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I / **COMPREHENSION** (20 points : Q.1 = 3 points, Q.2 = 4 points, Q.3 = 6 points, Q.4 = 3 points, Q. 5 = 4 points)

1/ What business practices is the article trying to shed light on? Identify them without paraphrasing.

2/ Using your own words, explain what the journalist (Charles Arthur) means when he says "*The continuing reports of deaths and distress at Foxconn have created a PR problem for Apple [...]*".

3/ Show that you understand the meaning of the term "*a Nike moment*". Without paraphrasing, define the term and account for its significance in regards to doing business in China today.

4/ According to the article, how are consumers contributing to the current situation in China?

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5/ For each word in bold taken from the text, choose the correct synonym (1 or 2). Be sure to keep in mind the context of the article. Write the corresponding number in the far right-hand column.

words from text	1	2	answers
spate	increase	series	
prompting	encouragement	order	
bear	adapt	handle	
ruthless	pitiless	unthinking	
outcry	protest	scandal	
disown	appeal	deny	
overtime	extended working hours	in the long run	
undergoing	suffering	experiencing	

II / **EXPRESSION** (20 points)

In the article, M.I.T. economist David Autor is quoted as saying "This is the way capitalism is supposed to work [...] As nations develop, wages rise and life theoretically gets better for everyone." To what extent do you agree with this statement? Develop your ideas in a structured and argumentative manner (approximately 220 words, + or - 10%).

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III / **GRAMMAR** (20 points)

1/ Circle the correct answer (10 points).

- "... " indicates a blank that must be filled in
- " Ø " indicates the absence of any form

A) **If people ... more respectful of the law there ... fewer accidents.**

- a. had been / should be b. were / are c. will be / will be d. were / would be

B) **I ... in a big, noisy city. I ... hate it.**

- a. couldn't have lived / would b. don't have to live / will c. wouldn't have lived / would d. couldn't live / would

C) **When the police ... the suspect violently, he ... and ... his head on the ground.**

- a. shaked / faints / hits b. had shaked / fainted / hit c. shook / fainted / hit d. have shaken / fainted / hit

D) **Diabetes can cause ... serious ... to primary organs, so people should watch their diet.**

- a. Ø / damage b. some / damages c. Ø / damaging d. sometimes / damages

E) **They ... to the political rally last week, but they ... to the one today.**

- a. went / don't go b. haven't been / went c. had gone / didn't go d. went / haven't gone

2/ Conjugate the following sentences with the verb indicated in brackets (6 points).

A) There is something ominous about being 65 years old. Suddenly, old age is not a phenomenon which (to occur) ; it (to occur)

B) Sometimes they (to talk) about places they (to visit) together. They (*negation* + seem) to remember the same things though.

C) In many countries today, ethnic minorities (*passive voice* + to discriminate against) However, I'm proud to say that our NGO (to make progress)

3/ Complete the following sentences with appropriate **prepositions** or with **Ø** (4 points).

A) What time does the train get Manchester?

B) What time does this flight arrive London?

C) What time did you get home last night?

D) I don't agree with everything she says, but the whole she's a good candidate.

E) When you vote with a ballot, you have to indicate your choice circling only one name.

F) The far-right candidate lost the election a mere 24 votes.

G) I haven't decided who to vote for yet. I'm still thinking it

H) The latest polls show that the socialist party maintains a comfortable lead 54%.

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Apple faces its 'Nike moment' over working conditions in Chinese factories

Apple contractor Foxconn raises wages by 25% after reports of long hours for the hundreds of thousands of staff in China

Apple is facing a "Nike moment" which hit the shoe company in the 1990s when its use of cheap labour in the far east was revealed, one of the inspectors of Apple's Chinese suppliers has said.

