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LENGUA EXTRANJERA
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OPTION A: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA

- 1 Tesla was born in Serbia in 1856, during a lightning storm, which led the nurse to say, "He will be a child of the storm", to which
2 his mother replied, "No, of the light". As a student, he was so good at mathematics that teachers accused him of cheating. Tesla
3 migrated to the US in 1884, where he developed the alternating current motor and held over 300 patents. At the World's Exposition of
4 1893 in Chicago, he illuminated more light bulbs than could be found in the entire city, and amazed audiences with an electric light
5 that required no wires. He had a photographic memory, which helped him memorize whole books and speak eight languages.
6 Besides his remarkable achievements as a scientist, he was also known for his eccentricities. He claimed that he had developed
7 a motor that ran on cosmic rays, and that he had discovered a technique for photographing thoughts.
8 He never married, and ended up broke and alone, living in a New York hotel paid by the Westinghouse Corporation. He frequented
9 the local park, where he was regularly seen feeding the pigeons, with which he claimed to share a special affinity. He was found dead
10 in his room at age 86.
11 Today the name Tesla is still very much in circulation. The world's best-known electric car bears his name, and the strength of MRI
12 scanners is measured in Teslas. He was a real-life Prometheus: the mythical Greek titan who brought fire to humankind, but in
13 punishment was chained to a rock where each day an eagle ate his liver. Tesla brought lightning down to earth, but his uncommon
14 habits eventually led to his downfall.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, Tesla was...

- (a) an amazing photographer. (b) a well-known broker.
(c) a brilliant scientist. (d) the inventor of the electric car.

2. According to the text, Nikola Tesla...

- (a) might be compared to a mythical character. (b) didn't get on well with pigeons.
(c) was a family man. (d) invented MRI scanners.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Tesla showed his special intelligence when he was at school.
4. Tesla surprised people with the development of a wireless electric bulb.
5. Tesla ended his days rich but alone.

6. Nobody remembers Tesla anymore.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "ruin" (noun).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "engine" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "strange or unusual behaviour."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to give food to."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "She's really supportive. You can always count... her." (preposition).
9.2. "I'm terrible... playing chess." (preposition).

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I have always dreamed... becoming successful." over / of / on / around
10.2. "I wish I... more time to hang out with my friends." have / was having / had / should have

11. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I'm sure she didn't steal the money." She can't...

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known you were in trouble,..."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They have broken into my car twice this month."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Mike works for a rich businessman on weekends."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What is the greatest invention in history? Justify your answer.



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OPTION B: DO YOU HAVE A FEAR OF MISSING OUT?

- 1 FOMO, or the "Fear of Missing Out", is a syndrome many of us have experienced. It happens when we start to feel nervous about
2 not taking part in social events. It's no coincidence that FOMO and social media have grown at approximately the same time. Social
3 media activate awareness of all the most exciting things other people are doing, and using social media is closely connected to FOMO,
4 according to research.
5 The syndrome is often associated with perceived feelings of inferiority. When we miss a party, vacation, or any other social event,
6 we sometimes feel a little less cool than those who showed up and uploaded photos. Surveys have suggested that FOMO is most
7 common in people aged from 18 to 33, and also more common among men than women, though it's still unclear why. Research
8 suggests FOMO can have a pretty negative impact on psychological health. It can cause anxiety and depression, especially among
9 young people. In more extreme cases, these social insecurities can even contribute to violence and feelings of shame.
10 Our social media selves are very often better and shinier than reality, and sometimes it's only the beautiful parts that we show.
11 Everyone has experienced challenges, letdowns and sadness. Everyone. However, we can't only blame social media for causing
12 FOMO. For people likely to have these kinds of thoughts, unplugging all those gadgets might not solve the problem as efficiently as
13 therapy. FOMO may be a type of cognitive distortion separate from technology.
14 So, the next time you compare yourself to the perfect lives portrayed on social media, take a deep breath and remember that things
15 are not always as they seem.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, FOMO...**
(a) happens because we use social media. (b) is completely avoided if we keep away from social media.
(c) happens when we don't care about what others are doing. (d) is aggravated by the use of social media.
2. **According to the text, in social media people...**
(a) display violent attitudes. (b) usually show how sad they are.
(c) show a non-realistic version of themselves. (d) show what they are really like.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. FOMO is usually a consequence of low self-esteem.
4. Females are the most common victims of FOMO.
5. FOMO is a condition that can lead to several mental disorders.
6. Therapy cannot help if you suffer from FOMO.
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "disappointment" (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "exactly" (adverb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the treatment of mental disorders or disease."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "fashionably attractive or impressive."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:
9.1. "The thief started to shoot... the police." (preposition)
9.2. "Who does this dictionary belong...?" (preposition)
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:
10.1. "To be a secret agent, you... be strong, but you have to be intelligent." mustn't / needn't / shouldn't / wouldn't
10.2. "We were having... good time that my children didn't want to leave." so / a / such a / too
11. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "My mechanic can fix my car in less than a day." I can...
12. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "That report shouldn't be read by anybody."
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "Tony asked Sandra how old her brother was."
14. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "We'd better leaving now if we want to arrive at time."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Are you afraid of missing out? Explain.



