

**PRUEBA (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 (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.**

**4. *Closer* is a very popular UK gossip magazine.**

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

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

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1 ONE SYNONYM FOR **'look for'**. (verb)

7.2 ONE OPPOSITE FOR **'not respected'**. (adverb + adjective)

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1 ONE WORD MEANING **'not allowed'**.

8.2 ONE WORD MEANING **'to harm something badly or destroy'**.

## 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'.**

10. FILL IN THE GAP:

10.1 WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

**'Ever since I saw my first film, I ... (be) fascinated by the cinema.'**

10.2 WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

**'The reporter ... (put on) disguises to get close to celebrities.'**

10.3 WITH A CORRECT WORD.

**'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.'**

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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13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO:

13.1 THE PASSIVE VOICE. **'Our top reporter interviewed her.'**

13.2 REPORTED SPEECH. **'I will photograph the star tomorrow,' he said.**

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

**'Emma Worth regretted following the celebrity.'**

**Emma Worth wished ...**

## 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.**