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ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS

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2. Which country was the governor a close ally of?
3. Which officials is the president dismissing? *'officials deemed to be corrupt or _____-performing'*
4. What does the BBC reporter say about President Karzai and Governor Mangal? *He says 'they _____ never _____'.*
5. Which service does Governor Mangal's replacement work for?
6. Where was Governor Mangal accused of travelling to without President Karzai's approval?
7. Where did Governor Mangal say he'd gone on holiday?
8. What did the British embassy say about Governor Mangal? *'That he had _____ tirelessly over the past four _____ and made a real difference to the _____ of Afghans in Helmand.'*
9. Who are meeting in The Hague to try to find ways to weaken President Assad's grip on Syria? *a _____ of financial experts, _____ diplomats and _____ defectors*
10. What do the group call themselves? *the so-called ' _____ of _____'*
11. Which company is 'a fit and proper company to hold broadcasting licences' according to Ofcom?
12. What position did James Murdoch use to have in the company?
13. Who have taken sexual advantage of members of the public, according to the police watchdog? *too many _____ and _____*
14. What are the initials of the police watchdog?
15. How many cases had there been since 2010?
16. Where are large protests taking place against the introduction of major economic reforms?
17. Who object to a relaxation of trade rules?
18. What will this allow into India?
19. Who are returning to work at South Africa's Marikana complex?
20. Which metal is mined there?
21. How big is the salary increase the miners have been given following the strike?



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2. Which country was the governor a close ally of? **Britain**
3. Which officials is the president dismissing? **'officials deemed to be corrupt or under-performing'**
4. What does the BBC reporter say about President Karzai and Governor Mangal? **He says 'they have never been close'.**
5. Which service does Governor Mangal's replacement work for? **the Intelligence Service**
6. Where was Governor Mangal accused of travelling to without President Karzai's approval? **the USA**
7. Where did Governor Mangal say he'd gone on holiday? **to Europe and India**
8. What did the British embassy say about Governor Mangal? **'That he had worked tirelessly over the past four years and made a real difference to the lives of Afghans in Helmand.'**

9. Who are meeting in The Hague to try to find ways to weaken President Assad's grip on Syria? **a group of financial experts, foreign diplomats and Syrian defectors**
10. What do the group call themselves? **the so-called 'Friends of Syria'**

11. Which company is 'a fit and proper company to hold broadcasting licences' according to Ofcom? **Sky**
12. What position did James Murdoch use to have in the company? **chairman**

13. Who have taken sexual advantage of members of the public, according to the police watchdog? **too many officers and staff**
14. What are the initials of the police watchdog? **IPCC**
15. How many cases had there been since 2010? **more than 50**

16. Where are large protests taking place against the introduction of major economic reforms? **in India**
17. Who object to a relaxation of trade rules? **small shopkeepers**
18. What will this allow into India? **giant foreign supermarket chains (like Wal-Mart and Tesco)**

19. Who are returning to work at South Africa's Marikana complex? **miners**
20. Which metal is mined there? **platinum**
21. How big is the salary increase the miners have been given following the strike? **22%**



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INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL

1. President Karzai of Afghanistan has _____ the governor of Helmand province.
2. The governor was a _____ ally of _____.
3. President Karzai has dismissed a _____ of provincial governors.
4. This is part of a purge of officials deemed to be 'corrupt' or '_____ - _____'.
5. Governor Mangal and President Karzai _____ never been _____.
6. Governor Mangal's _____ works for the Intelligence Service.
7. He's _____ to have _____ links with the presidential palace.
8. Governor Mangal was accused of _____ an unauthorised _____ to the USA.
9. Such a _____ would require presidential approval.
10. Governor Mangal said he went on _____ to _____ and _____.
11. The _____ governor was a _____ ally of _____ interests in Afghanistan.
12. The British embassy in Kabul said he _____ _____ over the past _____.
13. The statement said he'd made a _____ _____ to the _____ of Afghans in Helmand.
14. A group of financial _____, _____ diplomats and Syrian defectors is _____ in The Hague.
15. They want to try to find ways to _____ President Assad's _____ on power in Damascus.
16. The _____ - _____ '_____ of Syria' want to make sanctions more effective.
17. The media regulator Ofcom has ruled that _____ is a _____ and proper company to hold broadcasting licences.
18. However, Ofcom has _____ criticised the company's former _____ James Murdoch.
19. He failed to investigate phone-hacking allegations at _____.
20. The police _____ has found that _____ officers and staff have taken sexual _____ of members of the public they were supposed to be _____.
21. The _____ established that there were more than _____ cases since 2010.
22. In _____ large protests are taking _____ against the introduction of major economic reforms.
23. Small _____ object to a relaxation of trade rules.
24. The relaxation will allow giant _____ like Wal-Mart and Tesco into the country.
25. Miners in _____ are returning to _____ at the Marikana _____ complex.
26. The complex was the _____ of violent protests.
27. Following the strikes the miners were given a _____% _____ increase by the _____, Lonmin.



