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OBSERVACIONS/OBSERVACIONES:

Llegiu el text següent amb atenció, almenys dues vegades, i responeu després, en anglés i en un full d'examen a banda, les cinc preguntes formulades. Hi disposeu d'una hora. En les preguntes (1) y (5) heu d'evitar la reproducció literal de l'original.

Lea con detenimiento, al menos dos veces, el siguiente texto y responda a continuación, en inglés y en la hoja de respuestas, a las cinco preguntas formuladas. Para ello dispone de una hora. En las preguntas (1) y (5) deberá evitar la reproducción literal del original.

TEXT

FALSE HEROES IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

Young people seem to talk about celebrities like David Beckham, Lady Gaga or Miley Cyrus as their heroes. Yet, in the past, heroes were different. They were people we admired because of their noble acts. They sacrificed themselves for a higher objective: to save other people or to support an ideal. Martin Luther King is an American hero because he fought to win civil rights for blacks. But what have David Beckham or Miley Cyrus done for humanity?

Real heroes have inspired people to make sacrifices in order to do something valuable or to benefit society. Do celebrities inspire us to do great things? In contrast to heroes, some people, who have no special talent, have achieved fame without any sacrifice at all. However, they inspire respect in teenagers. Ridiculously, celebrities like LaToya Jackson are famous only because they are relatives of famous people. What contribution to society have they made to merit the attention they receive? People appear to be terribly interested in the lives of celebrities. Some say this is because it is human nature to gossip. Are our lives so dull and empty that we need glamorous celebrities to brighten them up? Perhaps we simply want someone to look up to. Do we admire the fame, wealth and status they have? Why do we admire celebrities? In my opinion, it is because there are no real traditional heroes anymore and celebrities are the next best thing.

QUESTIONS

- 1. State in your own words what the text means by (paragraph 2):**
People appear to be terribly interested in the lives of celebrities. Some say this is because it is human nature to gossip. (2 marks)

2. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, according to the text. Write T or F. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it false. (2 marks)

- a) We admire celebrities for their intelligence.
- b) Young people do not believe in heroes anymore.
- c) You do not need talent to become famous.
- d) So far as we know, people like LaToya Jackson have made no contribution to society.

3. These words are found in the text: VALUABLE, ACTUALLY, GOSSIP, DULL, PERHAPS, HIGHER, ENVY, LOOK UP TO. Choose the ones that mean the same as the following. (2 marks)

- a. BORING
- b. MAYBE
- c. ADMIRE
- d. IMPORTANT

4. Choose the best option (a, b or c), according to the text. Only one answer is correct. (2 marks)

- 1. What have David Beckham or Miley Cyrus done for humanity?
 - a. The same as Martin Luther King.
 - b. Nothing important, really.
 - c. They inspire us to make sacrifices.

- 2. LaToya Jackson has become a celebrity because...
 - a. she has been campaigning for women's rights.
 - b. she is Michael Jackson's sister.
 - c. she is a leader of the women's liberation movement.

- 3. According to the author, people are interested in celebrities because...
 - a. they inspire us to do great things.
 - b. of their talent.
 - c. they are the next best thing to real heroes.

- 4. Heroes were different in the past...
 - a. because they were more courageous than today's heroes.
 - b. and should be remembered by young people.
 - c. because they fought in favour of a noble ideal or a fellow creature.

5. Answer these questions using your own words. (2 marks)

- 1. Why are people interested in the lives of celebrities?
- 2. What kind of people become celebrities (or modern-day heroes) nowadays?