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ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS

1. Who have agreed to a ceasefire in Syria? *government _____ and rebel _____*
2. When did the ceasefire come into effect?
3. What plan is the ceasefire part of? *a _____ plan*
4. Who is William Hague?
5. Which organisation already has sanctions in place against Syria?

6. What percentage of charities are expecting to receive less money in future?
7. What is the Government limiting tax relief on?
8. When will the new rules on tax relief come into effect?
9. What is the maximum amount people will be able to claim in tax relief from next April? *A _____ of their income, or £_____, whichever is greater.*
10. What is the name of the website Marcelle Speller set up?
11. What is her first sentence? *'I _____ able to _____, absolutely.'*
12. Which word do you hear in front of 'pits'?

13. When are many hospital patients in England being discharged from wards?
14. How many patients were sent home at night in the past year?

15. Which victims does the lawyer represent? *victims of _____-hacking*
16. Where is Mark Lewis taking legal action on behalf of three alleged victims?
17. Which newspaper hacked thousands of people's phones, according to Mark Lewis?
18. Where were some of these people at the time?
19. Which company has not replied to Mr Lewis?

20. What is Sony planning to do over the next 12 months?
21. Name two of Sony's rivals:
22. Which three markets does Sony have a presence in?



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2. When did the ceasefire come into effect? **at dawn**
3. What plan is the ceasefire part of? **a peace plan**
4. Who is William Hague? **He's the (British) foreign secretary.**
5. Which organisation already has sanctions in place against Syria? **the United Nations**

6. What percentage of charities are expecting to receive less money in future? **nearly 90%**
7. What is the Government limiting tax relief on? **donations**
8. When will the new rules on tax relief come into effect? **from next April/April 2013**
9. What is the maximum amount people will be able to claim in tax relief from next April? **A quarter of their income, or £50,000, whichever is greater.**
10. What is the name of the website Marcelle Speller set up? **localgiving.com**
11. What is her first sentence? **'I will be able to give less, absolutely.'**
12. Which word do you hear in front of 'pits'? **'bottomless'**

13. When are many hospital patients in England being discharged from wards? **at night-time**
14. How many patients were sent home at night in the past year? **almost 240,000**

15. Which victims does the lawyer represent? **victims of phone-hacking**
16. Where is Mark Lewis taking legal action on behalf of three alleged victims? **in the American courts**
17. Which newspaper hacked thousands of people's phones, according to Mark Lewis? **The News of the World**
18. Where were some of these people at the time? **in America**
19. Which company has not replied to Mr Lewis? **News International**

20. What is Sony planning to do over the next 12 months? **It's planning to cut about 10,000 jobs around the world.**
21. Name two of Sony's rivals: **Samsung and Apple**
22. Which three markets does Sony have a presence in? **the television, audio and mobile phone markets**



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INTERMEDIATE: TRUE/FALSE

1. A ceasefire in Syria appears to be holding.
2. The ceasefire came into effect at midnight.
3. The bombing secretary is William Hague.
4. He has said he will seek stronger UN sanctions against Syria if the ceasefire fails.

5. A survey suggests that nearly half of charities think they will receive less money in future.
6. This is because the Government is limiting the tax relief on donations.
7. From April 2013, no one will be able to claim in tax relief more than 25% of their income, or £50,000, whichever is greater.
8. Marcelle Speller is a philanthropist who set up the website localgiven.com.
9. She said she would be able to increase the amount she gives.
10. Ms Speller said 'We're not all bottomless pets.'

11. New figures suggest that many hospital patients in England are being discharged from wards at night-time.
12. The Times carried out the hospital survey under the Freedom of Information Act.
13. The survey revealed that almost 214,000 patients have been sent home overnight in the past 12 months.

14. The next story is about a lawyer who represents victims of phone-hacking.
15. He says he's taking legal action on behalf of three alleged victims in the US courts.
16. Mark Lewis says thousands of people had their phones hacked by The News of the World.
17. They were all in the USA at the time.
18. Mr Lewis says he hasn't had a response from New International.

19. Sony is planning to cut around 10,000 jobs in the UK over the next year.
20. Two of Sony's competitors are Samsung and Apple.



