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**INGLÉS. CÓDIGO 54**

**Oasis**

Oasis are an English rock band, formed in Manchester in 1991, led by lead (1) guitarist and primary songwriter Noel Gallagher and his younger brother, lead vocalist and songwriter Liam Gallagher. Oasis are arguably the most successful group to emerge (2) during the Britpop movement of the mid-1990s. Oasis have sold more than 50 million albums alone worldwide, and have had eight UK number one singles. Liam and Noel Gallagher are the only original band members.

With the success (3) of their Mercury Prize-nominated debut album, Definitely Maybe (1994), and their even more successful follow-up, the 19 million selling (What's the Story) Morning Glory? (1995), coupled with a rivalry with their contemporary Blur, Oasis attained fame in the mid-1990s, and became the leaders of the Britpop movement. The Gallagher brothers were featured regularly in tabloid newspaper stories, and cultivated a reputation as both bad boys and a band of the people.

At the height of their fame, Oasis' third album, Be Here Now (1997), reached #1 in the UK charts, #2 in the U.S. and also became the fastest-selling album in chart history, with almost half a million copies sold on the first day alone and just under 700,000 copies in its first week. With the loss of founding members, the band suffered a notable drop (4) in popularity in America. However, they found replacements and managed to soldier on and release commercially and critically successful albums afterwards. In 2005, their sixth album Don't Believe the Truth was released becoming their best-selling and best-received album in a decade. In November 2006, the band released (5) a "best of" album entitled Stop the Clocks, which received great attention, especially in the UK, selling more than one million records in three months. In February 2007, Oasis received the BRIT Award for outstanding contribution to music.

On 25 February 2009, Oasis received the NME Award for Best British Band of 2009.

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**PREGUNTAS (NO RESPONDER EN ESTA HOJA)**

READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. BE CAREFUL TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH QUESTION.

- 1.** Link each of the words or expressions listed below with one word or expression in the column (as numbered in the text) [1 mark]. Please copy the correct pair of words on your answer sheet, e.g. 'common and ...'

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## **2.** Reading comprehension

- 2.1.** Choose the best option [0.75 marks]. Please copy the complete correct option on your answer sheet.

Oasis are possibly the most successful group to emerge during the Britpop movement of the mid-90s.

Oasis are the most important Britpop band of the mid-90s.

Oasis have sold more than 50 million albums in the UK.

Oasis are the least successful band that emerged during the Britpop movement of the mid-90s.

- 2.2.** Choose the best option [0.75 marks]. Please copy the complete correct option on your answer sheet.

Liam and Noel Gallagher left the band while recording Be Here Now.

Oasis' Be Here Now reached #1 in the U.S. charts.

Nearly 500,000 copies of Be Here Now were sold on the first day. Oasis sold more than 700,000 copies of their third album.

- 3.** Complete the sentences using information from the text [2 marks]. It is important that phrases from the text are not reproduced literally, unless this is unavoidable.

a) The group was ...

b) Liam and Noel Gallagher appeared ...

c) Oasis and Blur ...

d) The popularity of Oasis in America ...

Complete with one or more adequate words [1.5 marks]. Do not copy the complete text on your sheet, only the letter – (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) – followed

by the word or words that you find suitable for the gap. It is important that phrases from the text are not reproduced literally.

The Battle of Britpop is the unofficial title ... (a) to the 1995 singles chart battle between two popular Britpop groups, Blur and Oasis. The two bands had had a long-running feud<sup>1</sup> with each side expressing their opinions of the other. On ... (b) occasion Noel Gallagher of Oasis said he wished ... (c) Damon Albarn and Alex James of Blur would "catch AIDS and die" (he later apologised for his comments). The feud between the two bands came into the mainstream ... (d) 1995 when Blur and Oasis released singles ("Country House" and "Roll With It" respectively) ... (e) the same day. Blur ... (f) the first battle by 58,000 sales: "Country House" sold 274,000 copies to 216,000 copies sold of "Roll with It".

**4.** From the information in the text, do you think that the Gallagher brothers' lifestyles contributed to their success? (25-50 words) [2 marks] You are expected to draw information from the text, but please use your own words.

**5.** Are you keen on Britpop? Why? (25-50 words) [2 marks]. Express your own ideas by using your own words.

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<sup>1</sup> *Feud* = enemistad