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المدة ساعتان ونصف**Part One: Reading****(Score: 11/20)**

*The following selection presents Derek Fisher's significant decisions regarding his daughter's serious life-threatening disease. Read it carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.*

**A Father First and a Basketball Player Next**

1 Derek Fisher had thirty minutes on Tuesday morning to decide whether to have his daughter's left eye removed or not. Fisher, a point guard for the Utah Jazz basketball team, sat in an office at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, across from Dr. David Abramson and Dr. Pierre Gobin, asking them how to cure the cancer that had formed in his baby girl's retina. "He really had three choices," Abramson said. "Remove the eye, remove the eye or remove the eye."

2 Last week in Salt Lake City, an advanced case of retinoblastoma, a cancerous tumor of the retina found in about 300 children a year, was diagnosed in Fisher's ten-month-old daughter, Tatum. Removing the eye is the most common way to remove the tumor. There was one other option, but it seemed too risky. Last year, Abramson and Gobin developed a procedure called intra-arterial chemotherapy, which allows them to treat the disease without removing an eye.

3 Fisher asked about intra-arterial chemotherapy. "I'm not sure how he knew about it," Abramson said. "He must have done a lot of homework." Abramson and Gobin have used intra-arterial chemotherapy on only fourteen patients. They have not published anything about the procedure because Abramson planned to present it at a scientific meeting the following month in Italy. Their secret is out now. Fisher and his wife Candace made a joint decision to go ahead with the procedure. The doctors explained that they would have to inject a high dose of chemotherapy into the artery that leads to Tatum's left eye. **They** wanted to try this new technique. Gobin said, "Anywhere else in the world, **this** would not have happened."

4 The procedure was scheduled for Wednesday morning at New York Presbyterian Hospital, but Abramson knew that Fisher's team had a playoff game (an important championship game) Wednesday night. Abramson is no basketball fan, but he was a substitute on the 1960 United States Olympic swim team, so he understands the demands of athletic competition. Abramson asked Fisher whether **they** should try to push the appointment back. "Absolutely not," Abramson recalls Fisher telling him. "Just do what's best for my child. How many games I miss in the playoffs is totally irrelevant." Abramson was still not convinced. "I understand," he remembered telling Fisher. "But this is the peak of your career. Maybe we can make some adjustments." Fisher was unmoved. "Absolutely not," he said again.

5 The procedure went off as scheduled. Abramson and Gobin said they did not rush, but they were aware of the clock. Gobin, who grew up in France, spent nine years at U.C.L.A. Medical Center, supporting the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team when Fisher was their point guard. Abramson and Gobin told Fisher late Wednesday afternoon that the procedure was a success, clearing the whole family to fly back to Salt Lake City.

6 Fisher, who skipped Game 1 to be with his daughter, could not miss another match. It had been four days since Fisher shot a basketball; yet he contributed to a great victory in the second game, an achievement which he later believed to be divine and miraculous.

7 The doctors were most interested in what Fisher did after the game when he stood in front of a national television audience, describing the dangers of retinoblastoma and urging parents everywhere to get their children's eyes checked. Fisher found a way to spread awareness about an obscure disease through his team's victory. "**We** could have lost my little girl if we waited any longer," Fisher said.

8 Fisher was a remarkable basketball ambassador. He has been in the N.B.A. (National Basketball Association) for eleven years, has won three championships and has served as president of the players union. He actually acquired the respect of almost everybody including his opponents.

“Derek was a great teammate and a great leader,” admitted one of his opponents. “Everybody looked up to him, trying to find out how to get to his level.” Fisher has made plenty of momentous shots in his career, and he has always been best known for his poise and decision making.

9 Tatum will return to New York in three weeks for another eye exam. If the tumor is shrinking, as Abramson and Gobin predict, she will undergo another treatment of intra-arterial chemotherapy. Most patients require two or three treatments. Fisher cannot relax just yet. He still has doctors’ appointments to schedule and basketball games to play and one unique new cause to promote.

### Questions

#### A. Answer each of the following questions in 1- 4 sentences of your own.

1. What was the doctors’ decision concerning the daughter’s case? How did Fisher react to it? (Score: 01)
2. According to the doctors, why is it risky to apply intra-arterial chemotherapy? (Score: 01)
3. In 3 or 4 sentences, draw a character sketch of Derek Fisher as a father and as an athlete. (Score: 01)

