

## THE BLIND SIDE

### TASK 1

|                                                                                     | Identify the camera shot/angle                                            | Explain the effect of the shot                                                                                                                                                 |
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|    | Long shot. Taken at 15:27.                                                | In this scene, SJ is walking back to the car. It shows Leigh Anne's curiosity towards Michael.                                                                                 |
|    | Medium shot. Taken at 51:52.                                              | Leigh Anne is next to him in this scene. It focuses on the characters' expressions and body language at the same time as they watch Michael play football.                     |
|   | Close-shot. Taken at 1:56:19.                                             | Here, Michael and Leigh Anne are talking about his feelings. The camera cuts back and forth from Michael to Leigh Anne and serves to emphasise their expressions and emotions. |
|  | Medium shot. Taken after 53:15 during the training scene.                 | In this scene, SJ is training Michael for football. The shot shows his body language (holding the timer) and his happy expression.                                             |
|  | Over-the-shoulder shot. Taken at 50:50.                                   | Serves to orient the viewers because we are visually reminded of Michael. Also serves to focus on Collins' expressions and the people behind her.                              |
|  | Full-body shot. Taken after 1:24:00 when the coaches come to see Michael. | Focuses on the coaches' body language as they converse.                                                                                                                        |
|  | Medium shot. Taken at 1:33:10.                                            | Shows how happy Miss Sue and Michael are in this scene at his correct answer, including their body language (excited fist bump).                                               |

## TASK 2

| PICTURES                                                                            | NAMES                   | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                           | EXAMPLE                                                                                                                                                                                              | QUOTE                                                                                                                                                   |
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|    | <b>Leigh Anne Tuohy</b> | She always wants to help others and will stand up for what she believes in. She is a strong woman who does not let things get to her.                 | She does everything she can to enable Michael to achieve the GPA he needs in order for him to obtain the football scholarship. She allows Michael into her home.                                     | "When you look at him, you think of me. How you had my back. And you have his."                                                                         |
|    | <b>Sean Tuohy</b>       | A supportive husband and father. He has a restaurant business and is highly wealthy.                                                                  | He is always there for his wife and recognises that her actions are making a profound difference in somebody's life. He agrees to adopt Michael.                                                     | "You are the best person I know. Everything you do, you do for others."                                                                                 |
|   | <b>Michael Oher</b>     | A gentle giant and extremely protective of those who matter to him. He has had a difficult life but has managed to find a place where he belongs.     | By following the advice of his mother and Mrs Tuohy, he works hard and eventually becomes a champion football player.                                                                                | "...any fool can have courage. But honour, that's the real reason you either do something or you don't. It's who you are and maybe who you want to be." |
|  | <b>S.J. Tuohy</b>       | Funny and motivational, he videotapes Michael's matches and helps train Michael. The youngest in the Tuohy family.                                    | Possibly the first little boy to approach Michael without fear. He is friendly and open and because of this, Michael opens himself up and begins to believe that there are good people in the world. | "Enough with the rugby shirts. You look like a giant bumble bee."                                                                                       |
|  | <b>Collins Tuohy</b>    | Is a cheerleader and volleyball player at Wingate Christian College. She is kind hearted, caring, and wants the best for Michael.                     | She goes and sits next to Michael in the library despite protests from her friends. She is genuinely happy for him when he says that he wants to be a part of the family.                            | "They're stupid kids. Who cares what they say...they're juvenile."                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Coach Cotton</b>     | From the beginning he has tried to get Michael onto his sports team. His words were what initially convinced the education board to enroll Michael at | Convinces the education board to allow Michael into the school on the basis of being a good Christian.                                                                                               | "It's the right thing to do."                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                                                   |                 | the school.                                                                                                            |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|  | <b>Miss Sue</b> | A tutor hired by the Tuohy family to help Michael with his schoolwork. She is patient and has a great sense of humour. | She continues to tutor Michael even when he is facing difficulties. | “How big is your head, Michael? It’s full of knowledge - like a file cabinet with maps, and shortcuts for figuring things out. You’ll get there, Michael Oher.” |