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. A ceasefire in Syria appears to be holding. (T)
2. The ceasefire came into effect at midnight. (F 'after coming into effect at dawn' i.e. very early this morning)
3. The bombing secretary is William Hague. (F 'The foreign secretary...')
4. He has said he will seek stronger UN sanctions against Syria if the ceasefire fails. (T)

5. A survey suggests that nearly half of charities think they will receive less money in future. (F 'nearly 90% of charities')
6. This is because the Government is limiting the tax relief on donations. (T)
7. From April 2013, no one will be able to claim in tax relief more than 25% of their income, or £50,000, whichever is greater. (T a quarter = 25%)
8. Marcelle Speller is a philanthropist who set up the website localgiven.com. (F 'localgiving.com')
9. She said she would be able to increase the amount she gives. (F 'I will be able to give less, absolutely.')
10. Ms Speller said 'We're not all bottomless pits.' (F 'We're not all bottomless pits.')

11. New figures suggest that many hospital patients in England are being discharged from wards at night-time. (T)
12. The Times carried out the hospital survey under the Freedom of Information Act. (T)
13. The survey revealed that almost 214,000 patients have been sent home overnight in the past 12 months. (F 'almost 240,000 patients')

14. The next story is about a lawyer who represents victims of phone-hacking. (T)
15. He says he's taking legal action on behalf of three alleged victims in the US courts. (T)
16. Mark Lewis says thousands of people had their phones hacked by The News of the World. (F The News of the World)
17. They were all in the USA at the time. (F 'and some of them were in America at the time')
18. Mr Lewis says he hasn't had a response from New International. (F News International)

19. Sony is planning to cut around 10,000 jobs in the UK over the next year. (F 'around the world' i.e. not just in the UK)
20. Two of Sony's competitors are Samsung and Apple. (T)



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ADVANCED: GAP-FILL

1. A ceasefire _____ government forces and rebel fighters in Syria seems to be _____.
2. The ceasefire came into _____ at _____.
3. The ceasefire is _____ of a _____ plan negotiated by Kofi Annan.
4. The _____ secretary William Hague says he'll seek _____ UN sanctions against Syria if the ceasefire _____.

5. A _____ suggests that nearly _____% of charities expect to receive _____ money in future.
6. This is because the Government has put a limit on tax relief on _____.
7. From April 2013 no one will be able to claim in tax relief more than 25% of their _____, or £_____, whichever is greater.
8. Marcelle Speller _____ the website _____.
9. She said 'I will be able to give _____, _____.'
10. She said 'We're not all _____.'
11. She said people needed _____ to encourage them to be generous.

12. New figures suggest that many hospital _____ in England _____ from _____ at night-time.
13. The Times acquired this information under the _____ of Information act.
14. The figures showed that almost _____ patients had _____ at night in the past 12 months.

15. A _____ who represents victims of phone-hacking says he's _____ legal action on _____ of three alleged victims in the US courts.
16. Mark Lewis says thousands of people _____ their phones _____ by The News of the _____.
17. Some of the victims were in the US _____.
18. Mr Lewis says he _____ had a _____ from News International.

19. Sony is planning to _____ around _____ around the _____ over the next 12 months.
20. Sony has been struggling to _____ against _____ including _____ and _____.
21. These two companies operate in different _____.



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ADVANCED: ANSWERS

1. A ceasefire **between** government forces and rebel fighters in Syria seems to be **holding**.
2. The ceasefire came into **effect** at **dawn**.
3. The ceasefire is **part** of a **peace** plan negotiated by Kofi Annan.
4. The **foreign** secretary William Hague says he'll seek **stronger** UN sanctions against Syria if the ceasefire **fails**.

5. A **survey** suggests that nearly **90%** of charities expect to receive **less** money in future.
6. This is because the Government has put a limit on tax relief on **donations**.
7. From April 2013 no one will be able to claim in tax relief more than 25% of their **income**, or **£50,000**, whichever is greater.
8. Marcelle Speller **set up** the website **localgiving.com**.
9. She said 'I will be able to give **less**, **absolutely**.'
10. She said 'We're not all **bottomless pits**.'
11. She said people needed **incentives** to encourage them to be generous.

12. New figures suggest that many hospital **patients** in England **are being discharged** from **wards** at night-time.
13. The Times acquired this information under the **Freedom** of Information act.
14. The figures showed that almost **240,000** patients had **been sent home** at night in the past 12 months.

15. A **lawyer** who represents victims of phone-hacking says he's **taking** legal action on **behalf** of three alleged victims in the US courts.
16. Mark Lewis says thousands of people **had** their phones **hacked** by The News of the **World**.
17. Some of the victims were in the US **at the time**.
18. Mr Lewis says he **hasn't** had a **response** from News International.

19. Sony is planning to **cut** around **10,000 jobs** around the **world** over the next 12 months.
20. Sony has been struggling to **compete** against **rivals** including **Samsung** and **Apple**.
21. These two companies operate in different **markets**.