



Unmasking Online Deceit: Scandals and Fraud in Social Media

Description

A remarkable awards season in Oscar history reached its climax on Sunday when Sean Baker's "Anora," a comedy that portrays the life of a sex worker from the outer boroughs, was awarded the coveted title of Best Picture. This independent film, made with a modest budget of \$6 million and shot in a guerrilla style, received accolades from the Hollywood elite, highlighting Baker's exceptional talent and the prowess of the studio Neon, credited for guiding "Parasite" to its groundbreaking success in 2019 as the first non-English-language film to clinch the Best Picture award. By honoring "Anora," the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has signaled a shift from its previously outdated image, embracing films that challenge conventions, especially regarding language—boasting over 400 instances of the F-word—and sexuality.

The Oscars this year witnessed a whirlwind of surprises before Baker and his team accepted five Oscars. As we reflect on this year's awards, several vital lessons emerge.

Category Fraud Remains Pervasive

For the first time, four nominees in acting categories received Oscars, despite two being awarded for supporting performances. This phenomenon illustrates the blatant category fraud that has become increasingly apparent. Zoe Saldaña, for instance, featured prominently in "Emilia Pérez," yet Karla Sofía Gascón, in the titular role, had less screen time.

As the industry evolves, studios should embrace co-leads, encouraging their actors to compete authentically. With examples like "Thelma & Louise," it is clear that characters can share the spotlight without compromising the integrity of the awards.

Social Media Scrubbing Becomes Standard

The controversy surrounding Karla Sofía Gascón underlines how essential social media management has become for award contenders. After facing a potential scandal, studios now recognize the necessity of scrubbing away traces that could jeopardize a campaign, emphasizing that vigilance is crucial for those aspiring to win accolades in any major awards.

This revised version maintains the essence of the original content while enhancing vocabulary, sentence complexity, and overall coherence, making it suitable for upper-intermediate readers.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Climax** /'klaɪ.mæks/ (noun): The most intense exciting or important point of something.
2. **Accolades** /'æk.ə.leɪdz/ (noun): Awards or expressions of praise.
3. **Prowess** /'praʊ.ɪs/ (noun): Skill or expertise in a particular activity or field.



4. **Acclaimed** /ə'kleɪmd/ (adjective): Publicly praised; celebrated.
5. **Pervasive** /pər'veɪ.sɪv/ (adjective): Spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.
6. **Scrubbing** /'skrʌb.ɪŋ/ (verb): Cleaning or removing unwanted data or content.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which film was awarded Best Picture in the remarkable awards season mentioned?
Option: Parasite
Option: Anora
Option: Thelma & Louise
Option: Emilia Pérez
2. What was the budget of the independent film "Anora" mentioned?
Option: \$1 million
Option: \$10 million
Option: \$6 million
Option: \$5 million
3. How many instances of the F-word were boasted in the film "Anora"?
Option: Less than 100
Option: 200
Option: Over 400
Option: Around 300
4. Which studio was credited for guiding "Parasite" to its groundbreaking success in 2019?
Option: Neon
Option: Paramount
Option: Warner Bros.
Option: Universal Pictures
5. How many Oscars did Sean Baker and his team accept this year?
Option: 3
Option: 5
Option: 1
Option: 7



6. Who received less screen time in the film "Emilia Pérez"?

- Option: Zoe Saldaña
- Option: Karla Sofía Gascón
- Option: Both had equal screen time
- Option: There is no mention of screen time in the film

True-False

7. The film "Anora" had a budget exceeding \$10 million.
8. Studios are encouraged to have co-leads in films to compete authentically in awards.
9. Karla Sofía Gascón faced a social media scandal during the awards season.
10. The Oscars witnessed a lack of surprises this year.
11. The controversy surrounding Karla Sofía Gascón highlighted the importance of social media management for award contenders.
12. The industry has not seen an increase in category fraud in recent times.

