

## PRUEBA

### INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente.
2. Lea atentamente todas las preguntas de la prueba.
3. Proceda a responder en lengua inglesa a las preguntas en el papel de examen.

**TIEMPO:** 1 hora y 30 minutos.

**CALIFICACIÓN:** La puntuación máxima de la prueba es de 10 puntos.

## CELEBRITY NEWS

In her quest to meet the rich and famous, Emma has bribed security 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.

Gossip-mongering is nothing new. Indeed, sensationalist stories about the royal family (the A-list of their time) were published only a century after the invention of the printing press – in 1453! However, in recent years, our celebrity obsession seems to have escalated. Last year, *Heat* and *Closer*, the two best-selling UK gossip magazines, sold over a million copies every week, and new celebrity websites and TV programmes pop up every month. Even the traditionally more 'serious' press are turning to celebrities to boost sales. For example, the broadsheet newspaper *The Telegraph* now features a regular gossip column called 'The Spy'.

But many people are critical of celebrity gossip hunters like Emma. Some stars bitterly complain that they are being denied a basic right to privacy, and even that their lives have been ruined by press intrusion. Furthermore, according to one highly-regarded news reporter, 'Our fascination for gossip means that there is less media coverage of vitally important issues, such as politics and the environment. I didn't join the profession to write kiss-and-tell stories. We need to stop taking this trivia so seriously!'

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (2 points)
  - a. Emma worries about breaking the law.
  - b. Broadsheet newspapers are only concerned with serious news, not celebrity news.
2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text. (2 points)
  - a. How does our current interest in gossip compare with that of people in the sixteenth century?
  - b. Why do some celebrities criticize gossip hunters?

**3. Find the words in the text that mean: (1 point: 0.25 points each)**

- a. salary, wage (*paragraph 1*)
- b. follow, pursue (*paragraph 1*)
- c. increase (*paragraph 2*)
- d. in an unhappy manner (*paragraph 3*)

**4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the words in brackets when given. (2 points: 0.5 points each)**

- a. Ever since I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my first film, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fascinated by the cinema.
- b. The celebrity, \_\_\_\_\_ became famous \_\_\_\_\_ her musical abilities, passed away last night.
- c. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) this gossip magazine by lunchtime, so you can \_\_\_\_\_ (read) it then.
- d. Emma was \_\_\_\_\_ excited about meeting her favourite star that she couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ (smile).

**5. Write about 150–200 words on the following topic. (3 points)**

What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?