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OPTION A: THE SPANISH LEGIÓN PUT ON DIET OVER OBESITY FEARS

1 The Spanish army has put soldiers in one of its most famous units on a diet because of fears that some are becoming obese.
2 Members of La Legión, nicknamed "the Bridegrooms of Death", are known for their toughness, distinctive green uniforms and rapid
3 marching pace. Recognisable by their open-necked shirts, the legionnaires found themselves attracting global attention last year after
4 a Twitter user posted a picture of fatty soldiers with a sarcastic comment about their bellies and unbuttoned shirts.

5 Concerns have emerged over the legionnaires' figures and fitness levels, forcing the army to act. La Legión has elaborated an
6 internal report, published by *El País*, which states that they require a series of measures to reduce excess weight among their
7 personnel. The document has noted that factors including a lack of fitness facilities and a higher average age are contributing to the
8 problem.

9 More than 3,000 troops have undergone checks to determine their body mass index (BMI). The results showed that 180 (6%) had
10 a BMI of 30 or above, which makes them obese. They received medical examinations as well as nutritional advice and exercise plans
11 to help them lose between 500g and 1kg a week. Although La Legión recognises that without the necessary action "we will be
12 condemned to loss of prestige as a combat unit", it admits that being overweight "can be due to cultural, pathological or even
13 psychological factors that need to be properly considered."

14 An army spokesman said the initiative, which began last September, was designed to improve legionnaires' wellbeing. "The
15 reaction has been very positive and the initial results are good", he said.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, the legionnaires have become the focus of attention for...

(a) posting pictures on Twitter.	(b) a picture posted on Twitter.
(c) their sensitiveness.	(d) their good shape.
2. The document treating obesity factors in the legionnaires was...

(a) posted by a Twitter user.	(b) written by <i>El País</i> .
(c) tweeted by <i>El País</i> .	(d) written by the military.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Older legionnaires are more likely to be obese according to the report.
4. More than 3,000 troops have been found to be overweight in La Legión.
5. La Legión doesn't really care about its soldiers' appearance as long as they keep a high level of performance.
6. The actions taken so far have been well received by the troops.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "excess" (noun).
- 7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "worsen" (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a person who speaks on behalf of others."
- 8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "good reputation, honour."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "She made me... the same thing over and over." (do)
- 9.2. "He never knows when... talking." (stop)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "La Legión's pet goat plays a part... the Annual March." to / for / in / from
- 10.2. "They are not fond... summer camps." of / about / for / to

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "The infantry was marching past the cheering crowd. Their uniforms looked nicer this year."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "They received nutritional advice to lose weight."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Doctors advise weak patients to gain weight gradually."

14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "Unless you change your eating habits,..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Advantages and disadvantages of following a diet.



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OPTION B: NETFLIX ADDICTION IS REAL

1 The World Health Organization (WHO) recently classified obsessive video-gaming as an addiction. I believe it won't be long until
2 "gaming disorder" is joined in the WHO's International Classification of Diseases by another modern, screen-based illness: "Netflix
3 disorder".

4 I watch a lot of Netflix and I am starting to worry that it has become an emotional aid. If I am feeling stressed or depressed, I self-
5 medicate by staying up late, watching show after show. It makes me forget about everything else, which is welcome, considering the
6 state of the world. And just when I remember what I should be focusing on, another episode starts automatically and I disconnect
7 again.

8 Entertainment has always been about escapism. What is new, however, is the degree to which Netflix, like all the big tech platforms,
9 is engineered to be addictive. Netflix has turned unhealthy behaviour into an accepted part of modern culture. It does not even try to
10 hide the fact that its ambition is to hook us all. Reed Hastings, Netflix's co-founder, has admitted its biggest competitor is sleep. "When
11 you watch a Netflix show and you get addicted to it, you stay up late at night", he said.

12 I am not the only one with a Netflix problem. Netflix has become the opium of the masses. Indeed, it is beginning to feel as though
13 we are living in a real-world version of David Wallace's famous book, *Infinite Jest*, where there's a film so entertaining that its viewers
14 lose interest in anything other than viewing it, and eventually die. We are also entertaining ourselves to death. Actually, I never finished
15 reading *Infinite Jest*. But I am sure it will be on Netflix soon.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. The author watches Netflix because...

- (a) he/she is ill and confined to bed. (b) it helps him/her to stay away from his / her problems.
(c) he/she can't get any sleep at night. (d) it offers a kind of entertainment that is cheap and easy.

2. According to the writer, addiction to Netflix is...

- (a) an isolated fact. (b) helpful for sleeping longer.
(c) an imaginary problem. (d) a collective problem.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Netflix addiction has already been considered a mental disease.
4. Netflix is the only application which may turn you into a compulsive user.
5. Reed Hastings admitted that helping people sleep is their final aim.
6. As in the book *Infinite Jest*, the amusement provided by Netflix can be dangerous.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "help" (noun).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "confess" (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the way somebody or something acts or functions in particular situations."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to put out of sight, or to keep secret."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "My parents won't allow me... Netflix." (watch)
9.2. "By the time they arrived, the film... yet." (not begin)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "What time does the plane take...?" over / on / off / up
10.2. "She is getting... her flu really quickly." of / along / over / from

11. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I was so bored that I decided to go to the cinema with my friends." If I...

