- ❏ No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- ❏ Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- ❏ Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

Hollywood invented the modern 'Star'. In the golden years of Hollywood, the film companies produced film after film starring a particular actor or actress. The films were accompanied by huge publicity so that, whether the 'star' could act or not, he or she became famous overnight and a well-known name throughout the world. A 'star' in Hollywood meant 'an exceptional human being'. The publicity people dreamed up an 'image' for each star; they exaggerated their good qualities and concealed anything unfavourable. Stars were 'marketed' as good looking, heroic, happy, beautiful and rich; living a luxurious life. People looked up to them and treated them as gods.

People were fooled by the publicity campaigns. These 'stars' were not superhuman. They were ordinary people like you and me. Many of Hollywood's 'stars' were average actors/actresses. There was so much advertising with each movie that the public were hypnotised into believing that these 'stars' were in fact superior.

The film companies made a great deal of money and many unfortunate 'stars' often suffered nervous breakdowns in the effort to live up to their public images. Some of them found it so difficult that they committed suicide.

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer.
NO marks are given for only true or false.

1. Hollywood produced most films without any publicity at all.
2. A Hollywood 'star' was a synonym of 'an extraordinary person'.
3. People believed in the image of the 'stars' that Hollywood created.
4. All actors and actresses usually had a happy life.

II. EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. (1 POINT) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Where possible, use your own words.

1. What did Hollywood mean by the term 'star'?

2. Why were many Hollywood stars unhappy people?

III. LEXICON/ PHONETICS. (1 POINT). Choose ONLY ONE of the options.

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

(a) To perform in a theatre play or in a film.
(b) Very expensive, beautiful and comfortable.
(c) To be in a sleep-like state in which your thoughts and actions can be influenced by others' suggestions.
(d) Serious medical conditions in which someone becomes mentally ill.

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

(a) Write two past forms from the text that sound the same as "want_ed_" /ɪd/.
(b) Is the "-n-" pronounced /n/ or /ŋ/ in "looki_ng_"?
(c) Write one word from the text that has the same vowel as "f_oo_t" /ʊ/ (Underline the part of the word which contains the vowel).

IV. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)
Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. I would like to have more free time these days.
   I wish ....

2. I met that famous writer a year ago.
   It's been a year ....

3. Wendy didn't study for her test. Therefore, she failed.
   If ....

4. "Don't speak so loud, please", she said to the students.
   She ....

5. We won't buy that house because we don't have enough money.
   As ....

6. That man's brother is my new English teacher.
   That is the man ....

V. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)
Write a composition of about 100 words on **ONE** of the following topics. Specify your option.

▶ Write a brief summary of a film you have seen recently.

▶ What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a Hollywood 'star' nowadays?