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OPTION B

MICHELLE MYERS REPORTEDLY DEVELOPS NEW ACCENTS OVERNIGHT

1 45-year-old Michelle Myers, from Arizona, told *ABC15* that, at various points in her life, she'd gone to bed with extremely painful headaches and woke up in the morning feeling completely numb on the left side of her body and speaking with a different accent. For Myers, it all started back in 2011, and so far she has
5 spoken with an Irish, an Australian and a British accent. From an outsider's perspective, this honestly sounds sort of cool, until you realize it's actually quite concerning.

Medical professionals say she has a rare condition called Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS), a disorder caused by brain damage that changes speech from
10 your native tongue to something completely "foreign." In fact, there are only about 100 cases on record since 1907.

The single mother of seven was then rushed to hospital for treatment, where doctors diagnosed her with FAS as a side effect of hemiplegic migraines, a dangerous disease. What makes Myers' case even more frightening is that
15 doctors have yet to pinpoint how or why hemiplegic migraines occur in the first place, so it's difficult to find a definitive cure. Anyway, unlike many patients who experience brain-related injuries, FAS does not cause disordered speech. In fact, FAS patients typically produce grammatically correct language. Although Myers has been speaking in a British accent for the past two years, there is a chance it could fade out.

QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

What is the problem with Michelle Myers?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST 2 WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH). (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

2.1. So far, Michelle Myers has spoken with three more accents since 2011.

2.2. Doctors are optimistic about finding a cure soon.

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2.3. Just like FAS patients, every patient with brain injuries has disordered speech.

[3] CHOOSE *a*, *b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

Michelle Myers...

- a) is married with no children.
- b) is not married and has no children.
- c) is not married and has seven children.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a person unconnected with the matter in question
- b) taken in a hurry

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) senseless
- d) upsetting
- e) possibility

[5] COMPLETE TASKS a AND b ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Complete: "If FAS were not a rare disease ..."

5.2. Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: "Medical professionals said she had a rare condition called Foreign Accent Syndrome".

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Would you like to be a scientist? Why or why not?