#### B.

1. What thematic relationship is there between paragraphs 1 and 9? Support your answer with evidence. (Score: 01)
2. What function does paragraph 8 serve in the above selection? Explain. (Score: 01)
3. What pattern of organization does the writer employ in paragraph 5? List the signal words that indicate this pattern. (Score: 01)
4. Identify **two patterns** in each of the following sentences as selected from paragraphs 4 and 6. List the signal word(s) that indicate(s) each pattern. (Score: 02)
  - a. Abramson is no basketball fan, but he was a substitute on the 1960 United States Olympic swim team, so he understands the demands of athletic competition. (two patterns)
  - b. It had been four days since Fisher shot a basketball; yet he contributed to a great victory in the second game, an achievement which he later believed to be divine and miraculous. (two patterns)

C. In 2 or 3 sentences, summarize paragraph 3. (Score: 01)

D. What does each underlined pronoun in boldface refer to? (Score: 01)

1. **They** (paragraph 3)
2. **this** (paragraph 3)
3. **they** (paragraph 4)
4. **We** (paragraph 7)

E. Pick words from paragraphs 4, 6, 7 and 8 which are antonyms of the following words.

1. bottom (paragraph 4)
  2. defeat (paragraph 6)
  3. known (paragraph 7)
  4. insignificant (paragraph 8)
- (Score: 01)

#### Part Two: Writing

(Score: 09/20)

So many poor patients with fatal diseases (cancer, AIDS, etc.) encounter cruelty and injustice from the surrounding world (family members, greedy doctors, government officials, etc.) during the treatment process. In an essay of 250-300 words, discuss the above statement, focusing on the psychological, financial, and social problems of a poor patient you have personally known or heard about, and then suggest some solutions to help such an individual to overcome his/her critical case. Make sure you write unified, coherent, and properly sequenced paragraphs. See that, in your introduction, you put your reader in the general atmosphere of your topic and clearly provide a thesis statement, and that each of your body paragraphs starts with a topic sentence which you back up with relevant supporting details. Your writing will be assessed for both **ideas and form**. (Score: 05 for ideas and organization, 03 for language and style, and 01 for tidiness and legible handwriting)



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Part of the Q	Answer Key	Mark
	Competencies: - Utilize reading strategies - Develop literal and interpretive comprehension of written discourse - Produce transactional writing	
<b>I-A-1</b>	The doctors' decision was to remove the daughter's eyes. The father rejected such a decision/ procedure and favored chemotherapy.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-A-2</b>	It was risky because it was tested on 14 patients only. Nothing was final or published about the procedure.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-A-3</b>	As a father, Derek was compassionate, loving, and sacrificing. He would go into any length to save his daughter's life. Additionally, he seemed popular, decisive, challenging and self-confident.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-B-1</b>	It is a problem-solution relationship. Paragraph one reveals the problem of Fisher which rotates around the painful experience of the baby's cancer that has no cure other than removing her eye. In paragraph 9 the cure or the solution is the continuous application of intra- arterial chemotherapy without removing the eye.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-B-2</b>	Paragraph 8 gives background information about Derek Fisher as a popular, highly respected athlete and character. Such information makes the reader respect and appreciate Derek on the one hand, and be more sympathetic concerning his daughter's case on the other.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-B-3</b>	The writer uses chronological (time) order as a pattern of organization where time sequence is transparent .Words and phrases such as <i>grew up in France , spent nine years, late Wednesday ...</i> are signals that emphasize this order.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-B-4-a</b>	First pattern :contrast ;signal word : but Second pattern : cause effect (result) ; signal word: so <b>(N.B: 0.5 for each pattern; 0.25 for identifying the pattern and 0.25 for the signal word)</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>I-B-4-b</b>	First pattern : time order; signal words :four days since Second pattern : contrast ; signal words : yet <b>(N.B: 0.5 for each pattern; 0.25 for identifying the pattern and 0.25 for the signal word)</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>I-C</b>	Paragraph three focuses on the Herculan effort exerted by Derek to know about intra-arterial chemotherapy. Although such a treatment was still under experimentation -rather than finalization- Derek and his wife went for it in spite of all possible risks.	<b>01</b>
<b>I-D-1</b>	<b>they</b> refers to Abramson and Gobin/ the doctors	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-D-2</b>	<b>This</b> refers to the new technique (injecting a high dose of chemotherapy into the artery)	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-D-3</b>	<b>They</b> refers to Fisher and his wife/ Tatum's parents	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-D-4</b>	<b>We</b> refers to Fisher and his wife/ Tatum's parents	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-E-1</b>	Peak: bottom	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-E-2</b>	Victory: defeat	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-E-3</b>	Obscure: known	<b>0.25</b>
<b>I-E-4</b>	Remarkable: insignificant	<b>0.25</b>

<b>II-A</b>	Ideas and organization	<b>05</b>
<b>II-B</b>	Language and style	<b>03</b>
<b>II-C</b>	Tidiness and legible handwriting	<b>01</b>

**N.B: For the first three sets of questions, 0.75 of the grade goes for content, and 0.25 goes for language.**