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Answer Key: Which News Source Can You Trust? 4th Grade Analysis Quiz

Evaluate primary sources and detect hidden perspectives while analyzing real-world events like urban wildlife management and global plastic bans.

1. A city in Japan introduces robots to help elderly residents. Social scientists call this a 'technological solution to a demographic shift.' What does this mean?

Answer: A) The city is using machines to address the challenge of having fewer young workers.

Demographic shifts refer to changes in population, such as aging. Using robots to assist where there is a labor shortage is a technological solution to that specific social change.

2. When a reporter only interviews people who agree with a new park project and ignores those who oppose it, the reporter is showing ____.

Answer: B) Selection bias

Selection bias occurs when a creator specifically chooses information or people that support one side while leaving out the other side.

3. True or False: A 'primary source' for a story about a new wildlife law would be an interview with the scientist who tracked the animals.

Answer: A) True

A primary source is a first-hand account or direct evidence from someone who was involved in or witnessed the event.

4. If a group of island nations creates a 'Blue Economy' pact to protect coral reefs while increasing fishing profits, they are balancing:

Answer: C) Environmental conservation and economic growth

Protecting reefs is an environmental goal, while increasing profits from fishing is an economic goal. Balancing these requires careful policy.

5. To understand the 'human cost' of a global supply chain disruption, an analyst would look at how it affects ____.

Answer: C) The daily lives and needs of families

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The 'human cost' focuses on the impact on people's well-being, health, and ability to meet basic needs, rather than just financial or technical data.

6. True or False: If a news headline uses 'loaded language' like 'Terrifying New Change' instead of 'Recent Update,' it is likely trying to influence the reader's emotions.

Answer: A) True

Loaded language uses strong emotional words to sway an audience toward a specific feeling or opinion rather than just stating facts.

7. When analyzing an international event like the 'Great Green Wall' project in Africa, we are looking at how nations collaborate on _____ issues.

Answer: B) Transboundary environmental

Transboundary issues are those that cross national borders, such as climate change or reforestation projects involving multiple countries.

8. Why would an analyst compare two different news reports about the same archaeological discovery in Egypt?

Answer: B) To check for inconsistencies or different perspectives in the data

Comparing sources helps verify facts and reveals if one source is leaving out details that another source includes.

9. True or False: 'Cause and Effect' in current events analysis means that every event only has one single reason for happening.

Answer: B) False

In complex current events, one 'effect' (like a food shortage) usually has many 'causes' (like weather, transport issues, and economics) working together.

10. Which of these is an example of a 'Global-to-Local' impact?

Answer: B) A world-wide shortage of microchips makes it harder for your local library to buy new computers.

This shows how a large-scale international problem (global shortage) directly affects a small, specific part of a community (the local library).