

Grade 8 English First Additional Language Worksheet

Comprehension: listening

Listening to a conversation

Listen to the following story and then answer the questions:

Fazilah divorced her husband three years after a violent marriage. A few months ago, he started bothering her with phone calls, following her and begging her to reconcile with him.

Fazilah asked police for protection, but was told to get a legal order stopping her husband from having contact with both her and their daughter. Unwilling to break the relationship between the child and her father, Fazilah chose to take her chances. Two weeks ago, she was murdered by her former husband.

Her family has subsequently discovered the legal information given to Fazilah was inaccurate and she could have been given protection.

Questions

1. Why did Fazilah divorce her husband? (2)
- 2.1 Why did her husband start phoning her? (1)
- 2.2 What else did he do to contact her? (1)
- 2.3 How do you think she felt when this happened? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
- 3.1 What did Fazilah do to try to stop her husband? (1)
- 3.2 What was she told? (2)
- 3.3 Why did Fazilah decide not to do anything? (1)
- 3.4 Do you think she was brave/selfless/stupid not to do anything? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
4. What happened to Fazilah? (1)
5. Do you think what happened to Fazilah is a common problem in South Africa? Explain. (2)

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Suggested Solutions

1. Fazilah had been married for three years✓ and her husband has been violent/abusive all that time. ✓ (2)
- 2.1 Her husband wanted to make up. (1)
- 2.2 He followed her. (1)
- 2.3 She was afraid. She went to the police/she knew him of old. (2)
- 3.1 She went to the police. (1)
- 3.2 She had to get a court order to stop him coming near her or her daughter. (2)
- 3.3 She did not want to prevent her daughter from seeing her father. (1)
- 3.4 Learners will probably say she was stupid – she got killed, but some might see that she was brave and selfless putting her daughter’s interests above her own. (2)
4. Fazilah was murdered by her ex-husband. (1)
5. This is a common problem. There are so many reports in our papers every day. (2)

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