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I self-medicate by staying up late."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Netflix has turned unhealthy behaviour into a part of modern culture."

14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "Gloria said to us, 'Let's go for a walk.'"

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Do you enjoy watching TV series? Explain.



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OPTION A: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

1 Substance abuse touches millions of people worldwide each year, but it is unequally represented — the developing world, and
2 marginalized groups and communities being the most vulnerable to it.

3 Drug abuse does not necessarily correlate with how wealthy or poor one is. Of course, wealthier individuals can "afford" to buy
4 more drugs than someone living in poverty who might have to use less expensive substances, as is the case of those sniffing glue.
5 But after all, the aim of using drugs is to alter one's physical and mental state, so different circumstances lead people from different
6 environments to the same end — substance abuse. Somehow, this is a problem that affects us all differently but that brings the same
7 consequences of harm, isolation from the community, and even death.

8 However, no matter how tragic the stories of substance abuse are, there is always an inspiring story to be told. David Parnell
9 began using drugs, marijuana initially, at the young age of 13. He quickly moved on to "harder" drugs such as methamphetamine. For
10 23 years, drugs were the focus of his life. After years of misery, he attempted to kill himself but missed the shot, which left his face
11 severely disfigured. After this incident, he promised to change his life. At present, David takes his story on the road, traveling around
12 North America and speaking to youth about the dangers of substance abuse. He brings hope to those who are trapped in the cycle of
13 drug use and shows the dangers of drug abuse to those who haven't yet explored it.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, some people who come from poor environments...**

- (a) are less likely to become substance abusers. (b) can afford to buy all kinds of drugs.
(c) sniff glue because it is cheaper. (d) don't want to alter their physical state.

2. **David Parnell...**

- (a) lived very happily while using drugs. (b) has a very funny story to tell.
(c) entered drugs through methamphetamine. (d) tried to commit suicide.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Substance abuse affects some countries and communities more than others.**

4. **Drug abuse contributes to making people distant from family and friends.**

5. **There is nothing positive behind a drug abuse story.**

6. **David Parnell is currently trying to keep people away from drugs.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "sad" (adjective).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "slightly" (adverb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "susceptible to physical harm or damage."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to catch and prevent (someone) from leaving a place."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "The teacher reminded the students..." (not smoke)
9.2. "I'm having my kitchen... this week." (paint)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "I don't know how to cope... the situation." (preposition)
10.2. "The witch turned the princess... a frog." (preposition)

11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If you ever see me smoking,..."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "My brother's friend started painting at the age of sixteen."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "My parents helped me out of drug abuse."

14. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "Jim stopped drink because he wanted to change his live."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What do you think about substance abuse?



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OPTION B: BANKSY: ARTWORK TORN TO PIECES

- 1 'Girl with Balloon', which shows a girl reaching towards a heart-shaped balloon, is one of Banksy's most widely recognised
2 artworks. First appeared as a spray painting on a wall in London, one of its versions in canvas was auctioned by Sotheby's in London.
3 Banksy is the mysterious street artist whose real name nobody knows. After being acquired by a female European collector, the canvas
4 suddenly passed through a shredding machine installed in the frame that tore it into pieces, shocking the audience and the art world.
5 A few hours later, the anti-establishment graffiti artist posted on Instagram a video of it going to pieces with the caption "Going, going,
6 gone..."
7 However, Alex Branczik, Sotheby's Head of Contemporary Art in Europe, said, "Banksy didn't destroy an artwork in the auction,
8 he created one." After being certified by Banksy's authentication team, the resulting pieces were newly-titled 'Love is in the Bin', and
9 it is considered the first artwork in history to have been created live during an auction.
10 It has now been known that the buyer, a long-standing client of the gallery who does not wish to be named, is proceeding with the
11 £1.04 million purchase. She said, "When the work was shredded, I was at first shocked, but gradually began to realise that I would
12 end up with my own piece of art history."
13 'Slave Labour', which features a young boy at a sewing machine, will go to auction on 19 November in LA together with other
14 works by Banksy. Darren Julien, president of Julien's Auctions said, "We can't guarantee that our Banksy's will automatically shred or
15 explode but they will be sold to the highest offer."

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. 'Girl with Balloon' was...
(a) an artwork posted on Instagram. (b) originally a graffiti.
(c) destroyed before anyone could buy it. (d) sold by a European female collector.
2. 'Girl with Balloon' was...
(a) acquired by a collector once it was torn. (b) acquired by the artist to be shredded.
(c) sold to a collector before it was shredded. (d) never sold in auction.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Banksy's identity is widely known by the public.
4. Banksy shared the destruction of his work on social media.
5. Banksy's destruction of his own canvas during the auction resulted in a new artwork.
6. The buyer of 'Girl with a Balloon' is an old customer of Sotheby's.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "customer" (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "seller" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a person forced to work for another against their will."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a public sale at which property or goods are sold to the person who will pay most."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "She should... me she was going to sell the painting." (tell)
9.2. "I was looking forward to... Berlin to see some of Banksy's works." (visit)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "She was anxiously waiting... the auction." with / for / to / against
10.2. "A burglar broke... our house and took all of my mom's jewels." off / up / into / down

11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If she hadn't bought the painting,..."

