

PRUEBA and ANSWERS (CELEBRITY NEWS)

Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1h30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario.
c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas.

CELEBRITY NEWS

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

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

8 Celebrity news is a huge market. Last year, *Heat* and *Closer*, the two best-selling UK gossip
9 magazines, sold over a million copies every week, and new celebrity websites and TV
10 programmes pop up every month. Even the traditionally more 'serious' press are turning to
11 celebrities to boost sales. For example, the broadsheet newspaper *The Telegraph* now has a
12 regular gossip column called 'The Spy'. Many other 'serious' publications ask readers to send in
13 stories about celebrities they have come across.

14 But many people are critical of celebrity gossip hunters like Emma. Some stars complain that
15 they are being denied a fundamental right to privacy, and even that their lives have been ruined
16 by press intrusion. And, according to one highly-regarded news reporter, 'Our fascination with
17 gossip means that there is less media coverage of more important issues, such as politics and
18 the environment. We need to stop taking this trivia so seriously!'

I COMPREHENSION (This section consists of eight items combining 'True/False', 'Multiple choice' and 'Find in the text ...' questions) (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C OR D). (0.5 points each)

1. Emma sometimes uses extreme measures because ...

- (a) she is obsessed with celebrities. (b) *she wants to get close to celebrities.*
(c) she is a criminal. (d) she wants to become rich and famous.

2. Some celebrities criticize gossip hunters because ...

- (a) they don't write about important news. (b) *they don't give celebrities any privacy.*
(c) they think trivia is serious. (d) they deny reporters any privacy.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points each)

3. Emma worries about breaking the law.

False. 'She does not think of herself as a criminal.' (line 2)

SMART TIP: topic vocabulary

The words in a question may not be exactly the same as the words in the text, even though they mean similar things. Here, the expression *break the law* and the noun *criminal* both belong to the topic set 'crime'. Revising key topic sets will help you prepare more effectively for your exam.

4. Closer is a very popular UK gossip magazine.

True. 'Heat and Closer, the two best-selling UK gossip magazines ...' (lines 8-9)

5. Broadsheet newspapers are only concerned with serious news, not celebrity news.

False. '... the broadsheet newspaper The Telegraph now has a regular gossip column ...' (lines 11-12)

SMART TIP: referring to the text

Make sure you always refer to the text when giving your answers. The text may not always give the answer you would expect!

For example, a broadsheet newspaper is usually defined as 'a serious newspaper, giving most coverage to news and key political issues.' However, the text states that many broadsheet newspapers now cover celebrity news, too. An answer is only correct if it is stated in the text.

6. Not all journalists are in favour of celebrity gossip.

True. 'According to one highly-regarded news reporter, "Our fascination with gossip means that there is less media coverage of more important issues".' (lines 16-17)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1 ONE OPPOSITE FOR 'look for'. *hunt (line 6)*

7.2 ONE OPPOSITE FOR 'not respected' (adverb + adjective). *Highly-regarded (line 16)*

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

ONE WORD MEANING: 'not allowed'. *denied (line 15)*

ONE WORD MEANING: 'to harm something badly or destroy'. *ruined (line 15)*

SMART TIP: parts of speech

When you have to find a word in the text, always check the part of speech carefully. This will give you clues about the type of word you are looking for. If you are looking for a verb, check for common verb endings, for example *-ed* (*not allowed*; *denied*).

II USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE FOLLOWING ANSWER: People who are involved in show business and glamorous activities are called 'glitterati'. *What do you call people who are involved in show business and glamorous activities?*

10. FILL IN THE GAP:

10.1 FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **Ever since I saw my first film, I *have been* (be) fascinated by the cinema.**

10.2 FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **The reporter ... (put on) disguises to get close to celebrities.** *puts on*

10.3 FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT PREPOSITION. **Celebrities often complain ... gossip articles written about them.** *with / for / about / of*

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE PRONOUN. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.

A gossip hunter is a person. This person writes about celebrities.

A gossip hunter is a person who / that writes about celebrities.

12. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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Last weekend the reporter wrote an article. OR The reporter wrote an article last weekend.

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO:

13.1 TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: **Our top reporter interviewed her.** *She was interviewed by our top reporter.*

13.2 REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED.

Emma Worth regretted following the celebrity.

Emma Worth wished ...

Suggested answer: (Emma Worth wished) that she hadn't (OR had not) followed the celebrity.

SMART TIP: transformations

Remember to look at the first sentence and the start of the next sentence carefully. They will give you a clue about the grammar and word order that you need to use.

The sentence starter in question 18 includes the verb *wish*, which is used for wishes and regrets. The first sentence talks about a situation in the past, which tells you that you need to use the form *wish* + *had(n't)* + past perfect simple here.

14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: **'I will photograph the star tomorrow,' he said.** *He said (that) he would photograph the star the next day.*

SMART TIP: reported speech

You may be asked to rewrite a sentence in reported speech in your exam. Remember to check the following: 1) correct use of the reporting verb; 2) correct tenses; 3) correct pronouns; 4) correct time and place expressions. People often forget to change pronouns and time and place expressions when they write reported speech, so remember to use this checklist every time!

III WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: **What is your opinion of celebrity gossip? Explain your views.**

Many different answers are possible. Here is one suggested model.

What's your opinion of celebrity gossip?

I rarely read celebrity gossip, as I think it is boring and trivial. I would rather read more enjoyable and educational articles about sport or the news.

Some people argue that a bit of gossip can be fun, but I disagree. I think that celebrities have a right to privacy, and we should treat them with more respect. We do not need to know every detail about their lives, and all this information is often quite dull too!

In conclusion, I think newspapers and magazines ought to publish less celebrity gossip. Journalists could then write about more interesting topics instead.

SMART TIP: checking your grammar

You must check your grammar carefully as you will receive points for the correct use of language. Try to use a variety of grammatical structures. However, if you are not sure about how to use a particular language point, it is better to think of an alternative. For example, if you were not sure how to use *ought to* correctly, you could write '... newspapers and magazines *should* publish ...' instead.