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In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be stored at temperatures of -80º Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."

#### Task 1: PHRASE MATCH: match the words in Colum A with their synonyms in Colum B

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| A | B |
| tragic | **A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger.** |
| 1. **breakthrough** | **A person who has lots and lots and lots of knowledge of or skill in a particular area.** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **3.** | **infectious** | | Something that is very, very, very sad. |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **4.** | **pharmaceutical** | | Of a disease (or something else) that can spread from person to person. |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **5.** | **crisis** | | Relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation, use, or sale. |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |  6. experts | A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development. |
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#### ANSWER: 1=…………...; 2=……….....; 3=……………; 4=………………; 5=……………; 6=………………….

#### Task 2 : TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if 1-4 below are true (T) or false (F). justify your answer.

1. The article said the year 2020 has been only bad news.**T / F**

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1. There is a COVID-19 vaccine from German and American companies.**T / F**

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1. The vaccine has to be stored in temperatures just below freezing. **T / F**

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1. A drug company CEO said it was a great day for science and humanity.**T / F**

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**Task 3: Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.**

**Breakthrough,developed,extraordinary,tragic,Infectious,drug,largely,effects**

#### In a year that has (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been full of bad and (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

#### Task 4: Linguistic and communicative competence

#### -The following passage is an extract of the Minister of Health’s press conference about the pandemic. Complete it by choosing the best option.

#### Covid 19 is a pandemic (which/ who/ whose/) ……………….is contagious and very fatal. It has killed thousands of people ( ago/ for / since / ………………December 2019. That’s why we shouldn’t neglect ( any / no / some/ ) ……………..hygienic measure.

#### -After te conference, a journalist is interviewing the Minister of health. Complete their conversation coherently.

#### Journalist: Mister Minister, Covid killed hundreds of people in the world,…………………….?

#### Minister: of course, It did.

#### Journalist: what caused that high death rate?

#### Minister: that high death rate ………………………by certain misbehaviour. Most victims died because they (not/ respect).………………………. the hygienic measures. In other words, if they take the adequate hygienic measures, most of the victims……………………………

#### Journalist: I can understand. But what about the WHO;……………………………………………..?

#### Minister: Yes, of course It did. It sent the epidemiologists weeks ago.

#### Journalist: Thank you MistercMinister.

#### Minister: My pleasure!

#### Task 5: writing:

#### Nazir and Balla are schoolmates. Nazir thinks that everybody has to take the vaccine to prevent the covid 19. Balla thinks that it is unnecessary. Write their conversation.

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