12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "'Girl with Balloon' is a wonderful artwork. 'Girl with Balloon' was sold for £1.04 million."

13. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "What a unexpected event we witness at the auction last Friday night!"

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: 'Girl with Balloon' shows a girl with a heart-shaped balloon.

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What kinds of art do you like best — music, cinema, painting, etc.? Explain.



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OPTION A: ELDERLY SPANISH COUPLE SLEEP IN PARK AFTER BEING EVICTED

1 On September 18, an elderly Spanish couple were evicted from their home in Oviedo, Asturias. They left all their belongings in the
2 flat except for "a few things" which they took with them to a park in the city. No one knew their whereabouts. For the next two nights,
3 the couple, aged 74 and 72, slept on a park bench.
4 The story has angered the Mortgage Victims Platform (PAH, in its Spanish acronym), an association that fights for the right to
5 decent housing. PAH argues that judges must inform social services when a vulnerable family is going to be evicted. Given the couple
6 were over 65, they qualify as one of the groups at risk of exclusion. But the judge working the case did not take this step because he
7 did not know how old the couple were, according to the chief magistrate in charge. The eviction order only included the rental contract,
8 which simply stated that the couple were adults, she says. The couple had not explained their extreme situation either, so no action
9 was taken to contact social services or regional or local authorities, she explains.
10 The PAH says the couple had become deeply indebted because they could not afford the rent on their flat, where they had lived
11 for over a decade. The two survived on the woman's pension, which was around €370 and did not cover the €400 needed for rent
12 every month. The regional government, meanwhile, has said that it cannot "intervene to stop an eviction" if they do not know the
13 "circumstances" of those involved.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, the PAH...

- (a) aims to protect the elderly. (b) gives loans to families in financial difficulties.
(c) supports the judges and the authorities. (d) wants everybody to have a proper house.

2. The Asturian authorities...

- (a) promised to act in similar cases in the future. (b) were not aware of the situation of this family.
(c) informed the social services as soon as they knew. (d) told the judge about the couple's risk of exclusion.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The couple's relatives didn't know where they had gone.**
4. **The couple should have been considered vulnerable because of their age.**
5. **The couple had recently moved to that flat.**
6. **Both the man and the woman had a monthly income.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "critical" (adjective).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "danger" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a word formed from the initial letters of the words in a name."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to be able to pay for something."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "I am exhausted because I... for two hours now." (walk)
9.2. "My cousin... when his father turned the light on." (sleep)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "Michael is married ... a doctor." with / for / to / upon
10.2. "I am ashamed ... my brother for doing that to the poor kid." with / of / at / for

11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If the social services had known their age,..."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "He used to play the flute when he was a child."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "A man in a mask has stolen all our belongings."

14. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

In your opinion, what are the most serious social problems today?



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OPTION B: SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH

1 The rise of social media has meant that we are more connected than ever before in history. However, our dependence on social
2 media can have a harmful effect on our mental health. Do the pros of social media outweigh the cons?

3 There are several ways in which social media could be negatively affecting our mental health without us even realising. We all
4 have our own insecurities — we speak about some of them openly, but we prefer to keep others to ourselves. So, comparing ourselves
5 to others can do little to remove our feelings of self-doubt. Besides, communicating and creating personal connections can be hard
6 when we are only acquainted with our friends' digital profiles.

7 On the other hand, social media can be great for looking back fondly on memories and recounting past events. However, it can
8 also distort the way in which you remember previous experiences. Besides, many of us spend too much time taking the perfect photo,
9 instead of enjoying the experience of witnessing it with our own eyes.

10 One more thing is that social media has provided a means of constantly giving in to the temptation of instant, easy-access
11 entertainment. Using our phones just before going to bed makes it harder to doze off and eventually fall asleep. And getting enough
12 sleep is of great importance.

13 Finally, when used too much or without caution, social media has been proven not only to cause unhappiness but also to lead to
14 the development of mental health issues such as anxiety or depression. While you don't necessarily have to quit social media
15 permanently, why not consider giving yourself some time off social media every day?

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **An excessive use of social media makes...**

- (a) face to face communications easier. (b) our memories more accurate.
(c) it harder to get a good rest. (d) us more confident.

2. **People's mental health...**

- (a) will improve with the use of social media. (b) gets worse if they quit social sites.
(c) may suffer with the use of social media. (d) is less important than their physical health.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Sometimes we are not aware of the impact of social media on our health.**

4. **People like talking naturally about their self-doubts.**

5. **Building real friendship is easier with social media.**

6. **The writer suggests devoting some time to activities that do not involve the use of social media.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "damaging" (adjective). 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "relationship" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to see something happen." 8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to stop doing something."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: (0.5 points)

- 9.1. "I... **for this company for more than thirty years.**" (work) 9.2. "If I... **you, I would not sleep with the phone.**" (be)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "She is fluent... **English because she has lived in Dublin.**" at / on / in / about
10.2. "Julie was taking the dog for a walk... **I was checking my emails.**" during / unless / how / while

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "Most teenagers have been attracted by social media influencers lately."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Climate change will have an important impact on the price of food."

13. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "In the moment, we can't afford for buy an iPhone X."

14. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: **Would you restrict your time on social media? Explain.**



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OPTION A: MINDFULNESS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

1 Mindfulness is a meditation technique aimed at focusing the mind on the present moment. A report published this week analysing
2 data involving 3,000 participants suggests that mindfulness can help alleviate feelings of stress and increase quality of life. The study
3 also shows measurable improvements of up to 20% in symptoms of anxiety and depression.

4 So, what is mindfulness, and how does it work? Unlike mantra meditation, which involves focusing concentration on a particular
5 word or sound, mindfulness aims to achieve a relaxed, non-judgmental awareness of your thoughts, feelings and sensations. This is
6 what Mark Williams, professor of clinical psychology at the Oxford Mindfulness Centre, calls a "direct knowing of what is going on
7 inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment."

8 Buddhist monks have been practicing a similar technique for 2,500 years, but it didn't reach Western medicine until the late 1970s.
9 Jon Kabat-Zinn, a US medical professor, began successfully treating patients suffering from chronic pain with a program he called
10 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction.

11 In recent years, organizations as varied as the US Army and Google have started offering mindfulness training for employees;
12 moreover, increasing numbers of schools are incorporating it into the curriculum for 13- and 14-year-olds. Frequently, the pace and
13 stress of modern living leave us caught up in a stream of thoughts and feelings, trapped in past problems or overwhelmed by future
14 anxieties. The idea is that by connecting with the present moment mindfulness practitioners become essentially able to manage
15 feelings and sensations.

16 The techniques sound simple enough: sitting in a quiet place, deep-belly breathing, paying attention to your body and training the
17 mind to observe, focus and filter. Why not give it a go?

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, mindfulness...

- (a) might be an alternative to other stress-relieving techniques. (b) focuses attention on a particular word or sound.
(c) is required as a training method in the US Army. (d) aims to manipulate your thoughts.

2. According to the text, mindfulness is...

- (a) a mantra meditation. (b) not useful for treating patients with chronic pain.
(c) about paying attention to your body and to present time. (d) the fundamental pillar of Buddhism.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Mindfulness has nothing to do with Buddhism.

4. Google and other companies have started sponsoring mindfulness courses in schools.

5. Apparently, it is quite easy to practice mindfulness.

6. The writer suggests that we try practising mindfulness.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "worker" (noun) 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "current" (adjective)

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a way of carrying out a particular task."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a man who lives in a monastery."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "We should... Eve yesterday." (call)
9.2. "He can't afford... on holiday." (go)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "Sorry, but I sent you the message... mistake." for / by / about / in
10.2. "Everybody can get benefits... mindfulness." of / with / from / by

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "People practise relaxation techniques. These people live longer."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I have been practising mindfulness for years."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "He asked me, 'Do you still want to go to the show?'"

14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "She'd have taken me to the station if..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What do you do to deal with your stress?



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OPTION B: MARY POPPINS: WHY WE NEED A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR MORE THAN EVER

1 It is well known that PL Travers, who wrote the original Mary Poppins books, hated the 1964 Disney film adaptation. The author
2 seems to have got angry about the animation, the Hollywood version of Edwardian England, the pompousness of the songs and the
3 presentation of Mrs. Banks as a suffragette. The makers of the new film ('Mary Poppins Returns', 2018) say they want to reintroduce
4 joy at a particularly grey moment in history, but with Poppins it was never a question of joy.

5 The original Poppins is not the nice version with whom most of us are familiar, but a far darker, more irregular creature: she is
6 impatient, indignant and even incredulous when presented with the weakness of others. Poppins is a woman aware of the limitations
7 of people, and while she is sent to the Banks home to comfort sad children it is also her mission to critique some key English values:
8 coldness as a vehicle for stability, adherence to tradition and emotional distance as virtues.

9 What is it she teaches the children? Empathy, mindfulness, a determination to win, tidiness, not to worry about whether or not they
10 are liked, and to simultaneously believe and not believe what they see. As in the books, in the 2018 film Mary Poppins denies to the
11 children that magic things have happened, inculcating scepticism and encouraging them to have their own point of view.

12 For all her apparent invulnerability, Poppins shows regret at the end of the movie in a tender moment with her talking umbrella.
13 She does not have a love interest, which in the context of Hollywood heroines might be considered the most radical thing about her.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, PL Travers...

- (a) boycotted the Disney adaptation. (b) disapproved of the Disney adaptation.
(c) was happy with the Hollywood version. (d) liked the new adaptation.

2. According to the text, in the original books Mary Poppins...

- (a) was a nice nanny. (b) talked to her umbrella.
(c) was not as charming as in the movie. (d) was fed up with the Banks' children.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. The filmmakers wanted to make a very dark film.

4. The original Mary Poppins was very understanding about people's limitations.

5. In the books, Mary Poppins takes a critical view of English society.

6. In the new film, Mary Poppins teaches the children to be sceptical.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "strength" (noun).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "happiness" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1 ONE WORD MEANING "the ability to understand or share the feelings of another person."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the quality of being neat and clean."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "Don't disturb her now. She... a rest." (have).
9.2. "If only I... more time and money to travel around." (have).

