



INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

INSTRUCCIONES: Lea el texto cuidadosamente, así como las preguntas. Conteste a las preguntas en lengua inglesa.

DURACIÓN: 60 minutos

CALIFICACIÓN: La valoración máxima de cada pregunta se indica en cada parte del ejercicio.

Reality Television

It is a type of television programming which, it is said, presents real, not prepared dramatic or humorous situations with ordinary people, not professional actors. Although it has existed since the beginning of television in one or another format, its popularity really started around 2000. Reality television has many formats, from games or talent competitions – The Voice, Top Chef, America's Got Talent-, to surveillance* productions like Big Brother.

Part of reality television's attraction is its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. It also has the potential to make its participants famous, sometimes because of their talent – for example, Pop Idol – or sometimes not - Survivor and Big Brother.

Critics say that the term "reality television" is not correct because it does not show real situations or ordinary people. Participants are put in exotic locations or strange situations, sometimes acting artificially to get a bigger audience and with actions manipulated with edition and other post-production techniques. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios to force particular situations and conflicts.

*surveillance: vigilancia

- 1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Justify your answer copying the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.** (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)
 - Reality television was created in 2000.
 - Reality television producers do not control the situations or the participants.
- 2. Fill in the gaps with the right form of the word in brackets:** (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)
 - I (never participate) _____ in a reality TV program if I was told that I (stay) _____ for more than 30 days.
 - Yesterday a new participant (go) _____ into Big Brother house while everybody (have lunch) _____.
 - VIP Big Brother can make celebrities become (famous) _____ than what they were before participating.
 - Critics say that participants and situations (manipulate) _____ by producers.
- 3. Choose the right word for each gap:** (Puntuación maxima: 2 puntos)
 - Top Chef is one of the (more / most / much) _____ popular reality shows (when / who / where) _____ talent is important.
 - Any ordinary person can participate in reality television (to / for / because) _____ become famous (however / but / despite) _____ having no specific talent.
- 4. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar and write precise answers.** (Puntuación máxima: 4 puntos)
 - Which is Spain's most popular reality show? Why is it so popular? What kind of people watch it?
 - Do you agree with critics when they say that "reality television" is not the right term? Why?