

## CURRENT AFFAIRS – WRITING ASSESSMENT

**Aim: to write a 400-word news/current affairs article**

### **Instructions**

Following your live news programme, you are required to write up one of the presented items in the form of a newspaper article. Choose ONE of the items that your group presented (it does not necessarily have to be the item that you presented personally).

### **Content**

Your article must be +/- 400 words in length and must include the following:

- a) An attention-grabbing headline
- b) A single sentence below the headline which sums up what the article is about
- c) An introductory paragraph announcing the main event
- d) 3-4 paragraphs detailing the event
- e) A conclusion

### **Language**

Your article may be written in the style of either a **tabloid** (more popular, sensational, eg: The Sun - GB or the New York Post - US) or a **broadsheet** (more serious, analytical, investigative, eg: The Guardian - GB or the Washington Post - US), but be consistent.

You are expected to demonstrate accurate use of **verb tenses** (present perfect, past simple...etc...) and a **varied vocabulary**.

**\*\*NB: This is an INDIVIDUAL piece of work, which will contribute to your writing mark for the semester. Two students from the same group may choose to write up the same story, but they MUST NOT WORK TOGETHER TO PRODUCE THE SAME ARTICLE!**

**Deadline: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00am.**