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "The cat is hiding... us under the table." over / from / up / away
10.2. "Her girlfriend went to the airport to pick her..." up / along / off / behind

11. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "My dress isn't as pretty as yours." Your dress is...

12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "The summer was long and hot. I graduated from university in that summer."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "The council will build three hundred new houses in this area."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "The TV series about The Beatles begins in a few days."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Which is your favourite movie? Write about it.



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OPTION A: TEENAGERS' ONLINE IMAGE

1 Teens work hard to create a favorable online image through the careful selection of photos, activities and links they post on social
2 networks, according to a recent study from the University of California. Content that makes them appear interesting, well-liked and
3 attractive to their friends and peers is a primary goal for adolescents.
4 "Teenagers don't post carelessly; they're surprisingly thoughtful about what they choose to reveal online", said well-known author
5 Joanna McAvoy. "Peer approval is very important in adolescence, especially in early adolescence, so they share content that they
6 think others will find impressive".
7 Social networks provide opportunities for young people to connect and communicate with friends as well as with people they don't
8 know in person. These social media channels allow time to compose and edit posts, which offers teens the chance to consider how
9 they want to present themselves online.
10 The study found that the effort to construct a favorable image can involve lengthy deliberation and advice from trusted friends.
11 Teenagers even ask their friends to like their posts in an attempt to increase their popularity.
12 The process of posting pictures is particularly time-consuming, as only the most appealing photos and captions are selected. Some
13 teens invest great effort into sharing content on social networks, so what first seems an enjoyable activity may eventually feel tedious.
14 "Their social rules for online interaction require a higher level of sensitivity than do those for face-to-face communication — even
15 interesting and positive posts can be interpreted negatively. For example, sharing academic results could sound pretentious", McAvoy
16 said.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to this study, when teenagers post on social media they...**

- (a) upload content they have selected meticulously. (b) only share funny contents.
(c) don't care about their friends' approval. (d) don't care about other people's feelings online.

2. **Teenagers...**

- (a) are more sensitive in face-to-face situations. (b) are fond of sharing information on school results.
(c) are more sensitive in online communication. (d) never get negative reactions from followers.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The younger teenagers are, the more they look for friends' support.**
4. **Online publications do not offer people enough time to improve their social media image.**
5. **Teenagers may rely on friends in order to build up a well-liked online image.**
6. **The process of selecting and posting photos is always fun.**

7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "objective" (noun). 7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "carefully" (adverb).

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "boring and tiring."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "creating an appearance of importance, often undeserved."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 9.1. "She didn't share her photos online, but she is getting accustomed to... them." (share)
9.2. "If I... the photo, I might not have sent it." (see)

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:**

- 10.1. "He insists... watching *Big Brother* every week." (preposition)
10.2. "She was coughing and feeling bad for two days, and eventually came down... the flu." (preposition)

11. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "My friends advised me about the pictures I should post on social media." 12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "He didn't manage to make friends online. He is considering deleting his account."**

13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Teenagers give careful consideration to their image."**

14. **JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "Online interaction requires a lot of sensitivity. It is particularly demanding."**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

What are the pros and cons of socializing online? Explain.



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OPTION B: LANDING ON THE MOON

- 1 When spaceflight Apollo 11 landed on the Moon on July 20, 1969, NASA told mission commander Neil Armstrong and pilot Buzz
2 Aldrin to take a nap. But Armstrong answered, "I've spent years preparing for this moment. After traveling 400,000 km, I've landed on
3 the Moon with some difficulty, and now you're asking me to sleep?" The US wanted the whole of America to be watching when
4 Armstrong took the epic step. Hence the request that he should do it at a time when most Americans were likely to be in front of their
5 TV sets. But both astronauts refused to sleep and took photos of the lunar landscape. Six hours later, NASA gave them permission to
6 leave the Eagle space capsule.
7 Carlos González was the communications controller for the legendary Apollo 11 spaceflight, working at a monitoring station in
8 Madrid alongside Spanish engineer José Manuel Grandela. They had access to the astronauts' vital signs, and González recalls that
9 Armstrong's pulse rate increased while he was having trouble leaving the capsule. When he finally managed to get out, Armstrong
10 uttered the immortal line: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."
11 The mission was an important milestone for the US in its space race with the USSR, but just over three years later the project was
12 put on hold. It has been over 45 years since a human last set foot on the Moon. Although the trips were far from easy, the Moon
13 landings between 1969 and 1972 helped generate many inventions in the realms of engineering, computing, materials and fuel, which
14 today benefit all of humankind.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. NASA told the astronauts to go to sleep right after landing because...
(a) they thought both would be very tired. (b) most Americans were not watching TV at that time.
(c) they could not take photos of the lunar landscape. (d) weather conditions were not optimal at that moment.
2. Carlos González and José Manuel Grandela...
(a) were working as mechanics on the spaceship. (b) do not remember anything curious about the mission.
(c) could monitor the astronauts' vital signs. (d) allowed the spacemen to leave the space capsule.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Armstrong didn't want to rest because he was too excited to wait.
4. Armstrong experienced some difficulties when getting out of the capsule.
5. According to the text, humans have not walked on the Moon for the past 45 years.
6. Moon landings have not been helpful for humanity.
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "accept" (verb). 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "remember" (verb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a short sleep, especially during the day."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a jump, especially one that is long or high."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "Our street isn't wide enough for a lorry... along." (drive)
9.2. "Mary soon got used to... up early." (get)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "John is very good ... Maths." to / at / about / of
10.2. "Can you rely ... her?" on / in / to / at

11. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "He is 1.83 metres tall."
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "I gave him a book for his birthday."
14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I began teaching in this college in 2015 and I am still teaching here." I have...

