

B1. Online video viewing has decreased.

B2. Nielsen has reported that younger people watch TV on a traditional TV.

**C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct.**

**(1 point as a whole: 0.5 points each)**

C1. The next generation...

- a) will sign for cable TV.
- b) will get the shows from Internet.
- c) will likely never watch a movie.

C2. Cable companies...

- a) will fight the Internet.
- b) don’t know what to do.
- c) will welcome Internet.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH)**

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** “Force of habit is a powerful thing.”
- b) **Put into the passive:** “My wife and I make most calls on our cell phones.”
- c) **Transform into reported speech:** “Why do you spend \$200 per month for a package of Internet, TV and telephone –most of which you don’t really need?”  
**Begin with:** “My sister wondered why Mark...”
- d) **Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** “Dan Frommer downloads shows from the Internet via a Macintosh computer. He can’t get everything he’d like to see.”

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER)**

**- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**

- a) extremely effective
- b) cease or fail to remember

**- Find synonyms for each of the words below:**

- c) informed
- d) friend
- e) feasible

**[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS.  
(4 POINTS)**

Do you use the Internet? When and what for?