

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

Estructura de la prueba: La prueba se compone de un texto con preguntas. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente y proceda a responder en lengua inglesa las preguntas en el papel de examen.

Puntuación: La calificación máxima total será de 10 puntos, estando indicada en cada pregunta su puntuación parcial.

Tiempo: 60 minutos.

TOM HANKS

Thomas Jeffrey Hanks is an American actor and filmmaker known for his comedic and dramatic roles in many films. He was born in California in 1956 and his parents divorced in 1960. In school he was unpopular with students and teachers alike and he admitted he was horribly, painfully, terribly shy. However, Hanks acted in school plays. Later on, Tom studied theater at Chabot College in California. During his years studying theater, Hanks met Vincent Dowling, head of the Great Lakes Theater Festival and at Dowling's suggestions, Tom became an intern at the festival and that three-year experience covered most aspects of theater production, including lighting, set design and stage management, prompting Hanks to leave college.

In 1979 Hanks moved to New York City and later on to Los Angeles, where he took part in a TV show and although television critics gave the program a high mark, they knew in two years he would be a film star. In 1984, Hanks landed the lead role in *Splash*, which went on to become a surprise box office hit, grossing more than US\$69 million. Some years later, in 1993, he won an Oscar for his role in *Philadelphia* and since then, he has been extremely successful, both as an actor and director. He has also played the main role in *Forrest Gump*, becoming only the second actor to have accomplished the feat of winning consecutive Best Actor Oscars, and since then he has participated in many other famous movies.

In 2020, Hanks will star as Commander Ernest Krause in *Greyhound*, a war film which will be released in May 2020 and in October 2020 he will play the role of Finch, the last surviving man on Earth, so as we can see, Hanks keeps being very active in his life, which is why he has become so famous and popular.

QUESTIONS

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- At school Tom liked everybody since he was a very open kid.
- When Hanks worked for the Great Lakes Theater Festival, he learned many useful things for his future life.
- He has won two Academy Awards in the last 20 years.
- Tom Hanks still has several projects for the near future.

(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

- Why did Tom Hanks go away from the university?
- According to the text, what is special about the two Oscars won by Tom Hanks?

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words or phrases in the text that mean:

- confessed (paragraph 1)
- nevertheless (paragraph 1)
- shows (paragraph 1)
- participated (paragraph 2)
- flourishing (paragraph 2)
- delivered (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima 1,5 puntos)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- If I _____ (have) the opportunity, I _____ (love) to meet Tom Hanks.
- Film directors _____ have previously been actors _____ (understand) better the needs of actors. They _____ (be) usually very sympathetic.
- Do you think producing a movie is _____ (easy) in The United States or in Europe?
- In 2016 Tom Hanks _____ (receive) a presidential Medal of Freedom _____ Barack Obama.
- Have you ever _____ (think) over the possibility of _____ (meet) any famous actor or actress?

(Puntuación máxima 2,5 puntos)