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Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry

Unit 3: Industry, Theory and Practice
Pre-Release Material

PART TWO

[GJN31]

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Pre-Release Material for Section D: Question 13 (released in March)

Information already available on the newspaper's website:

The election was called by the Prime Minister on 23rd April. Opinion polls such as Ipsos Mori and ICM had predicted that the 2019 election would be as close as the 2017 election which was called by Theresa May. The 2017 election resulted in a hung parliament. The Conservative Party formed a coalition government with the Democratic Unionist Party.

Information from Reuters UK website:

Results announced by 4am:

532 constituencies in England

56 constituencies in Scotland

40 constituencies in Wales

14 constituencies in Northern Ireland

Information about the top two candidates hoping to secure election as MP for Devon West and Torridge:

Jashif Nubaq is 34-years-old and is standing for the Labour party. He is a solicitor from Great Torrington and is married with two children. He joined the Labour Party ten years ago and is passionate about ensuring affordable housing.

Janet Davison is 43-years-old and is standing for the Conservative Party. She joined the Young Conservatives in 1990 and has been a life-long supporter of Conservative policies. She owns a chain of six florists and is married with one daughter. She is also an active charity campaigner, especially for MENCAP.

Polling information:

Devon West and Torridge had a turnout of 61,479 voters (including postal votes). At 4am the Returning Officer had shared the provisional result with the two leading candidates Nubaq and Davison. Mr Nubaq requested a recount.

Off the record information from the Deputy Returning Officer, Joan Colhoun:

"Following the second stage of counting there were over 600 ballot papers that were deemed to be doubtful. Mr Nubaq has asked for further adjudication on these ballot papers and a recount. He's furious that so many ballot papers have been rejected. I can't say I blame him as it's very tight by all accounts."

Phone interview with Janet Davison's husband, Arthur:

"We are very optimistic that Janet will be victorious. She has dedicated the last 30 years or so to politics. It is her dream to represent the people of Devon West and Torridge at Westminster. It's been a strongly fought campaign but I know the people of this area share her aims and respect her drive. She is patiently awaiting the result but it's been a long night already and Jashif's insistence on a recount is quite ungentlemanly."

Quotation from the newspaper's political editor:

"Devon West and Torridge has been a Tory stronghold for most of this century. Nubaq is certainly popular but it would be a surprise if Davison didn't sneak past the post as the MP for the constituency. If she wins then the Tories might just avoid having to form a coalition government again."

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