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Option A

Lady Gaga

- 1 Lady Gaga came to prominence following the release of her debut studio album *The Fame* and sold over 15 million copies worldwide. The album earned her six Grammy nominations and two wins as well as a slew of other awards.
- 5 She is also the only artist in the digital era to top the 5 million sales mark with her first two hits. Gaga broke the record when her single 'Poker Face' reached 5 million in sales after her debut single 'Just Dance' accomplished the same feat the year before. She is also a staple in the social networking world. She's one of the biggest living people on
- 10 Facebook with over 33 million 'likes' and is #1 on Twitter with over 9.5 million followers.
- Gaga is well-recognized for her outré sense of style as a recording artist, in fashion, in performance and in her music videos. Her contributions to the music industry have garnered her numerous achievements including the Grammy Awards, two Guinness World Records and the estimated sale of 15 million albums and 51 million singles worldwide. *Billboard* named her both the '2010 Artist of the Year' and the top selling artist of 2010. Gaga has been included in *Time's* annual list of the most influential people in the world as well as *Forbes'* list of the 'The World's Most Powerful Celebrities' in the world.

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 is Lady Gaga well known?
- 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 each).
- B1. Lady Gaga headed sales records in the digital era with her first two singles.
B2. Lady Gaga is said to be one of the most influential people world wide.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).

- C1. Lady Gaga became important...
- after her first studio album was published.
 - because she sold many music copies.
 - for her concerts.
- C2. Lady Gaga's single 'Poker Face'...
- was her first single.
 - was bought by 5 million people.
 - and her single 'Just Dance' reached five million dollars in sales.

[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: Her contributions to the music industry have garnered her numerous achievements.
- b) Put into the passive: *Billboard* named her both the '2010 Artist of the Year' and the top selling artist of 2010.
- c) Transform into one sentence containing a relative clause: Lady Gaga is one of the biggest living people on Facebook with over 33 million 'likes' and is #1 on Twitter with over 9.5 million followers.
- d) Complete: We would have gone to Lady Gaga's concert if ...

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

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
- the choices of someone as a candidate for receiving an award
 - artistic presentation
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
- launch
 - supporters
 - approximated

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Do you like going to live concerts? Why?



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Option B

CROCODILE TEARS

1 To shed crocodile tears is to put on an insincere act of being sad. The expression is very old in the English language, dating back to the sixteenth century. An account of the life of Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury, quotes him as describing somebody's tears as "crocodile
5 tears". It stems from the ancient belief that crocodiles, in order to attract their prey, would weep. The unsuspecting prey would come close, only to be caught and rapidly devoured, again with a show of tears.

The crocodile's habit of weeping has been recorded in travel narratives since 1400. But can a crocodile really weep? The experts say
10 yes; they have tear glands just like most other animals. And zoologists have recorded alligators, close relatives of crocodiles, shedding tears while they're eating. This may be significant; the shedding of tears surely doesn't happen for emotional motives but because of the way crocodiles and alligators eat. When eating their prey, they often blow out air, and
15 their tear glands empty at the same time.

In any case, the idea of their tears being false has frequently been used in literature, cementing this idiom in the language and, consequently, crocodiles' reputation as hypocrites.

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 do you think Edmund Grindal described somebody's tears as 'crocodile tears'?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).

- B1. 'Crocodile tears' is not a recent idiom in English.
- B2. For centuries people have believed that crocodiles use tears as a trick for hunting.
- B3. Alligators have nothing to do at all with crocodiles.
- B4. Crocodiles get very emotional when eating.

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

- a) **Complete:** If a zebra comes near a crocodile-infested river...
- b) **Put into the passive:** Crocodiles often blow out air when eating.
- c) **Transform into reported speech:** 'The man's tears are nothing but crocodile tears.' **Begin with:** The Archbishop wrote that...
- d) **Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer:** This idiom means to show hypocritical sorrow.

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

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
 - a) experts in the scientific study of animals
 - b) establishing something firmly; strengthening
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
 - c) unhappy
 - d) reasons
 - e) therefore

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Write about behaviour or behaviours you would describe as hypocritical.