

Assignment of Reporting and Sub Editing

MCM 311

SEMESTER FALL 2010

Total Marks: 15

Activity 1

5 Marks

Read the information given below and arrange it in inverted pyramid style in a way that it gives the look of a complete news story. Also suggest a suitable headline to it.

- Pakistan's government blames Baloch insurgents for such attacks, who have blown up gas pipelines, railway lines and electricity lines in the past. They have also attacked army bases and government buildings
- Gas pipeline in southwestern Balochistan province blown up by unknown people
- Officials said that repair of the pipeline has been started and it will take some time to restore the supply
- Gas supply partially disrupted
- Pipelines are targeted regularly in this gas-rich province where tribal groups are pushing for greater autonomy.
- It caused a damage of three-foot pipeline
- Location is at Akhtar Abad area of Quetta, as per spokesman for the Sui Southern Gas company
- Officials suspect tribal rebels were behind the incident.
- As per police officer it was blown with the help of explosive material
- It disrupted gas supply to some areas in Quetta and other parts of the province.
- The pipeline caught fire after the blast and fire fighters were called who controlled the blaze after some time.
- No information about the responsible persons up till now.

Activity 2**5 Marks**

Eliminate the unnecessary words from the following sentences.

1. The T-shirts were free of charge to the first 50 customers.
2. The contractor did a totally complete job on the renovation.
3. The airline faced a crisis situation after the crash.
4. The mayor flatly rejected the ordinance.
5. Police said the armed gunman was caught near the bank.

Activity 3**5 Marks**

Words with different meanings often look or sound similar. As a journalist, you should be familiar with these words and use them correctly. Cross out the wrong words in the following sentences, leaving only the correct ones.

1. The (cite/sight/site) chosen by the City for (it's/its) new office building could (affect/effect) parking in that part of town.
2. The United States army general was able to (envelop/envelope) the enemy in (fewer/less) than 24 hours, capturing (more than/over) 7,000 soldiers (who/whom/which) were (than/then) disarmed.
3. The fire (marshall/marshal) said it will cost (about/around) 100,000 dollars to repair the apartment complex, where a dozen (people/persons) lived before Fridays fire (burnt/burned) most of the building.
4. The elementary school (principal/principle) said Mister Smith is a man of high (principal/principle) and deserves the (reward/award) as teacher of the year.
5. The (blond/blonde) girl (complimented/complemented) her friend on the new shoes (that/which) she bought on sale for just ten dollars.

Guidelines to conduct the Assignment

- Make sure your developed news has answered 5W's and one H in the activity 1.
- Make sure you have arranged the information in inverted pyramid style
- Make sure you have given an appropriate headline to your news story.
- Make sure you have attempted the activity 2 and 3 from journalistic writing perspective

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- **Make sure that you upload the solution file before due date. No assignment will be accepted through e-mail after the due date.**

Formatting guidelines

- Use the font style “Times New Roman” and font size “12”.
- Compose your document in MS-Word 2003. Any file created in any other version will not be accepted and marked zero.
- Use black and blue font colors only.

Solution guidelines

- The student will work individually and has to write in the form of an analytical assignment.
- Give the answer according to question, there will be **negative marking** for irrelevant material.
- Make sure you are producing the content in your own expression

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