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## THE VERY PUBLIC LIFE OF PRINCESS DIANA

When she died in 1997, Princess Diana had no privacy whatsoever. This was partly Diana's fault; she had invaded her own privacy with both a book and a television interview. By winning the publicity war with Charles, she had made her own life impossible.

With other modern icons who died young—Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, John F. Kennedy—the posthumous accumulation of data led to a more complex sense of who they were. Not so with Diana. Most of what we know about her hasn't changed since she first told her story, despite the dozens of books about her.

Tina Brown has written the best book on Diana to date. Brown tells a sad story all about class. The world of the British upper classes is very different from the world of international celebrity. Some areas where the question of class manifested itself, such as a lack of education, became highly problematic for Diana. Today the upper classes educate their daughters because they know that these young women will need an education in later life. Diana, however, was raised when a strong education was not considered important for rich, upper class girls. Brown argues that the absence of intellectual resources became a real problem for Diana, especially since she did not acknowledge it. Diana, Brown explains, had another plan: she wanted to marry Prince Charles.

Adaptation of a text by John LANCASTER. *The New Yorker* (June 25, 2007)

**Després de llegir el text, contesteu les preguntes seguint les instruccions que es donen en cada cas. Cada pregunta val un punt. En les preguntes d'opció múltiple, es descomptaran 0,33 punts per error; en la resta, es descomptaran 0,05 punts per cada falta d'ortografia, de morfologia, de lèxic o de sintaxi. Una mateixa falta es descomptarà només una vegada.**

**Después de leer el texto, responda a las preguntas siguiendo las instrucciones que se dan en cada caso. Todas las preguntas valen un punto. En las preguntas de opción múltiple, se descontarán 0,33 puntos por error; en el resto, se descontarán 0,05 puntos por cada falta de ortografía, de morfología, de léxico o de sintaxis. Una misma falta sólo se descontará una vez.**

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**Choose the correct answer (1-7).**

1. According to the text, Tina Brown
  - a) has invaded the privacy of Princess Diana.
  - b) has written an excellent biography of Princess Diana.
  - c) has compared Diana to Marilyn Monroe.
  - d) has given a television interview about Diana.
2. Which of the following best explains the article's comparison of Princess Diana to Marilyn Monroe?
  - a) Both died in automobile accidents.
  - b) Both were famous actors.
  - c) Both were popular figures who died young.
  - d) Both married very famous men.
3. The article states that by 1997, Diana had come to have no privacy
  - a) because of a situation that she had created in part for herself.
  - b) because she had little education.
  - c) because the Royal Family did not support her.
  - d) because there have been dozens of books about her life.

4. According to the article, upper class British families
  - a) have criticized Tina Brown's book about Diana.
  - b) have lifestyles that are similar to those of Hollywood celebrities.
  - c) have changed their attitude toward educating their daughters.
  - d) were responsible for Diana's lack of privacy.
5. The author of this article believes that most books written about Diana after her death
  - a) have not added any new information about her personality.
  - b) have taken advantage of the Royal Family.
  - c) have added much to our understanding of her life and times.
  - d) have described the life of the British upper class in great detail.
6. The article states that Diana
  - a) had attended exclusive private schools where she received an excellent education.
  - b) knew that her education was limited and had private tutors to help her.
  - c) was attending university classes at the time of her death in 1997.
  - d) had very little education, which became a serious problem for her.
7. Which of the following can replace "despite the dozens of books about her"?
  - a) because of the dozens of books about her
  - b) although there have been dozens of books about her
  - c) due to the dozens of books about her
  - d) since there have been dozens of books about her

**Change in sentence structure.**

8. Change the sentence “Tina Brown has written the best book on Diana to date” to the passive voice.

**Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; your answer should be 40-60 words in length.)**

9. According to the text, why did Diana have no privacy?
10. Briefly describe how the attitude of the upper class in Britain has changed with respect to educating their daughters.

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