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When a movie or song is produced and marketed, everyone involved in the process has monetary gains from the sale of that product. Therefore that product is protected by copyright law so that it cannot be copied or reproduced or resold without their permission. If you did not pay for a song, movie or other media file that has a copyright, then downloading that file is a crime. Likewise, distributing a copyrighted media file, whether via electronic or non-electronic methods, without the express permission of the copyright holder is also illegal.

"Avatar", the 20th Century Fox blockbuster directed by James Cameron, is the most pirated film in Hollywood history. It has been downloaded some 21 million times since it was released in 2009, according to a study published by Torrent Freak.

After two years of investigations, one of the best known websites, megaupload.com, which runs a number of online services related to file storage and viewing, has been finally shut down on 19 January 2012 by the US Justice Department for allegedly operating as an organization dedicated to copyright infringement.

Meanwhile controversy is served among those who think that something must be done to address online counterfeiting and piracy, which already costs the global economy \$650 bn annually, and those who are on the side of publishing freedom. The founders of Google, Twitter, and eBay were among a large group of signatories to a strongly worded letter to the US Congress criticising the legislation as censorship.

QUESTIONS

1. State in your own words what the text means by (paragraph 1):

"Likewise, distributing a copyrighted media file, whether via electronic or non-electronic methods, without the express permission of the copyright holder is also illegal." (2 marks)

Possible answer:

Sharing, selling or giving someone a copyrighted song, film or media file is illegal if the owner has not allowed it. This is true whether the file is shared online, for example through the Internet, or offline, for example through a physical copy.

1. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, according to the text. Write T or F. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it false. (2 marks)

a) Publication without permission constitutes infringement of copyright. **T**, evidence from the text: *"cannot be copied or reproduced or resold without their permission."* and *"Likewise, distributing a copyrighted media file, whether via electronic or non-electronic methods, without the express permission of the copyright holder is also illegal."* Paragraph 1.

a) It has been proved that megaupload.com distributes products illegally. **F**, evidence from the text: *"megaupload.com, which runs a number of online services related to file storage and viewing, has been finally shut down on 19 January 2012 by the US Justice Department for allegedly operating as an organization dedicated to copyright infringement."* Paragraph 3. *"Allegedly"* means supposedly or according to an accusation, so the text does not say it has been proved.

b) The global economy is hardly affected by illegal downloads. **F**, evidence from the text: *"already costs the global economy \$650 bn annually."* Paragraph 4.

c) There exists a general agreement among Internet users to fight against piracy. **F**, Evidence from the text: *"Meanwhile controversy is served among those who think that something must be done to address online counterfeiting and piracy."* Paragraph 4.

2. These words are found in the text: MONETARY, LIKEWISE, METHODS, HOLDER, ONLINE, ALLEGEDLY, INFRINGEMENT, AS.

Choose the ones that mean the same as the following. (2 marks)

- A. supposedly → **allegedly**
- B. violation → **infringement**
- C. similarly → **likewise**
- D. possessor → **holder**

3. Choose the best option (a, b or c), according to the text. Only one answer is correct. (2 marks)

1. James Cameron's film, "Avatar"...

a) is one of the most pirated films. Evidence from the text:

The text says that "Avatar" is "the most pirated film in Hollywood history" and that it has been downloaded "some 21 million times" since 2009. Paragraph 2.

b) has scarcely been seen on cinema screens. **X** This option is wrong because the text does not say that the film was scarcely seen in cinemas. In fact, it describes "Avatar" as a blockbuster, which suggests it was very successful.

c) remains as the favourite film to be pirated by Internet users since 2009. **X** This option is wrong because it is too specific and not exactly stated. The text says it is the most pirated film and gives the number of downloads since 2009, but it does not say it "remains as the favourite film" of Internet users.

2. Megaupload, one of the Internet's largest file-sharing sites,...

a) might continue operating with its online services in the future.. **X** This option is wrong because the text says the website "has been finally shut down," (paragraph 3) so it was not continuing to operate at that moment.

b) is accused of being a criminal organization by the US Justice Department. Evidence from the text: "allegedly operating as an organization dedicated to copyright infringement." Paragraph 3.

c) has been closed down after several years of research. **X** This option is not the best answer because the text says it was closed down after "two years of investigations," (paragraph 3) not "several years of research." The important idea is the accusation made by the US Justice Department.

3. According to the text,...

a) only distributing copyrighted contents is considered a crime. **X** This option is wrong because the text does not say that only distributing copyrighted content is a crime. It also says that downloading copyrighted material without paying for it is a crime

b) using piracy without the permission of the copyright holder is illegal. Evidence from the text: "If you did not pay for a song, movie or other media file that has a copyright, then downloading that file is a crime." (Paragraph 1)

c) piracy simply involves the use of electronic methods. **X** This option is wrong because the text says piracy can involve "electronic or non-electronic methods," so it is not limited to electronic methods.

4. According to the text...

a) the audiovisual industry is suffering great financial losses. **Evidence from the text: "already costs the global economy \$650 bn annually." Paragraph 4.**

b) nowadays legislation protects people who pay for illegal copies. **X** This option is wrong because the text does not say that legislation protects people who pay for illegal copies. It says copyright law protects the product and the copyright holder.

c) the existing laws concerning online piracy have never been criticized. **X** This option is wrong because the text says some important Internet figures criticised the legislation as censorship, so existing or proposed laws about piracy have been criticised.

5) Answer the 2 questions using your own words. Use from 35–40 to 50 words in each one. The total amount of words, including the 2 questions, must be from 75 to 100 words (Total: 2 marks; 1 mark per question; -0.3 per question if too many or not enough words).

1. Do you think that internet users should be "punished" for downloading copyright materials?

Possible answer: I think users should face some consequences, but the punishment should be fair. A teenager who downloads one film should not be treated like a criminal organization. However, people should understand that creators, actors and companies deserve to be paid for their work. (43 words)

2. What should be done to stop online piracy?

Possible answer: Governments and companies should offer cheaper and easier legal platforms, because many people pirate content when access is expensive or complicated. Schools should also teach students about copyright. At the same time, websites that make money from illegal downloads should be fined or closed. (45 words)