###### **A CHAMPION GIANT SAYS HELLO TO HOLLYWOOD**

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Jerry Reese has been the general manager of the Giants. If he wins this championship, he might one day be featured in a book. His life might also be turned into a movie and generate many Academy Award nominations. Reese would not 4take the bait to speculate on whom could play his life. He was an African-American man from an impoverished family in tiny Tiptonville, Tenn., and he landed in the big town and eventually became a leader among champion Giants.

7But Jerry has a pretty compelling life story, growing up in the situation that he did. He’s the old-fashioned American dream, started at the bottom and worked his way up to the general manager of a team in the Super Bowl. He loves the material that would make any name director scream, “Cut,” and send the script back for rewrite. But it’s a fair study of N.F.L. executive realism.

12Reese said he could not imagine having enough time to do both jobs, while Mara paid homage to Belichicks, his one-time assistant coach, by saying: “There are only so many Bill Belichicks in the world. But I feel that when you have that separation of power, in the long term, it’s better for the organization.”

16Some would argue that Reese inherited his first title team when Ernie Accorsi retired as the general manager in 2007. But Reese made difficult contract decisions that year. And maybe the most crucial call of all was persuading Coughlin to look in the mirror and lighten up.

20This time around, Reese’s draft picks and free-agent pickups have powered the Giants from late-season mediocrity to the threshold of immortality.

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| **1.** | Based on the information on paragraph 1, what might happen to Jerry Reese if he wins this championship? | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | He would become rich overnight. | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | He might be featured in a book one day. | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | He might become a leader among champion Giants. | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | He might continue being the general manager of the Giants. | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **2.** | What do we learn from Reese in paragraph 1? | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | He came from an impoverished family in tiny Tiptonville. | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | He has already someone who could play his life in Hollywood. | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | He might become a Hollywood star. | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | He had a tough life as a kid before joining the Giants. | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **3.** | In paragraph 2, we learn that Jerry’s the old fashioned American dream because (-) | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | he grew in a very poor family. | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | he worked his way up to the general manager of a team in the Super Bowl. | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | he became the leader among champion Giants. | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | He was an African American from an impoverished family in Tennessee. | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **4.** | Why does Jerry have a pretty compelling life story? (paragraph 2) | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: …………………………………………………………………………. | | | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **5.** | In paragraph 2, we learn that Reese would love the material that (-). | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | would show his life to others. | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | would show that he started at the bottom. | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | would make any name director scream, “Cut.” | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | would generate many Academy Award nominations. | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **6.** | | PUT A ✓BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS | | | | | |
|  | | What does Mara state in paragraph 3? | | | | | |
|  | | (i) | |  | “There are so many Bill Bellichicks in the world.” | | |
|  | | (ii) | |  | “Reese is the best manager that the organization has ever had.” | | |
| (iii) | |  | “Bellichicks is the best assistant coach we have ever had.” | | |
| (iv) | |  | “It‘s a fair study for of NFL executive realism.” | | |
| (v) | |  | “Bellichicks has helped the organization so much up to now.” | | |
| (vi) | |  | “But I feel that when you have that separation of power, in the long term, it’s better for the organization.” | | |
|  | | (2\*9=18 points) | | | |  | |
| **7.** | Some argue that Reese inherited his first title team after Ernie Accorsi retired. Copy the words in paragraph 4 that show this | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: ……………………………………………………………………………. | | | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **8.** | According to paragraph 4, Reese made difficult contract decisions, but the most crucial call of all was (-) | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | persuading Coughlin to look in the mirror and lighten up. | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | hiring Reese for the Giants. | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | retiring as the general manager in 2007. | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | winning his first title team. | | | | |
|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **9.** | In paragraph 4, the word “persuading” is closest in meaning to   1. inviting 2. convincing 3. hiring 4. seeing | | | | | | |
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|  | (9 points) | | | | | |  |
| **10.** | According to the author of the article, what has powered the Giants from late-season mediocrity to the threshold of immortality? (paragraph 5) | | | | | | |
|  | Answer: …………………………………………………………………………… | | | | | | |
|  | (10 points) | | | | | |  |

11. Reference :

What do the following pronouns refer to??

1. He (line 1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. I (line 14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. His (line 16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. It (line 15)

12. ***12. Vocabulary***

***1.Write the meaning of the following words in Arabic:***

***Write the part of speech next to each word***

|  |  |
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| ***Word*** | ***Meaning*** |
| 1. manager |  |
| 1. giant |  |
| 1. championship |  |
| 1. featured |  |
| 1. turned into |  |
| 1. generate |  |
| 1. movie |  |
| 1. nomination |  |
| 1. bait |  |
| 1. to speculate |  |
| 1. impoverished |  |
| 1. tiny |  |
| 1. landed |  |
| 1. leader |  |
| 1. champion |  |
| 1. compelling |  |
| 1. situation |  |
| 1. old-fashioned |  |
| 1. bottom |  |
| 1. team |  |
| 1. director |  |
| 1. script |  |
| 1. rewrite |  |
| 1. fair |  |
| 1. executive |  |
| 1. realism |  |
| 1. imagine |  |
| 1. job |  |
| 1. assistant |  |
| 1. coach |  |
| 1. separation |  |
| 1. argue |  |
| 1. inherit |  |
| 1. retired |  |
| 1. contract |  |
| 1. decision |  |
| 1. crucial |  |
| 1. persuade |  |
| 1. mirror |  |
| 1. lighten up |  |
| 1. draft |  |
| 1. pickup |  |
| 1. pick |  |
| 1. agent |  |
| 1. season |  |
| 1. mediocrity |  |
| 1. threshold |  |
| 1. immortality |  |
| 1. paid |  |
| 1. homage |  |

***2.Complete the following sentences using words from the above table:***

*a. Spring is my favourite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because I love flowers so much.*

*b. Can I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you to come with me to the part tonight? I need someone to accompany me.*

*c. Look! This is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is so fat and tall!!*

*d. David won the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of basketball. He became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of this game.*

*e. Women usually like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It can show them what they need to fix in their look.*

*f. My father bought new books about Biology. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_300 shekels****.***