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EXTRACT 0, EXAMPLE

This is the seven o'clock news, I'm Vanessa Parry. The government has issued new guidelines to protect the family members of people with serious illnesses who ask for assisted suicide. Judges agreed that the new guidelines will help relatives and family in making the right choices, and explain if they face prosecution or not. Assisted suicide has been a criminal offence in this country for more than 50 years, with a sentence of up to 14 years in prison. However, none of the 117 cases which have taken place abroad have been prosecuted to date.

EXTRACT 1

The National Health Service has released figures that show an increase in the number of hospital deaths of up to six percent with the arrival of new, junior doctors on the wards. The figure came from research done in a study of 300,000 patients in 175 hospitals between 2000 and 2008. A spokesperson for the NHS stated that the problem was due to confusions in the system when changes were made, not because junior doctors were incompetent.

EXTRACT 2

The remains of a woman found in Ethiopia by scientific researchers may shed new light on our human ancestry. The woman, who was named Ardi by the research team, probably lived around four million years ago. She walked on two legs, but was also good at climbing trees. Researchers were excited by the findings, as Ardi was possibly one of the first of our human family tree to walk in an upright position, which was critical to our evolution.

EXTRACT 3

Budget airline companies have agreed to meet the 2050 target to reduce CO₂ emissions. The airlines, which carry as many as 60 million passengers a year, have promised to set minimum guidelines for emissions as well as improve airplane technology and develop 'greener' aircraft. Environmental groups were positive about the plan, saying that this was a better solution than companies buying emissions permits.

EXTRACT 4

All eyes have been on the London Fashion Week recently, but another similar event taking place shortly after has also been a great success. The tenth Indian Fashion Week was staged in Mumbai with a five-day show of real extravagance from prominent designers such as the elegant Gauri and Nainika, to the more traditional looks of Raakesh Agarvwal. The event has really started to put Indian fashion on the international map.

EXTRACT 5

Football, and Liverpool beat Leeds United one-nil to go through to the fourth round of the Carling Cup. Liverpool, who have been playing well this season, struggled against a talented Leeds team until David Ngog finally got the winning goal. Liverpool trainer, Rafa Benitez, recognized that Leeds had played a good game and that radical changes to the Liverpool team line-up had caused a few problems at the start of the game.