NAME: **COURSE:**

AT LAST, THIS LOYAL BUTLER HAS HIS SAY

PAUL Burrell is the guardian of a treasury of secrets.

For more than 20 years, he served at the heart of the Royal Family through its most difficult and dramatic era.

If he wanted to, he could lift the lid and expose goodness knows what horrors and scandal.

And he has good reason to want to. He was appallingly treated - arrested, charged with theft, dragged to court and not allowed to give his side.

In the next few days, the Daily Mirror will give Paul Burrell the chance to speak. To say what he was denied the opportunity of saying in court.

Yet we do not expect him to reveal the most sensitive and damaging of his secrets.

His whole life has been dominated by loyalty. Loyalty to the Queen when he was her footman.

Loyalty to Charles and Diana during the early and turbulent years of their marriage.

And, above all, loyalty to the Princess of Wales during the last years of her life and after her death.

Mr Burrell could have earned far more for his story than the Mirror is paying him. One of the 400 offers he received topped £1million.

But he wanted to come to us because he trusts the Mirror to put his case faithfully and fairly.

The collapse of the Burrell trial is not just a huge news story. It has massive legal and constitutional implications.

So many questions are being asked, but only one person can answer. Paul Burrell himself.

Now the truth will begin to emerge.

QUESTIONS

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

a. Is Paul Burrell a loyal person? Why?

b. Why does Paul Burrell want to be interviewed by the Mirror?

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

a. Paul Burrell has received two offers of £1 million to tell his story. ☐

b. Paul Burrell has served the Royal Family for 20 years. ☐

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

a. Badly: b. Faithfulness:

4. Choose *a*, *b*, or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)

1. Paul Burrell is in the newspapers because

   a. He is a butler.

   b. He knows the Royal Family.

   c. He knows the Royal Family's secrets.

2. The Royal Family has treated Paul Burrell

   a. In the wrongest way.

   b. Quite kindly.

   c. They have ignored him all the time.

3. Paul Burrell will receive from the Mirror

   a. £1 million for an interview.

   b. An unknown amount of money.

   c. £400 for an interview.

4. Paul Burrell has been faithful to

   a. The Queen and not the other members of the family.

   b. Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

   c. All the Royal Family.

5. Composition. *What is your opinion about the people in the tabloids?* (100-150 words) (2 points).