English on the Net Final Examination

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Instructions:

This part of the examination is a home project. It will make up 70% of the whole assessment, the other 30% consisting of an oral test by phone. You are to call the teacher at the given time. You must get the completed written test back to teacher by **Tuesday, May 17th..**

This test is one in which your choice plays quite an important role in how well you do. Your task is to write a complete, well documented news story, keeping in mind the pointers in the Learning Tips about how to write a news story.

These are the rules that you must follow in your writing:

- The article itself must be written in **past tense** and in **the third person**.
- > Dialog may be in the present tense.
- It must start with a gripping introduction and end with a strong conclusion.
- ➤ It must be approximately 400-500 words in length.
- ➤ Keep in mind proper grammar, word usage, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation.
- > Organize your article into paragraphs.
- > All of this will count in your grade.

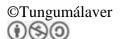
You are a journalist at The Grapevine. Choose one fact from each of the following boxes for your news story:

What? What to include in this context:

1.	A bus running off the road.	A short, precise description of what happened
2.	A mugging	
3.	The winning of a musical	What were the main persons doing when the
	competition.	occurance happened?
4.	The long-awaited visit of an	
	important person.	

When? What to include in this context:

1.	Two days ago in the middle	How long the occurance lasted.
	of the day.	
2.	April 1st.	What was significant about the time of
3.	New Year's Eve, just before midnight.	the occurance?
4.	Over the Easter weekend.	





Who?

What to include in this context:

1. A group of foreigners who	The main person/persons involved in the
speak no Icelandic.	occurance.
2. Your best friends.	Important secondary people.
3. Several elderly pensioners.	What the main characters looked like.
4. The son of the Prime	How they felt and reacted.
Minister.	What they said.
5. A world-famous person or	Facts about them/what type of characters are
persons.	they/their background.

Where?

What to include in this context:

1.	Somewhere in the interior	Describe the scene in detail.
2.	In downtown Reykjavík	Its exact location.
	street	What could be heard
3.	At your school	What was the weather like?
4	In Parliament	

How?

What to include in this context:

1.	It was completely by	How did the occurance affect each of the main
	accident.	persons?
2.	With a little help from the	
	friends of the main	Describe in detail how the occurance in your
	character.	news item happened.
3.	The result of hard work by	
	the main character.	
4.	The main character in your	
	news item went mad.	

Why?

What to include in this context:

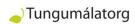
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1.	The main character of the	What led up to this happening?
	news item believed in	
	himself to an extraordinary	Explain the motives of the characters for what
	degree.	they did.
2.	Some of the secondary	
	characters were incredibly	
	careless.	
3.	The main character was	
	seeking revenge.	
4.	The main character wanted a	
	change in his/hers life.	

Ending

Is there a resolution to the story? What is the resolution? If not - why not?

Assessment

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You will be assessed on a scale of 1 to 5 on the basis of the presence or absence of the aspects mentioned in the "What – to – include – boxes" in your writing.

✓ A clear and focused article. Lots of relevant details given. Original ideas.					
✓ The organisation is logical and structured. Effective transitions and well controlled sequence and pacing. Good flow.					
✓ The reader gets a sense of the person behind the text. The tone gives flavor and texture to it.					
_	✓ Specific, striking, and accurate, yet natural vocabulary. Use of lively verbs, precise nouns, and modifiers.				
✓ Strong, well built sentences with varied structure. Lively and varied connectors.					
✓ .Mostly correct use of conventions. This includes spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and paragraphing.					
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✓ Length and context is according to specifications.					
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