Privacy Law Quiz

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1. Because of the important work they do, journalists have a special right to gather news in otherwise private spaces.
   True
   False

2. Truth is an absolute defense to an invasion of privacy claim.
   True
   False

3. A minor’s name or photograph can be published in a newsworthy story — without parental (or guardian) permission — as long as the information published is accurate and lawfully obtained.
   True
   False

4. If a statement is newsworthy, it cannot be the basis for a successful invasion of privacy claim based on the public disclosure of a private and embarrassing fact.
   True
   False

5. Lance Lenscap is a photographer for The Student Times. While on the sidelines at Friday night’s football game, Lenscap snaps a shot of the homecoming queen picking her nose while waiting to take part in the halftime festivities. The next day, the queen’s mother calls the Times and threatens to sue on behalf of her daughter if Lenscap publishes the “booger shot.” Lenscap shrugs, “She has no case.” Lenscap is right.
   True
   False

6. Most high school students, because they are minors, cannot validly consent to the publication of a story that invades their privacy (for example, a story in which they discuss their successful battle with an eating disorder) without their parent’s permission.
   True
   False
7. The best way to avoid a misappropriation invasion of privacy is to obtain a validly signed model consent form from those appearing in advertisements or commercial promotions.
   True
   False

8. A false light invasion of privacy occurs when a photographer secretly takes a nighttime photo using infrared lighting.
   True
   False

9. There are four different types of invasion of privacy claims commonly recognized by the law.
   True
   False

10. Privacy law prohibits student-edited media from publishing a minor student’s name or photograph on the Internet without parental (or guardian) permission.
    True
    False

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