Honesty is Still the Best Policy

I _______ in the newspaper the _________ day that we all _______ an amazing number of ___________________________. According to the article we very _______ say exactly what we think. In most cases we prefer to _______ the truth ___________________________ hurt other ________________ feelings. Usually we believe we are _______ polite or respectful of _______ but in _________ fact we simply cannot f_______ telling others _______ they do not _________________. Are people really ready for the ________________ and nothing but the truth? _______ it _________ to tell a “little white _______” or be _________ if there is no ________________?

We live in a _________ where dishonesty is ________________ taken for _________
We _________________ to tell lies. We expect them to _________________ promises that they will never be able ___________. We expect businessmen to try to _________________ television viewers by _________________ deceitful advertising. We expect students _________________ by using _________________ in their written work. We even expect pollsters to give _________________ results of _________________ in order to influence our opinions _________________

But _________________ terrible to _________________ we _______ in a world where _________________ seems to be honest? _______ my opinion _________________ are _________________ honest than we expect them ________.

A few months ________ I _______ on a train with a friend _________. We were returning ________ from a short ________ the center of town, and we ________ a lot of shopping ________ with us. We _________ all ________ the trip, so we _________________ the sign of our home station ________ the train was ready to _________________. When we finally _________________ it was time to get off, we _________________ our bags and
of the wagon. We __________ on the platform totally ______________.

When the train ______ I suddenly realized that I didn’t have ______________. I only remembered __________ it on the ________________ me. I was ______________ and said that this was the ________________. My friend ________________ that I would find my purse again, but I didn’t believe a word ________________. We ________________ and I told her that I ________________ that purse again. ______ inside I ____________ someone ______________ the purse and ________________ to ________________ back to me.

When we ________________ home there was a message on my ____________ machine. Someone ________________ the wagon ______________ my purse. That person ________________ the police station at the _____ stop and ____________ the purse. I ________________ believe my ______. I would get my purse ______! But ________________ I realized that there ________________ who ______ believe that “Honesty is the ________________.”

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