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**“Russian Democracy Has Disappeared?**

* Clifford J. Levy, *New York Times*

**Directions:** After reading the article mentioned above, answer the questions below. Please answer in complete sentence format.

1. What is “human rights”? According t o the author, identify human rights issues the current

political regime in Russia have violated.

2. Identify political corruption issues Mr. Levy identifies in Russia today.

3. How does Mr. Gorbechev, the previous Russian premier, feel about the current leaders? Why

does he feel this way?

4. The caption for the picture on page one is titled, “Batman and Robin”. Explain this caption.

5. According to the author [and Mr. Gorbechev, democracy begins with:

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6. In addition to the aspects of “democracy” identified above, which other key ingredient is

necessary for a democracy? According to the author, how does Russia meet this ingredient?

Back up your answer with facts.

7. Identify two cases the author identifies where the Russian government has failed the

“democratic” test.