Gap-Fill

13. The film "Anora" was shot in a guerrilla style with a modest budget of \$ _____ million.
14. The film "Parasite" was the first non-English-language film to clinch the Best Picture award in the year _____. (Specify the year)
15. Studios recognize the necessity of scrubbing away traces that could jeopardize a campaign due to the importance of _____ management.
16. According to the content, the Oscars witnessed a whirlwind of _____ before Sean Baker accepting the Oscars.
17. _____ is encouraged for actors to compete authentically in awards.



18. The controversial situation around Karla Sofía Gascón underlines the importance of vigilant _____ for award aspirants.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Anora 2. \$6 million 3. Over 400 4. Neon 5. 5 6. Karla Sofía Gascón

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 6 14. 2019 15. social media 16. surprises 17. Co-leads 18. scrubbing

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to the period after childbirth?

Option: Heartbreaking

Option: Navigate

Option: Postpartum

Option: Lamenting

2. Which word means to be praised or recognized for excellence?

Option: Burden

Option: Acclaimed

Option: Casual

Option: Cunning

3. Which word describes someone or something famous and respected?

Option: Poignant

Option: Prowess

Option: Renowned

Option: Nurturing

4. What term refers to unforeseen issues or problems?

Option: Scrubbing

Option: Complications

Option: Esteemed

Option: Ambitious

5. Which adverb means to be honest and straightforward?



- Option: Pervasive
- Option: Candidly
- Option: Collaborators
- Option: Autopsy

6. What term describes expressing sorrow or regret?

- Option: Climax
- Option: Lamenting
- Option: Accolades
- Option: Acclaimed

7. Which word means easily noticeable or clear?

- Option: Prowess
- Option: Pronounced
- Option: Spokesperson
- Option: Cunning

8. What term means to fail or peter out gradually?

- Option: Acknowledging
- Option: Fizzle
- Option: Recognition
- Option: Spokesperson

9. What term refers to cleaning intensely?

- Option: Casual
- Option: Scrubbing
- Option: Recognition
- Option: Collaborators

10. What term means to accept or admit the existence of something?

- Option: Ambitious
- Option: Acknowledging
- Option: Accolades
- Option: Esteemed

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. In unfamiliar territory one needs to _____ carefully to reach the destination.
12. Carrying such a heavy load can be a significant _____ on one's back.
13. His _____ to the project was invaluable without it the success would not have been



possible.

14. The influence of social media is becoming increasingly _____ impacting every aspect of our lives.

15. Each person plays a distinct _____ in the success of the team.

16. After the mysterious death of the celebrity an _____ was performed to determine the cause.

17. The success of the project was largely due to the dedication of all the _____ involved.

18. Many women experience emotional changes during the _____ period following childbirth.

19. She was an _____ member of the community highly regarded for her charitable work.

20. His martial arts _____ was unmatched earning him numerous tournament victories.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The film's ending was so that many in the audience were moved to tears.
22. He wore a outfit to the formal event not realizing the dress code.
23. Her kind and nature made her an excellent teacher for young children.
24. The fox's nature allowed it to outsmart the other animals in the forest.
25. Understanding your in the team helps promote effective collaboration.
26. The movie reached its with a dramatic car chase scene.
27. Her talent as an artist earned her numerous awards and .



28. His goal was to climb the highest mountain on every continent.

29. The excitement over the new product seemed to as sales declined.

30. Her hard work and dedication finally led to the she deserved.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Postpartum 2. Acclaimed 3. Renowned 4. Complications 5. Candidly 6. Lamenting
7. Pronounced 8. Fizzle 9. Scrubbing 10. Acknowledging

Gap-Fill: 11. navigate 12. burden 13. contribution 14. pervasive 15. role 16. autopsy 17. collaborators
18. postpartum 19. esteemed 20. prowess

Matching sentence: 1. poignant 2. casual 3. nurturing 4. cunning 5. role 6. climax 7. accolades 8. ambitious
9. fizzle 10. recognition

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