

EVALUACIÓN DE BACHILLERATO PARA EL ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD

MATERIA: Inglés

Convocatoria:

	<i>Barbie</i> movie soundtrack breaks UK singles chart record <i>Barbie</i> has already become the biggest box office hit, and now its soundtrack has conquered the UK music charts too. Tracks by Billie Eilish, Dua Lipa and Nicki Minaj have quietly entered the top five since the pink-coloured blockbuster's release. Bosses of the Official Singles Chart say it is the first time three tracks from a soundtrack have simultaneously reached the top five. But they were not the only songs from the all-star album to hit the chart. The film soundtrack made history with six tracks in the top 40. Some of pop's biggest names were behind the soundtrack's pink hits, so you might think that recruiting such an impressive team must have been hard work, but reading the statement the film's music supervisor, George Drakoulis, made for BBC's <i>Newsbeat</i> radio programme will prove the opposite. "Nobody said no (everybody was really excited)," George commented. That, of course, included two stars at the top of George's wish list, Nicki Minaj and Lizzo, along with superstar pop songwriter and producer Mark Ronson. George Drakoulis claims he engaged Mark Ronson in the project with a simple text message: "Hey <i>Barbie</i>?" "He called me right back and we sent him a script. That just started the ball rolling. Mark ended up producing the soundtrack, composing the score and writing the closing song, <i>Dance the Night</i>, with Dua Lipa," George explained. The soundtrack has also played a big part in <i>Barbie</i>'s massive marketing campaign. A few songs from the 17-track album, including Dua Lipa's <i>Dance the Night</i>, were released before the film came out. That served to fuel excitement for the movie. "It was a perfect symbiotic relationship of the music driving the movie and the movie driving the music," George explains. As soon as people left the movie theatres, they went out and got the album. Physical copies of the soundtrack, this being <i>Barbie</i>, are available in "cotton candy" vinyl and on transparent pink cassette tapes. George says he is very proud of the album and its success in the charts. He refuses to reveal his favourite track. Yet, he admits Billie Eilish's <i>What Was I Made For</i> impressed him. "The singer was shown just 25 minutes of the film and managed to take what she had seen and encapsulate it into this heartbreaking song of being a woman". The idea of number-one artists working together on a blockbuster movie has become unpopular in this era of superhero franchises and cinematic universes. However, just like the movie, the <i>Barbie</i> soundtrack has shown to be a great success. The tracklist is like a who's who of modern pop. Is this the beginning of a new era? Fragment adapted from <i>BBC News</i>, July 2023
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ANSWER KEY

1. Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. COPY the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1.5 points)

- a) Ronson's work was not just limited to producing *Barbie*'s soundtrack.
True: (lines 13-15) "Mark ended up producing the soundtrack, composing the score and writing the closing song, *Dance the Night*, with Dua Lipa", [George explained].
- b) The *Barbie* movie album can only be purchased in digital format.
False: (lines 20-21) Physical copies of the soundtrack, this being *Barbie*, are available in "cotton candy" vinyl and on transparent pink cassette tapes.
- c) George Drakoulis confessed Billie Eilish's song is his favourite.
False: (lines 22-23) [He refuses to reveal his favourite track.] Yet, he admits Billie Eilish's *What Was I Made For* impressed him.

2. ANSWER the questions below. COPY no more than 10 words and/or a number from the text to answer each question. (1.5 points)

- a) As well as becoming a blockbuster, what other achievement has the *Barbie* film obtained?
(now) its soundtrack has conquered the UK music charts too. (lines 1-2)
~~made history with six tracks in the top 40~~
- b) What was the response of the artists that *Barbie*'s music supervisor contacted to join the project?
"Nobody said no [(everybody was really excited)] (lines 8-9)
- c) What is the theme of the song American singer Billie Eilish composed for the *Barbie*'s soundtrack?
being a woman (line 25)
~~of being a woman~~

3. FIND a word or expression in the text that means... (1 point)

- a) in an unnoticeable way (lines 1-11): **quietly** (line 2)
- b) demonstrate (lines 1-11): **prove** (line 8)
- c) relating to an interaction involving mutual dependence and cooperation (lines 12-19): **sybiotic** (line 18)
- d) period (lines 20-29): **era** (line 26)

4. READ this conversation and COMPLETE your part. Write the numbers (1-6) and complete each sentence on your exam paper. (1.5 points)

Helping your friend choose a second-hand car to buy!

- Your friend:** I'm thinking about buying this car. I really like it.
You: Wow, a minivan! It seems perfect for you. (1)
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- Your friend:** Yes, that's the best part.
You: And (2) _____?
Your friend: You won't believe it. Its price is excellent, a great bargain.
You: Really? (3) _____
Your friend: Yes, I had thought about it. But I don't know any good mechanics.
You: That won't be a problem. My cousin is a mechanic. (4)
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- Your friend:** Fantastic!
You: And (5) _____?
Your friend: I've saved some money and my parents will lend me the rest.
You: That's good. Once my cousin inspects it, the car will be yours!
Your friend: Yeah, I'm super excited.
You: (6) _____
Your friend: Yes, cross your fingers!

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POSSIBLE ANSWERS

- (1) You could go camping every weekend / The colour is great / The equipment is fantastic / The features are fantastic
- (2) is it too expensive? / how/what about its price? / how much does it cost? / how much is it? /
- (3) You should ask a mechanic / I suggest you ask a mechanic to check it out / You'd better ask a mechanic / You ought to have a mechanic check it out (before buying it)
- (4) I'll ask him to take a look at it. / He'll be happy to inspect it / He'd be happy to check it out for you / He'll help you
- (5) how will you pay for it? / how can you afford it? / how are you going to pay for it? / do you have all the money already?!
- (6) Well, I hope my cousin says the car is okay / Great! I hope everything goes well with the purchase / Next week, you'll be driving your car / I'm sure everything will go perfectly

5. Choose ONLY 3 of the following situations and WRITE what you would say in each one to show that you understand the context of the situation. Write between 10 and 25 words. (1.5 points)

- a) "School canteens shouldn't sell junk food," your biology teacher comments. Give your opinion.
- b) Your friend asks you during the break, "How did your English presentation go?" Inform him about it.
- c) You bring a watch as a gift for your friend's birthday, but you realise he already has it. Offer a solution.
- d) Unfortunately, you did not study for the English exam, but it was pretty easy. Express your regret
- e) Your mother asks you to join her Latin dance classes. Refuse politely.

6. Choose ONE of the following topics and WRITE a composition of about 140-180 words. If you choose the email, DO NOT SIGN it. (3 points)

- a) Is Barbie a good or bad influence on children? Give your opinion.
- b) Write an email to Dua Lipa discussing her career, her music and its impact.