

Integrated Skills in English II

Time allowed: 2 hours

This exam paper has four tasks. Complete all tasks.

Task 1 – Long reading

Read the following text about celebrities and their privacy and answer the 15 questions on page 3.

Paragraph 1

Being famous is quite a new thing, and certainly not what it used to be. Since the rise of music and films, celebrities have become household names. This is largely because people from all over the country, or even the world, can hear their voices and see their images. In the early 20th century, although there were stars like Rudolph Valentino or Greta Garbo, their private lives and their careers were mainly separate. However, those days of mysterious distant celebrity have gone. Now, celebrities' professional lives and private lives are not so separate.

Paragraph 2

The rise of internet blogging sites, celebrity magazines and newspaper gossip pages mean that the public know every small detail about the private lives of celebrities. We can find out who they are dating, what they are eating and what gym they go to, and all kinds of everyday events. There are photographers permanently camped outside the houses of the most famous celebrities, ready to take a picture of any movements. Just look at the hundreds of celebrity gossip magazines in the press or the thousands of celebrity gossip websites and blogs; there are examples everywhere, and nobody knows how we should manage this situation.

Paragraph 3

But should celebrities have to put up with someone watching their every move from the moment they get up to the moment they go to bed? This is the subject of much debate. Many countries are looking at the current laws to protect the privacy of celebrities to see if they are strong enough in today's world. Many celebrities have taken legal action against people or newspapers who they think have not respected their private lives. And things have perhaps become rather extreme, with phone hackings, where journalists listen to people's private phone conversations, and wedding crashers. These are photographers who go to a celebrity wedding uninvited to take photos and sell them.

Paragraph 4

However, some people say that we should not only blame newspapers, magazines and photographers for this. Perhaps the celebrities themselves play a part in causing the problem. It is difficult to understand that we should feel sorry for celebrities who go out to get attention one minute and then ask for privacy the next. Photographers and reporters often say this is why their reporting of the private lives of celebrities is acceptable, and not immoral, as some people say.

Paragraph 5

Although a celebrity lifestyle may seem like a wonderful life, there is clearly a downside. Perhaps the negatives are now greater than the positives for today's celebrities. We may be able to think of celebrities who manage to keep their private lives to themselves, like George Clooney or Natalie Portman. Very little is known about their private lives. But how much effort does this take? Do stars have to change their lives to keep their privacy? Perhaps when people pick up a celebrity magazine, they should remember that these celebrities are human, not just public property.

Questions 1-5

The text on page 2 has five paragraphs (1-5). Choose the best title for each paragraph from A-F below and **write the letter (A-F) on the lines below**. There is one title you don't need.

1. Paragraph 1
2. Paragraph 2
3. Paragraph 3
4. Paragraph 4
5. Paragraph 5

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| <p>A Do journalists go too far?</p> <p>B Demand for the smallest detail</p> <p>C When fame ends</p> <p>D How fame has changed</p> <p>E Too high a price?</p> <p>F Their own worst enemy</p> |
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Questions 6-10

Choose the **five statements** from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the text on page 2. **Write the letters of the TRUE statements on the lines below (in any order).**

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| <p>A People knew a lot about the private lives of early 20th century stars.</p> <p>B The media claim that celebrities want the attention.</p> <p>C Overall, the writer feels that we should feel sorry for celebrities.</p> <p>D People don't know what to do about the growing interest in celebrities.</p> <p>E Countries will change the laws on privacy.</p> <p>F Celebrities are often complaining about the media.</p> <p>G The media are not the only group at fault.</p> <p>H The mystery has been removed from celebrities.</p> |
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Questions 11-15

Complete sentences 11-15 with an exact number, word, phrase (maximum three words) from the text. **Write the exact number, word or phrase on the lines below.**

11. The private and professional lives of early stars were mostly
.....
12. People want to read more and more in magazines and on websites.
13. In some cases, the bad behaviour of the media has led to celebrities taking
.....
14. The media might not be the only ones to in creating this situation.
15. Not having a private life is definitely one of being famous.

Turn over page



1.

- ☐ The girl is talking to her boyfriend.
- ☐ The boy wants to talk to the girl.
- ☐ The two friends are fighting.



2.

- ☐ Paula has met Carla Smith.
- ☐ Paula is studying.
- ☐ Carla Smith is a public figure.



3.

- ☐ They are talking in private.
- ☐ The woman is a singer.
- ☐ They are meeting for the first time.

B  **Infer information.** Read the sentences below. Then listen again. What might the person say next? Choose the best ending for each conversation. Two sentences are extra. **CD 1 Track 6**

Conversation 1 _____

Conversation 2 _____

Conversation 3 _____

- a. She doesn't have any privacy. It's terrible!
- b. They shouldn't speak to her in private like that. It's rude!
- c. Sorry, but I don't talk about my private life on television.
- d. Celebrities shouldn't do that in public.
- e. Excuse me, but that's none of your business!