The double life of Alfred Bloggs

1- These days (NP.) = nowadays
2- Manual (adj.) = done with the hands
3- Receive (v.) = earn = get
4- Far (adv.) = much
5- Frequently (adv.) = often
6- Referred to as = called
7- White collar workers (NP.) x blue collar workers
8- Willing (adj.) = ready
9- Sacrifice (v.) = give up
10- Pay (n.) = salary or wages
11- Privilege (n.) = advantage
12- Give rise to (v.) = lead to = result in = cause
13- Curious (adj.) = unusual = strange = bizarre = peculiar = queer = weird = odd
14- Dustman (n.) = binman = refuse collector   Br. = garbage man = garbage collector = sanitation worker   Am.
15- Corporation (n.) = large company
16- Embarrassed (adj.) = shy
17- Simply (adv.) = only
18- Dressed in = wearing
19- Fine (adj.) = good
20- Overalls (n.) Br. = coveralls   Am.
21- Return (v.) = go back
22- Take a shower (VP.) = wash oneself
23- Over (prep.) = more than
24- Keep (adj.) = hide
25- Discover (v.) = find out
26- Just (adv.) = very recently
27- Soon (adv.) = in a short time
28- Junior (adj.) = of a low rank x senior
29- Rise (n.) = improvement = promotion
30- Status (n.) = rank = social position
31- From now on (adv.) = henceforth = henceforward = hereafter = hereinafter
32- Wear (v.) put on

After we have read the passage and explained the meanings of some of the words in it, it is time to answer the comprehension questions. These are done below:

1- When they got married, Alfred Bloggs told his wife that he worked for the Ellesmere Corporation.
2- He dressed in a fine black suit each morning before he left home.
3- He changed into overalls.
4- He spent the day as a dustman.
5- He took a shower and changed back into his suit before going home at night.
6- This lasted for over two years.
7- His fellow dustmen kept his secret.
8- His wife will never learn the truth.
9- Her husband will be working in an office in the future.

Now our task is to link the sentences above so as to create a précis. Here is an attempt below:

When they got married, Alfred Bloggs simply told his wife that he worked for the Ellesmere Corporation. Each morning before he left home, he dressed in a fine black suit, but then changed into overalls spending the day as a dustman. Before going home at night, he changed back into his suit. Although this lasted for over two years, his fellow dustmen kept his secret. Finally, his wife will never learn the truth as he will soon be working in an office.