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**DIANA: CRUEL CHARLES PUT ME THROUGH HELL**

*THE collapse of Diana's marriage left her feeling she had been "battered, bruised and abused mentally" for 15 years by the Palace.*

*For the first time, her private thoughts straight after her divorce are revealed in the explosive letter to Paul Burrell, in which she targets Prince Charles and "a system" she says nearly destroyed her.*

*Charles, Diana wrote, put her "through such hell" with the "cruel things" he had done to her. And she admitted she had "cried more than anyone will ever know" during those dark days. At one point, as Diana struggles to explain her concerns, she says: "I am weary of the battles, but I will never surrender.*

*"I am strong inside and maybe that a problem for my enemies."*

*Each paragraph of the note, written less than two months after the finalisation of the divorce she never wanted, is filled with undisguised pain.*

*Diana says: "I have been battered, bruised and abused mentally by a system for 15 years now."*

*But the letter is also a testament of her strength in the face of such opposition, a characteristic which earned her worldwide praise. Despite the abuse she says she suffered by the "system", a reference her Palace enemies and the traditions that surround the Royal Family, she adds: "I feel no resentment, I carry no hatred." And the princess even seems to say she has emerged stronger from her experiences. Diana adds: "Thank you, Charles, for putting me through such hell and for giving me the opportunity to learn from the cruel things you have done to me. I have gone forward fast.*

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)**

a. How did Diana feel when she got divorced? Why?


b. Why do we know what Diana felt after her divorce?


**2. Are the following statements *True* or *False*? (1 point)**

a. Diana's marriage with Charles lasted fifteen years. \_\_\_\_\_

b. After her divorce, Diana hated all the British people. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)**

a. Fights: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Worries: \_\_\_\_\_