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2. The governor was a close ally of Britain.
3. President Karzai has dismissed a number of provincial governors.
4. This is part of a purge of officials deemed to be 'corrupt' or 'under-performing'.
5. Governor Mangal and President Karzai have never been close.
6. Governor Mangal's replacement works for the Intelligence Service.
7. He's thought to have close links with the presidential palace.
8. Governor Mangal was accused of taking an unauthorised trip to the USA.
9. Such a visit would require presidential approval.
10. Governor Mangal said he went on holiday to Europe and India.
11. The outgoing governor was a close ally of British interests in Afghanistan.
12. The British embassy in Kabul said he had worked tirelessly over the past four years.
13. The statement said he'd made a real difference to the lives of Afghans in Helmand.

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19. He failed to investigate phone-hacking allegations at News International.

20. The police watchdog has found that too many officers and staff have taken sexual advantage of members of the public they were supposed to be helping.
21. The IPCC established that there were more than 50 cases since 2010.

22. In India large protests are taking place against the introduction of major economic reforms.
23. Small shopkeepers object to a relaxation of trade rules.
24. The relaxation will allow giant supermarket chains like Wal-Mart and Tesco into the country.

25. Miners in South Africa are returning to work at the Marikana platinum complex.
26. The complex was the scene of violent protests.
27. Following the strikes the miners were given a 22% salary increase by the owner, Lonmin.



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ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE

1. President Karzai of Afghanistan has sacked the governor of Helmand province, which is a blow to the UK.
2. The president has dismissed a number of governors in the capital.
3. He is purging officials deemed to be corrupt or not performing well enough.
4. The reporter says Governor Mangal's predecessor used to work for the Intelligence Service.
5. Governor Mangal was accused of taking a trip to the USA without the president's approval.
6. Governor Mangal said he went to the USA on holiday.
7. The British embassy in Kabul said Governor Mangal had worked tirelessly over the past four years and made a real difference to the lives of Afghans in Helmand.

8. A group of financial experts, foreign diplomats and Syrian inspectors is meeting in The Hague.
9. They want to try to find ways to weaken President Assad's grip on power in Damascus.
10. They want 'to make actions more effective'.

11. The media regulator Ofcom has ruled that Sky is 'a fit and proper company' to hold broadcasting licences.
12. However, Ofcom has strongly criticised the current chairman, James Murdoch.
13. Mr Murdoch failed to investigate phone-hacking allegations at Views International.

14. The police watchdog has found that too many officers and staff have taken financial advantage of members of the public they were supposed to be helping.
15. The APCC established that there have been over 50 cases since 2010.

16. Large protests are taking place in India against the introduction of major economic reforms.
17. Small chopkeepers object to a relaxation of trade rules.
18. These will allow giant foreign supermarket chains such as Wal-Mart and Tesco into India.

19. Miners in South Africa have all returned to work at the Marikana platinum complex.
20. The complex was the scene of violent protests.
21. The miners' salaries have doubled following the strikes.



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1. President Karzai of Afghanistan has sacked the governor of Helmand province, which is a blow to the UK. (T **The governor of Helmand was ‘a close ally of Britain’.**)
2. The president has dismissed a number of governors in the capital. (F **‘in the provinces’ i.e. outside the capital**)
3. He is purging officials deemed to be corrupt or not performing well enough. (T)
4. The reporter says Governor Mangal’s predecessor used to work for the Intelligence Service. (F **his replacement, not his predecessor**)
5. Governor Mangal was accused of taking a trip to the USA without the president’s approval. (T)
6. Governor Mangal said he went to the USA on holiday. (F **to Europe and India**)
7. The British embassy in Kabul said Governor Mangal had worked tirelessly over the past four years and made a real difference to the lives of Afghans in Helmand. (T)

8. A group of financial experts, foreign diplomats and Syrian inspectors is meeting in The Hague. (F **Syrian defectors**)
9. They want to try to find ways to weaken President Assad’s grip on power in Damascus. (T)
10. They want ‘to make actions more effective’. (F **‘sanctions’, not actions**)

11. The media regulator Ofcom has ruled that Sky is ‘a fit and proper company’ to hold broadcasting licences. (T)
12. However, Ofcom has strongly criticised the current chairman, James Murdoch. (F **‘its former chairman’**)
13. Mr Murdoch failed to investigate phone-hacking allegations at Views International. (F **News International**)

14. The police watchdog has found that too many officers and staff have taken financial advantage of members of the public they were supposed to be helping. (F **‘sexual advantage’**)
15. The APCC established that there have been over 50 cases since 2010. (F **IPCC**)

16. Large protests are taking place in India against the introduction of major economic reforms. (T)
17. Small chopkeepers object to a relaxation of trade rules. (F **‘shopkeepers’**)
18. These will allow giant foreign supermarket chains such as Wal-Mart and Tesco into India. (T)

19. Miners in South Africa have all returned to work at the Marikana platinum complex. (F **‘are returning to work’ i.e. They’re returning at the moment, so they’re not all back at work yet.**)
20. The complex was the scene of violent protests. (T)
21. The miners’ salaries have doubled following the strikes. (F **‘salary increases of 22%’**)