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SEMINAR 10 – ANSWER KEY

Activism

Task 1

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| 1 Activism | 2 Civil disobedience | 3 Boycott | 4 Lobbying |
| 5 Hacktivism | 6 Demonstrations | 7 Strike action | 8 Protest song |

Task 4

- Protests in India over Big Brother – picture 2
Religious rally opposes new gay rights laws – no picture
January 27th was an extraordinary outpouring – picture 1

Task 6

- 1 B Animal Rights Success 2 C Cowardly Violence or Moral Crusaders? 3 D A Justifiable Method?
4 A The Power of Advertising 5 E Big Mac Attack!

Task 7

1. leaflet 2. to thrust something into someone's hands 3. to be wired up to something 4. vivisection
5. to hit the headlines 6. to kidnap (someone) 7. a shift 8. lasting

Task 8

1. Supermarkets are selling more and more organic products and free range eggs to meet an increasing demand. With regards to vivisections, some bans on drug or cosmetic testing on animals have been implemented and even fox-hunting was banned by the British government.
2. It can harm the work done by non-violent protestors and put the animal rights movement in danger.
3. Because she and her husband owned a farm that bred cats for medical research, they chained her to the fence.
4. It ran an advertising campaign using shocking posters.
5. The court ruled that the organisation was "responsible for cruelty to animals". It agreed to follow PETA's outlines for changing farming methods, but apparently broke this promise.

Task 10

1. by challenging two big guys
2. helmets, arm and knee pads
3. humiliating for the dwarfs, through a newspaper article
4. no
5. no consideration from other people, teasing, few job opportunities
6. money, recognition, respect, favourable newspaper articles



Task 12

1. In many ways I agree **WITH** his statement.
2. Conservationists will never agree **TO** the building of the motorway.
3. They'd like to discuss **X** what to do next.
4. They want a discussion **ON / ABOUT** abortion laws.
5. Most women prefer breastfeeding **TO** bottle feeding.
6. The government intends to prohibit shopkeepers **FROM** selling cigarettes to children.
7. The crowds were protesting **AGAINST** the government's purchase of nuclear weapons.
8. As a conservationist, I strongly object **TO** the removal of these trees.
9. The government is becoming increasingly concerned **ABOUT** the rising level of unemployment.
10. The justice system should be more concerned **WITH** re-educating criminals than punishing them.
11. Transport workers are still **ON** strike **FOR** better pay and shorter hours.
12. America has had a tremendous influence **ON** Japanese society.
13. Many people are opposed **TO** the use of fur in the clothing industry.

Task 13

1. Many demonstrations have been **HELD** in recent years to call attention to the effects of pollution.
2. Some of the prisoners have **GONE** on hunger strikes.
3. Roman Catholic cardinals are meeting at the Vatican to **ELECT** a new Pope.
4. Fifty-three per cent of Danes **VOTED** in favour of the Maastricht treaty.
5. Many leading scientists vigorously **OPPOSE** Darwin's ideas.
6. The committee has **MADE** four specific critiques of the government's transport policy.
7. There should be a law which **FORBIDS** couples to have more than two children.
8. The government should **BAN** cigarette advertising.
9. I was surprised that nobody wanted to **INSPECT** my luggage.
10. The police were unable to **CONTROL** the crowd.

Transcript of the listening:

I suppose it all began as a kind of joke. Me and a couple of mates were in this pub in Sydney and I suppose we'd all had a bit too much to drink. Anyway, we were standing next to these two big guys and we could hear them talking about us. They were betting on how far they reckoned they could throw us, so I turned round and said to them, "No way can you throw us that far," because they'd been saying they could throw us right across the room.

They said: "You wanna bet?" And that's how it all began, though the first time we didn't do it inside the pub but outside in the garden so that we'd have a reasonably soft landing. Next time we kitted ourselves out with helmets, and arm and knee pads; a bit like American footballers, and these big guys would hurl us onto mattresses. Within a few weeks, hundreds of people were coming to watch and by this time there were about twenty dwarfs involved. Of course we were all being paid – good money too.

Then they came along, the do-gooders, the humanitarians, the ones who know what's best for others. They said it was humiliating for us to have ourselves thrown around a pub for the fun of others. But what did they know about humiliation? Were they dwarfs? No. Did they really understand our problems? No. Because if they really had been acting in our best interest then they would have left us alone. I can tell



you that what is humiliating about being a dwarf is that no-one considers you. They just tease you; make stupid references to Snow White. The chances of you ever getting a job are minimal.

Here we were for the first time in our lives actually making some good money. We had a sense of recognition, of fulfilment. There was this feeling of mutual respect between us and the big guys throwing us. We were in the papers. We were being talked about. The good thing was that journalists were not only writing about the throwing competitions in the pubs, but they'd also begun writing about our problems and our role in society. It was ironically as a result of some busybody reading one of these articles, that someone from some government department was sent down to one of the pubs. She decided that the sport should be banned and within a few weeks we were all out of a job again.

