

Examen 2020-21

Plan: [G25] ACCESO A GRADO PARA MAYORES DE 25

Asignatura: [538] Inglés

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Pegatina del Estudiante

Espacio para la pegatina de su hoja de etiquetas correspondiente a la asignatura indicada en la cabecera del examen:

Calificación

Indicaciones de carácter general:

- Comprueba que el plan y la asignatura corresponden a la asignatura de la cual estás matriculado.
- No se puede abandonar el aula de examen antes de que hayan transcurrido los 15 minutos posteriores a la hora de comienzo de la prueba.
- No debes utilizar lápiz para responder.
- No se puede responder en hojas adicionales a las que se incluyen en este examen.

Indicaciones específicas para la asignatura:

- Se dispone de 60 min. para la realización del examen.
- No se puede disponer de más de una hoja de borrador. La información escrita en la hoja de borrador no se corregirá.
- Las respuestas deben ceñirse al espacio indicado.
- No se puede utilizar ningún material (manuales, diccionarios, etc.) para la realización del examen.

Read the text and then answer the questions below.

Reality Television

Reality television is a genre of television programming that documents supposedly real-life situations, often starred by unknown individuals rather than professional actors. It first emerged as a distinct genre in the early 1990s and achieved prominence in the early 2000s with the success of the series *Survivor*, *Idols* and *Big Brother*, all of which became global franchises.

The authenticity of reality television is often called into question by its detractors. The genre's title of "reality" is often criticized as being inaccurate. Some critics say that the genre frequently includes elements such as premeditated scene development to create specified situations of adversity and drama. In many cases, the entire idea of the show is contrived, based around a competition or another unusual situation.

Reality television's global successes has become, in the view of some analysts, an important political phenomenon. In some authoritarian countries, reality-television voting has provided the first opportunity for many citizens to vote in any free and fair wide-scale "elections". In addition, the frankness of the settings on some reality shows presents situations that are often taboo in certain conservative cultures, like *Star Academy Arab World* which began airing in 2003, and which shows male and female contestants living together.

As we see, reality television has faced significant criticism since its rise in popularity. Critics argue that reality television shows do not accurately reflect reality, in ways both implicit (participants being placed in artificial situations), and deceptive (misleading editing, participants being told on what to do or to say, storylines previously generated and not "spontaneous", etc). Other criticisms of reality television shows include that they are intended to humiliate or exploit participants; that they make stars out of untalented people who should not become famous because they do not really have a talent; and that they glamorize vulgarity.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT:

1.- Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Find the evidence in the text: copy the line/lines from the text where the statement is said. No marks are given for only answering true or false (2 points):

-In 1992 the genre of Reality Television was fully developed.

-In some countries the fact of voting to choose the winner of a reality show is a relief from the usually strict political life.

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following questions. No marks are given for responses copied directly from the text. DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT. (2 points).

A) Why does the text say that “ Reality television (...) documents supposedly real-life situations?

B) According to the text, why some reality shows may cause psychological harm to the participants?

3.- In the text, find ONE synonym for EACH of these words or expressions (2 points):

- a) inexact
- b) false
- c) broadcasting
- d) misleading

4.- Choose the correct answer. (3 points):

4.1. While I wasn't looking, the baby _____ his hand on the stove.

- a) puts
- b) put
- c) was putting

4.2. If I _____ you I _____ that computer, the RAM memory is very limited.

- a) was - would buy
- b) were – would buy
- c) were – wouldn't buy

4.3. Many of Dickens's novels _____ in monthly magazines.

- a) have been first published
- b) had been first published
- c) were first published

4.4. They run the New York marathon _____ they were 20 and they still do when they have the possibility,.

- a) for
- b) when
- c) since

4.5. When I woke up this morning the light was on, I _____ to turn it off

- a) must have forgotten
- b) must have forgotten
- c) can have forgotten

4.6. This comedian is much _____ the previous one.

- a) funnier than
- b) more funny than
- c) more funnier than

5.- Write a brief essay (100 words) about one of these topics (1 point):

a) Do you like Reality Shows? Give reasons for your answer. **DO NOT WRITE ALL THE TITLES OF THE SHOWS IN CASE YOU LIKE THEM, JUST GIVE ONE OR TWO EXAMPLES.**

b) Reality Television and people's cultural level.

