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FORM 3 ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions in the main paper.

Braveheart

The movie Braveheart takes place in Scotland in the 13th century. The main subject is Scotland's fight for independence, but there are also other subjects like love and faithfulness. The main character is William Wallace who gets the whole Scotland to fight with him against the Englishmen. 1

William's father and brother died fighting against the Englishmen when **he** was a little child. He was taken care of by his uncle and travelled around Europe with him until he was about 20 years old. Then he returned to his original home place. Here William fell in love with a girl, Murron, and **they** got married secretly. They kept it secret because Longshanks gave all the English nobles the right to rape all newly-married women before the husband could touch them, and William didn't want to share Murron with any English noble. Unfortunately Murron almost got raped and then was killed by the English soldiers. William, with revenge in mind, attacked the English soldiers. **He** and the rest of the village managed to kill all the soldiers. 5 10

William created an army and **they** fought against the Englishmen. They won, and William got the title "Sir" for his work. Afterwards they burned an English garrison and told the ones who survived: "*I am William Wallace, and the rest of you will be spared. Go back to England, and tell them there that Scotland's daughters and her sons are yours no more. Tell them that Scotland is free.*" Then **they** invaded York and took over the city. They also sent the head from the dead master of York to Longshanks. King Edward of England sent his son's wife, Princess Isabella, to York to give William an offer he couldn't refuse - money and land. Isabella and William talked in private and William said that he couldn't take her offer. 15 20

She asked about his wife, and he told her what happened to her. When Isabella came back to London, the king told everybody that **they** would send troops to destroy Scotland when William was not there. Isabella sent her maid to York with a letter to warn William. William and his army went back to Scotland to prepare themselves for a new battle. William got three of the nobles in the area with him including Sir Robert Bruce that admired William for his courage and strong will. When they came to the battlefield, the nobles abandoned William and his army alone with the Englishmen. **They** lost but William survived. The most shocking experience for William was that Bruce had changed side and joined the Englishmen. 25 30

William went to meet Bruce but he got captured by some English soldiers. Bruce tried to help him but he didn't manage. William didn't beg for mercy, and he got tortured, and then executed. His last word was when he shouted "freedom".