Speaking to ABC News' Nightline programme, Ines Kaempfer of the US Fair Labour Association (FLA), which is inspecting the Foxconn assembly plants used by Apple in China, said: "There was a moment for Nike in the '90s, when they got a lot of publicity, negative publicity. And they weren't the worst. It's probably like Apple. They're not necessarily the worst, it's just that the publicity is starting to build up. We call it the 'Nike moment' in the industry."

Foxconn, which is one of Apple's main contractors, said on Monday it had raised wages by up to 25% after a **spate** of suicides last year and reports of long hours for the hundreds of thousands of staff. It is the second significant salary increase in less than two years at the world's largest electronics contract manufacturer, where workers' conditions have come under intense scrutiny.

The FLA inspection came at the **prompting** of Apple, the first technology company to join it. The FLA aims to end sweatshop conditions in factories. The continuing reports of deaths and distress at Foxconn have created a PR problem for Apple, which is seen as the principal user of the company's facilities. So far Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft and Dell, which also use Foxconn for assembly work, have not commented on their use of its factories.

None is presently a member of the FLA, whose membership is principally made up of clothing companies with suppliers in the far east. Tim Cook, Apple's chief executive, said last week that it took working conditions very seriously and that every worker had the right to a fair and safe work environment.

Foxconn, which has its headquarters in Taiwan, employs about 1.2 million workers at a handful of plants in China which are run with almost military discipline. Staff work for six or seven days a week and for up to 14 hours a day.

The workers assemble iPhones and iPads for Apple, Xbox 360 video game consoles for Microsoft, and computers for Dell and Hewlett-Packard. Foxconn is one of China's largest single private employers.

Foxconn's staff now receive 1,800-2,500 yuan (£180-250) a month after the pay rises that became effective from 1 February, the company said.

"This is the way capitalism is supposed to work," David Autor, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told the New York Times. "As nations develop, wages rise and life theoretically gets better for everyone. But in China, for that change to be permanent, consumers have to be willing to **bear** the consequences. When people read about bad Chinese factories in the paper, they might have a moment of outrage. But then they go to Amazon and are as **ruthless** as ever about paying the lowest prices."

Nike faced an **outcry** in the 1990s when independent reports revealed sweatshop conditions at a number of its suppliers – and which the company initially tried to **disown**, saying conditions were the companies' responsibility. Continued protests changed its mind.

Foxconn is also taking measures to limit working hours. The pay rises are compensation for workers' reduced **overtime**, company spokesman Simon Hsing said in a statement. Foxconn said it was co-operating with the FLA inspectors, pledging again to provide a safe and fair working environment.

In 2010, a spate of suicides at an enormous Foxconn complex in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen drew attention to the stress many young workers faced. The company denied allegations that it ran excessively fast assembly lines and demanded too much overtime, but it soon announced two pay rises that more than doubled basic salaries to up to 2,000 yuan a month.

Last month, dozens of workers assembling video game consoles climbed to a Foxconn factory dormitory roof in the central Chinese city of Wuhan and some threatened to jump to their deaths amid a dispute over job transfers that was later defused.

Apple has also given ABC's Nightline special access to the Foxconn plants. The report is due to be broadcast on Tuesday. In the programme, Louis Woo, who spent 15 years at Apple and now advises Foxconn chief executive Terry Gou, said that if not for the explosions and suicides that have grabbed the attention of the western media, the access probably would not have been granted.

"You being here is part of the openness, part of the learning, part of the change that Foxconn is **undergoing**," he told reporter Bill Weir. Woo agreed that the deaths had forced the company to rethink how it treated its workers: "absolutely, absolutely, yeah," he told Weir.

The New York Times reported that workers welcomed the pay rises and overtime limits, though some were unsure they would cause much real change. "When I was in Foxconn, there were rumours about pay raises every now and then, but I've never seen that day happen until I left," said Gan Lunqun, 23, a former Foxconn worker. "This time it sounds more credible."

Foxconn has also announced plans to invest millions in robots and to automate aspects of production.

Charles Arthur and agencies - guardian.co.uk, Monday February 20th, 2012