

## PRUEBA: CELEBRITY NEWS

### ANSWER KEY – including SMART TIPS

1. Read the text and decide whether statements 1.1 to 1.4 are true or false. Then, find the text fragment which confirms your answer in either case. Write “TRUE” or “FALSE” plus the fragment (one or two lines maximum) on your answer sheet. [Score: 4 items x 5 marks = 20 marks]

1.1 Most journalists work together with famous people to get their stories. **FALSE.** Evidence: ... *hunt and capture the so-called ‘glitterati’ unawares, ...*

1.2 Magazine readers are extremely interested in the lives of the rich and famous. **TRUE.** Evidence: ... *Celebrity news is a huge market.*

1.3 *The Telegraph* is a famous gossip magazine. **FALSE.** Evidence: ... *For example, the broadsheet newspaper The Telegraph ...*

1.4 Gossip reporters can have a negative effect on some celebrities. **TRUE.** Evidence: ... *Some famous people complain that they have been denied a basic right to privacy, and a few feel that their lives have been ruined.*

#### SMART TIP: paying attention to detail

In True/False sentences, you have to pay attention to details in the text and in the sentences. Underline key words and phrases in the sentences and then look for information that supports them or says something different. In the example, it says ‘*work together with famous people*’ in the sentence but in the text it refers to the ‘*glitterati*’ and says that they are captured ‘*unawares*’ by journalists. This means that they don’t know what journalists are doing, so they aren’t working together. The answer must then be false.

2. Complete each sentence with information from the text but using your own words (about 10-15 words of your own per sentence). DO NOT COPY LITERALLY from the text nor from statements 1.1 to 1.4. Write the two sentences on your answer sheet. [Score: 2 items x 5 marks = 10 marks]

2.1 If Emma writes a shocking story about a celebrity, *she gets paid money from magazines.*

2.2 More than 1,000,000 *copies of the two best-selling gossip magazines were sold last year.*

3. Complete the text choosing the best option (A, B, or C) for each gap (1-15). On your answer sheet, draw a table like the one below and, for each gap (1-15), copy the letter that corresponds to your answer (A, B, or C). Use CAPITAL LETTERS. [Score: 15 items x 1 marks = 15 marks]

#### SMART TIP: Checking for meaning

Once you have chosen your answers, read back through the text to check the words you have chosen. Check that they fit in with the meaning of the sentence and also fit in grammatically.

4.1 I don't really like science fiction films.  
I'm not *keen on / a fan of science fiction films.*

4.2 'Don't take my photo again!'  
He ordered me *not to take his photo again.*

4.3 They haven't gone to Barbados since 2012.  
They stopped *going to Barbados in 2012.*

In conclusion, gossip hunting may be lucrative. However, I believe it is wrong due to the risks journalists and because celebrities should have privacy.

Too many words? Have you included unnecessary information? What information could you cut? Could you shorten your sentences by joining them together with linkers or relative clauses? Could you reduce the number of adjectives or adverbs in your work?