



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH

2018

SURNAMES AND NAME: _____

SIGNATURE:

AND THE WINNER IS...



The *Academy Awards*, informally known as the *Oscars*, are a set of awards for artistic and technical merit in the American film industry, given annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (*AMPAS*). The various category winners are awarded a copy of a golden statuette, officially called the "*Academy Award of Merit*", which has become commonly known by its nickname "*Oscar*".

The awards were first given in 1929 at the Hotel Roosevelt in Hollywood. The awards ceremony was first broadcast on radio in 1930 and televised for the first time in 1953. As one of the most prominent award ceremonies in the world, the Academy Awards ceremony is broadcast live in more than 100 countries annually. Fans all over the world watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the words, "And the winner is..."

The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and is conducted under the tightest secrecy. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the past seven decades. Only the most talented people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. This is to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories and up to five nominations can be made in each. The newest award is for Best Animated Feature, which started in 2001.

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1. Reading Comprehension (2 points)

1. - Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE according to the text? (2 points)

- 1. – The Academy Awards are made of gold:
- 2. – The Oscars ceremony is televised in 100 countries:
- 3. – An international company has counted the votes for a century:
- 4. – The newest award is for Best Animated Feature:

2. - Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)

1. - Where was the first Academy Awards ceremony held??

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2. – Who can take part in the voting for the Academy Awards?

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3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- ordinarily
- prize
- popular
- confidentiality

4. Read the text and choose the correct answer. (2 points)

THE OSCARS



The Oscars event is run by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict security until the winners are (1). Millions of people tune in each year to see whether their (2) movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette prize is the (3) honour in the movie industry. It can turn an actor into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars turn out looking like a million dollars in their designer dresses and (4).

..... (5) an Oscar is a great achievement, and some people have won more than one. Walt Disney (6) the record: he has won 26! Actress Meryl Streep has received more nominations than any other actress or actor: 19 (with 3 wins). Even children have won Oscars. Actress Anna Paquin won an Oscar (7) she was 11 years old. There are also some film geniuses who – incredibly – have never won. The Academy, for example, was (8) for not giving an Oscar for Best Director to Alfred Hitchcock or Stanley Kubrick, probably two of the greatest (9) of all time. This year, director Spike Lee has criticized the lack of ethnic diversity in the awards. Most members of the Academy are white, middle-aged or old males, and all 20 of the acting nominees they (10) last year were white.

Underline or circle the correct answer:

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| (1) | created | imposed | asked | announced |
| (2) | golden | favourite | hated | liking |
| (3) | less high | highest | higher | most high |
| (4) | tracksuits | suitcases | suits | wetsuits |
| (5) | Winning | Wins | Won | To winning |
| (6) | holds | holding | helds | holding |
| (7) | while | which | when | in which |
| (8) | won | quoted | critized | approved |
| (9) | directors | directories | director | directing |
| (10). | choose | chose | chosen | choosing |

