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AEL 1212

Basic English II

Time: 02 Hours

Instruction to the candidates:

1. Answer all questions on the Answer Script given to you.
2. Place a 'X' mark on the correct letter in the box. Example, if [a] is the correct answer, then,
3. Write neatly and clearly.
4. Return the Question Paper along with the answer script.

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Question 01

Read the passage and select the most suitable answer for each question that follows by marking X in the relevant cages in the answer script provided.

Joseph Pulitzer

Joseph Pulitzer was born in 1847 in Makó, Hungary. He emigrated to the United States when he was seventeen years old, and was naturalised on his twentieth birthday. He spent his career in journalism working in the mid-west and New York. From 1871 he was also the owner or part-owner of many newspapers. His most famous newspaper was the *New York World* (which many believe was the model for the *Daily Planet* of the *Superman* stories). The *World* campaigned against corruption, and exposed many scandals. It was also a strong supporter of the rights of the working man.

In later life, Joseph Pulitzer collapsed from overwork, and lost his sight. He became dedicated to improving the quality of journalism in America, and donated \$1 million to Columbia University to found a school of journalism. However, his most significant contribution was the establishment of the Pulitzer prizes in his will.

These prizes for excellence in journalism have been given every year since 1917 by Columbia University. Since 1942 there have been extra categories for press photography, and later still for criticism, feature writing and commentary. The prize was originally for \$500, but today the winners of the prize receive a gold medal. However, the real value of the prize is that it confirms that the journalist who has received the award is the best American journalist of the year - a fact that is worth much more than \$500 to the journalist and to the newspaper that employs him or her.

(Source adopted from: <https://www.english-online.org.uk>)

1. Joseph Pulitzer came to America because

- a. he was with his parents
- c. Hungary was being attacked by Austria

- b. he wanted to be a journalist
- d. the text does not say.

2. As well as writing for newspapers

- a. Joseph Pulitzer wrote the *Superman* stories.
- c. won prizes for press photography.

- b. was the boss of some newspapers.
- d. worked in the mid-west.

3. The text tells us that

- a. Joseph Pulitzer became a patriotic American.
- b. later became a member of Columbia University.
- c. was one of the richest men in New York.
- d. worked very hard.

4. Pulitzer became an American citizen

- a. twenty years after he arrived in the United States.
- c. after contributing \$1 million to a university

b. in 1867.

d. when he was 17 years old

5. What did the *New York World* not do?

- a. Investigate wrongdoing by public officials.
- b. Establish a famous prize for journalism.
- c. Probably provide a model for a famous fictional newspaper.
- d. Stand up for the common people.

6. The Pulitzer prizes are for

- a. the best writing in America.
- c. high quality journalism.

- b. press photography and commentary.
- d. none of the above.

7. The prize is worth

- a. \$500.
- c. more in prestige than money.

b. a gold medal.

d. a job with a good newspaper.

8. This article is about

- a. journalism in America.
- c. the Pulitzer prize.

b. the life of Joseph Pulitzer.

d. B and C together.

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Question 02:

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb.

Place a cross mark [X] in the respective alphabet in the given separate answer sheet.

- 1. The lectures at 8.30 am every day. (a)start (b) started (c) starts
- 2. I my hands because they were dirty. (a) wash (b) washes(c) washed
- 3. Somebody has the glass window. (a)break (b) breaks (c) broken
- 4. I feel good now because I very well last night. (a) sleep (b) slept (c) sleeps (d) slee
- 5. We a very good film tomorrow. (a)see (b) sees (c)saw
- 6. Ita lot while we were on holiday. (a) rain (b) raining (c) rained
- 7. I've my bag. (a) lose (b) lost (c) loses
- 8. Raja's bicycle was last week. (a) steal (b) stealing (c)stolen
stolen
- 9. I to bed early because I was tired. (a) go (b) going (c) want
- 10. Have you your work? (a) finish (b) finishing (c) finishes