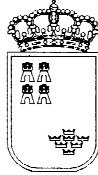




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Music, the Internet and Copyrights

Music piracy has existed as long as recording equipment has been available. Distributing unauthorized copies of copyrighted material, though illegal, has become popular in recent years with the advent (1) of computers, the internet and technology used to create copies of songs and share them with other users.

The RIAA, or Recording Industries' Association of America, is the predominant (2) organization opposing music piracy. They have undertaken legal action against people offering music online, and even some who only downloaded songs. The RIAA has published several articles concerning piracy and copyrights. In one document they state, "Piracy cheats (3) producers, composers, sound engineers, studio musicians and vocalists by stealing part of the royalties* on which they depend for their lives".

It seems, therefore, that distributing and even simply downloading music is against the law. However, a survey (4) done by *Internet & American Life* in 2003 shows that 35 million US citizens download music and 26 million share files online. The survey shows that 67% of users who download say that they do not care if it is copyrighted, 27% say they do care about copyrights, and 6% either don't have a position, or don't know enough about the issue (5).

* *royalties*: the percentage that the author of a song, book, etc. receives from the sales of the product.

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. '*advent* and ...'

main

opinion poll

deceive

appearance

topic

advent (1) and ...

predominant (2) and ...

cheat (3) and ...

survey (4) and ...

issue (5) and ...

2. Reading comprehension

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

- The RIAA believes that producers, composers, musicians and vocalists should work together to defend their rights
- According to the RIAA, offering music online is the only illegal act that the law should bring action against
- The RIAA considers that downloading songs from the internet is as illegal as offering music online
- The RIAA proposes that downloading songs from the internet is not legal, but it is not worth that the law brings action against it

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

- A majority of US citizens are not properly informed about copyright laws
- Most US citizens do not have an opinion about this matter
- Only a minority of US citizens download and share files online
- Many US citizens do not care about the rights of artists and producers

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) Legal action against music piracy ...
- b) The survey ...
- c) If computers and the internet ...
- d) Although it is illegal ...

4. 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 music industry has been in a decline ... (a) the past few years. ... (b), not all of that decline may be related to the distribution of unauthorized copies. Instead, the crisis may be ... (c) the state of the economy. It may also be that in the 1990s, many people ... (d) buying CDs simply to have them in digital format, and now the sales are returning to normal. Many download music to ... (e) an album, and if they ... (f) what they hear, they buy that album.

5. The text reveals that there is a conflict between the law and the real behaviour of some people. Can you summarize both positions in the conflict? (25-50 words) [2 marks] You are expected to draw information from the text, but please use your own words.

6. What is your opinion about the problem of music piracy? (25-50 words) [2 marks]. Express your own ideas by using your own words.