PRUEBA/PROVA: CELEBRITY NEWS

EXAM

- No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.
- Esta hoja **no** se entrega.

CELEBRITY NEWS

In her quest to meet the rich and famous, Emma has bribed guards, donned disguises, and even climbed through windows! But she does not think of herself as a criminal. "I'm just doing my job. I only get paid for good stories, so I have to take extreme measures if I want to earn a decent income!"

Emma Worth writes for a famous gossip magazine. She is one of a growing number of journalists who are using their professional skills to hunt and capture the so-called 'glitterati' unawares, each hoping to score an exclusive, and preferably shocking, scoop.

Celebrity news is a huge market. Last year, *Heat* and *Closer*, the two best-selling UK gossip magazines, sold over a million copies every week. Even the traditionally more 'serious' press are turning to celebrities to boost sales. For example, the broadsheet newspaper *The Telegraph* now has a regular gossip column called 'The Spy'.

But gossip hunters have been censured. Some famous people complain that they have been denied a basic right to privacy and respect, and even that their lives have been ruined. And, according to a highly-regarded reporter, "More important issues, such as politics and the environment, are being neglected. We need to stop taking this fluff so seriously!"

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS: 0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for T or F.

1. Emma worries about breaking the law.
2. *Closer* is one of the most popular gossip magazines in Britain.
3. Broadsheet newspapers are only concerned with serious news, not celebrity news.
4. One journalist is unhappy about our modern obsession with gossip.

II. LEXICON/PHONETICS (2 POINTS)

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT: 0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. salary, wages
2. follow, pursue
3. spoiled, damaged
4. trivia, unimportant things

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT: 0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Write two words from the text that include the same vowel sound as "blue" /u;/. (0.5 points)
2. Is the "–n-" pronounced /n/ or /ŋ/ in "taking"? (0.25 points)
3. Write a word from the text that includes the same consonant sound as "nation" / ʃ /. (0.25 points)

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS: 0.5 points for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1.You'll miss the film if you don't leave now.

Unless .....

2. "Smile, or I'll take a bad photo!"

He told her .....

3. That woman's daughter is a celebrity.

That is the woman .....

4. The article was read by thousands of people.

Thousands of people .....

5. Emma regretted interviewing the celebrity.

Emma wished .....

6. She was famous but she was still a really nice person.

Even though .....

IV. COMPOSITION (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:

What is your opinion of celebrity news? Explain your views.