

## A. Reading comprehension

Read the following text and then answer the questions:

### GRACE KELLY, America's princess

On 12 November 1929, Grace Kelly was born in Philadelphia. In the minds of many people, Kelly lived a real-life fairy-tale, following her dream to become an **actress** and marrying a European prince.

Grace Kelly was born into a **rich** family; her father was an Olympic gold medallist who became a **millionaire** in real estate. From the age of 12, Kelly dreamed of a career in acting. After finishing school, she studied at American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, then moved to Hollywood. **Success** came **rapidly** and in 1955 she already **won** an Oscar for *The Country Girl*.

The Cannes film festival in 1955 marked the beginning of the end of her promising film career. It was there that she met Rainier Grimaldi, the 31-year-old prince of Monaco. The **couple's** three children, Caroline, Albert and Stephanie, were followed by the eyes of the tabloid press<sup>1</sup> from their **earliest** years.

No longer an actress, Princess Grace became active in medical charity. She was head of the Red Cross and president of AMADE, a medical organisation active in developing countries. She sponsored a yearly Christmas ball for children in Monaco.

On a September day in 1982, Grace Kelly and her daughter Stephanie were returning from France down a steep, curving road leading into Monaco, when their car went over a cliff at high speed. Grace, only 52 years old, **died**.

### 1. Are the following sentences true or false? (2 points)

1.1 Grace Kelly had always wanted to be princess.

1.2 Her family didn't have much money.

1.3 Grace Kelly's father had been a successful sports person.

1.4 Grace Kelly was alone when she had a car accident.

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**2. Answer the following questions in complete sentences (do not copy from the text):** (8 points)

2.1 What do we know about Grace Kelly's family? (3)

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2.2 Why did Grace Kelly stop her career as an actress? (2)

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2.3 How many children did she have? (1)

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2.4 How did Grace Kelly die? (2)

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**B. Vocabulary**

1. **Explain the following words in English using a synonym or giving an example:** (4 points)

Example:

**charity**      A non-profit organisation that helps people who are in need.

**actress**

**millionaire**

**success**

**couple**

**2. What are the opposites of these words (5 points)**

rich

rapidly

won

earliest

died

**C. Grammar**

**1. Complete the following sentences. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple. (6 points)**

In April 1956, Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier Grimaldi ..... (be married) in Monaco.

Although many Americans ..... (see) Grace and Rainier as symbols of an Old World, fairy-tale existence, they ..... (bring) a certain amount of modernity to the monarchy. Prince Rainier, for example, ..... (agree) to give up strictly autocratic rules and share power with a democratically elected national council.

Yet the marriage ..... (not last) long. Grace tragically ..... (lose) her life in 1982.

**2. Make these sentences negative. Use the correct tense. (4 points)**

2.1 Peter forgot to buy milk.

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2.2 They were in Boston last summer.

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2.3 Sue loves reading books.

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2.4 Jim sold his car last week.

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**3. Make questions for these sentences. Ask for the information which is underlined.** (6 points)

3.1 Grace Kelly was born in Philadelphia.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3.2 People call Grace Kelly an American princess because she was a successful actress and married a European prince.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3.3 They got married in April 1956.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3.4 Grace Kelly went to the city by car.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3.5 She had 20 people at her villa working for her.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3.6. Her daughter gets up every morning at 8.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**4. Complete the following sentences using present simple or present continuous.** (5 points)

4.1 Let's go out, it \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain) now.

4.2 Hurry up, we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you.

4.3 Normally she \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) work at 5.00, but this week she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) until 6.00.

4.4 Please be quiet; I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to sleep.

**5. Complete** these sentences with the following verbs in the **present simple: stay, go, die, try, lie** (4 points) Pay attention: there is a spare verb!

5.1 When he \_\_\_\_\_ his daughter will inherit (get) a lot of money.

5.2 John \_\_\_\_\_ hard to be successful at work but it's difficult.

5.3 Peter often \_\_\_\_\_ at his grandmother's place.

5.4 Sarah never \_\_\_\_\_ to bed early and then she is tired the next day.

**6. Complete the following sentences using past simple or past continuous. (9 points)**

6.1 I probably \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my key while I \_\_\_\_\_  
(take) off my coat in the pub.

6.2 As John \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on his bed reading a book, his mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ (come) home from work.

6.3 When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the man, he \_\_\_\_\_  
(stand) outside the bank. He \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black baseball cap.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) what he \_\_\_\_\_ (do)  
there.

**D. Text production**

**Choose one of the following topics and write a short text. (about 80-100 words)**  
(10 points)

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| a. It's great to be famous | or | It's terrible to be famous |
| b. My favourite movie star | or | My favourite singer        |