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Are we alone in the universe? Do you believe there is life in outer space? Discuss.



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OPTION A: AN ACT OF KINDNESS A DAY

1 Danielle Saveker has performed an act of kindness every single day for three years: from paying for a stranger's coffee to sending
2 a present to a total stranger going through rough times. We first met Dani when she made a video diary detailing her progress, but
3 now she's about to celebrate one very big achievement — completing 1,000 acts of kindness.

4 As a sales manager in a big company, Dani was interested in the idea that kindness is an essential component of successful
5 leadership. As part of a research project, the 46-year-old decided to complete an act of generosity each day throughout January 2016.
6 However, it soon took over her life in a way that went far beyond regular working hours.

7 Within three weeks she realised her daily acts of kindness were spoiled if she later lost her temper driving home because she'd
8 had a bad day. She carried on completing the acts, but also allowed kindness to spread into every aspect of her life.

9 "Something switched in me and I thought, 'If I'm going to commit to this, I need to do it properly'", she explains. "Before I knew it
10 I'd reached the end of the first year. I'd done 365 acts of kindness, but more than that, it had changed the way I viewed things and
11 there was a real shift in me."

12 "One of the nicest things I get told is that as a result of receiving kindness, someone goes on to be kind to someone else", Dani
13 says. "That's what this is all about. If I can inspire someone else to think about others, my job is complete."

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **Danielle Saveker has...**

- (a) given money to strangers for three years. (b) bought strangers coffee every day for three years.
(c) helped people in different ways for three years. (d) been through some rough times for the last three years.

2. **It is said that one of the qualities of being a good boss is...**

- (a) being a good sales manager. (b) being kind to your colleagues.
(c) keeping a video diary of your job. (d) celebrating 1,000 acts of kindness.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Dani started performing acts of kindness as part of a game.**

4. **She felt that her good actions mattered less if she then got angry over anything.**

5. **Her acts of kindness transformed Dani and her perception of life.**

6. **People act kindly when they are treated kindly.**

7. **FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "firm" (noun).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "change" (noun).

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "customary, usual, or normal."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to damage or destroy the quality or value of something."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:**

- 9.1. "I waited for him for two hours but he didn't turn..." up / over / down / off
9.2. "He passed... peacefully after a long illness." over / back / down / away

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 10.1. "Ed Sheeran... since he was a little boy." (sing)
10.2. "She... a sales manager three years ago." (become)

11. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "The new iPhone is very expensive, so I decided not to buy it." The new iPhone is so ...**

12. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "It takes her less than two hours to have it ready."**

13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO INDIRECT SPEECH: "Jason told her, 'Don't be late to my party tomorrow.'"**

14. **THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY. "If only women get equals opportunities in today's world."**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

How are you kind to others and how are they kind to you? Justify your answer.



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OPTION B: THE TINY HOUSE RAGE

- 1 While TV shows like *Tiny House*, *Big Living* have made the tiny-house movement fashionable, it's really not new at all. Back in the
2 1840s, Henry David Thoreau lived in a 15-square-metre house as a personal experiment on the concept of simplification.
3 This idea seems to have gained popularity in recent years, making "tiny living" an option for many people. Not only is a small home
4 part of a minimalist lifestyle, but some tiny homes can also be mobile — which allows you to travel more. Some people use tiny living
5 as a way to save money on monthly expenses, get out of debt, and retire early. So, how much does living small cost? Can you really
6 save money by moving into a tiny house?
7 The average price for a home in the US is \$257,990. Of course, this varies from state to state. Even in the lower-value states, the
8 cost of buying or building a tiny home is still a fraction of the cost of buying a normal home. And the structure isn't the only place where
9 you'll save money. Some tiny homes are set up with solar panels in order to make use of and store energy from the sun and make
10 powering appliances cheaper. Furthermore, tiny houses can be made to be more energy-efficient by using certain appliances, LED
11 light bulbs, and the like.
12 There are a few other excellent reasons to go small. For instance, you could also use a tiny home on your property for loved ones.
13 If you have an aging parent who doesn't need round-the-clock care but needs to be close by, a tiny home might be the perfect option
14 for them.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, Henry David Thoreau...**
 (a) couldn't afford a big house. (b) liked *Tiny House*, *Big Living* a lot.
 (c) is a current supporter of tiny houses. (d) decided to live in a tiny house.
2. **According to the text, the people who buy tiny houses...**
 (a) enjoy staying at home. (b) reduce costs.
 (c) are young. (d) are fans of Henry D. Thoreau.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Thoreau decided to go small only because he wanted to save money.**
 4. **In a few states, normal houses are as cheap as tiny ones.**
 5. **Every tiny home is equipped with alternative energy sources to save electricity.**
 6. **Tiny houses can sometimes be a good choice to take care of the elderly in the family.**
 7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "test" (noun).
 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "ordinary" (adjective).
 8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "money owed to others."
 8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "household device operated by electric current."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "I ran out of milk. I forgot ... some." (buy)
 9.2. "Please, let me... it." (do)

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "We were not able to get home earlier... the heavy rain." due to / despite / because / therefore
 10.2. "... people play rugby in Spain." a lot / few / much / little

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "Tom asked her to give him another chance."

12. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "You'd better see a doctor."
 If I...

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "The job was finally offered to someone else."

14. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "You haven't to tell your friends that you have bought a more small house."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Describe your ideal home. Give reasons.



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OPTION A: SOLO HOLIDAYS

- 1 There is nothing like visiting a part of the world you've never seen before, but is the experience quite as exciting if you have no
2 one to share it with? New research has found that, far from being a nightmare, 25% of holidaymakers are actually making plans to go
3 abroad by themselves.
- 4 Having nobody to argue with about the itinerary or to fight with for the window seat can be great. 44% of people asked said they
5 actually wanted some 'me time'. Of those who have travelled alone, 32% reported they had a better experience and 64% said the trip
6 built up their confidence. There is also the question of opportunity — just because your friends don't have time off work or money to
7 travel, why shouldn't you? Jane Taylor, 37, said "None of my friends really wanted to travel and I didn't want to miss out on adventures.
8 I became hooked."
- 9 The increasing use of smartphones and travel apps and the widespread availability of Wi-Fi make solo holidays less frightening.
10 The logistics of travelling have become easier and people are now able to keep in touch with relatives back home, sharing experiences
11 via social media.
- 12 Melanie Jones, 41, believes that solo travelling isn't just for young backpackers. When travelling to Egypt she said she had chosen
13 going alone because that would allow her to experience everything more intensely. "It was just myself and a guide (who was there to
14 keep me safe). I fully engaged with the environment, the beauty of the country and the people. I was able to absorb it all."
15 Travel companies are expanding options for solo travellers, a demographic with huge potential for growth.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Which of these ideas is not mentioned in the text? Travelling alone...
- (a) is the sad result of loneliness. (b) is chosen to enjoy time for oneself.
(c) develops people's self-assurance. (d) lets you really get in contact with the place.
2. According to the text, Jane Taylor...
- (a) didn't feel like going with her friends. (b) went on her own because her friends didn't have money.
(c) now regrets going solo. (d) had to choose between travelling solo or not going at all.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. One of the benefits of travelling solo is being able to choose what you prefer.
4. One disadvantage of solo holidays is that you can't tell anybody how much fun you're having.
5. While in Egypt, Melanie Jones made sure she didn't take any unnecessary risks.
6. People who travel by themselves are becoming a marketing target for travel businesses.
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "addicted" (adjective).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "decline" (noun).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a very unpleasant or frightening experience or prospect."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a person who travels or hikes carrying their belongings in a rucksack."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:
9.1. "My brother... to Europe until he went there last year." (never / be)
9.2. "I wish you... here with me in Bali." (be)
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:
10.1. "The thieves... with all the money and jewellery." got away / caught up / got along / got over
10.2. "It's forbidden. ... can do it." Anyone / Nobody / Everybody / Somebody
11. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "Despite waking up early, he was late for his appointment." Although...
12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I brought a new armchair for Grandad."
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "The customs officer asked Jake if his visit would take long."
14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If you were brave enough, ..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Would you like to go on a trip by yourself? Where? Give reasons.



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OPTION B: IS YOUR CHILD LYING TO YOU? THAT'S GOOD

- 1 Classic morality tales like "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "Pinocchio" focus on the dangers of dishonesty, and children who lie a lot are thought to have problems later in life. But research suggests that lying may actually be a sign of intelligence.
- 2 In one experiment, children were asked not to look at a toy hidden behind them while the researcher left the room. Minutes later, the researcher returned and asked the children if they had taken a look at it. Two major findings were revealed by this experiment. The first is that a vast majority of children would look at the toy within seconds of being left alone. The other is that a significant number of them lied about it, regardless of their gender, race or family's religion.
- 3 Children are remarkably good at lying, and according to some experiments adults find it hard to detect their lies — even their own children's. It has also been found that children who start lying earlier have a higher IQ (Intelligence Quotient). Parents find this paradoxical. We want our children to be clever enough to lie, but to be morally disinclined to do so. So what should parents do? In general, carrots work better than sticks. Severe punishments do little to prevent lying; applauding honesty is more effective. While morality tales, such as "Pinocchio", fail to discourage them from lying, stories in which truthfulness is rewarded do reduce lying. The key to promoting honest behavior is positive messaging—emphasizing the benefits of honesty rather than the disadvantages of lying.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, childhood morality tales...**
- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (a) are helpful to teach parents not to lie. | (b) don't make children more honest. |
| (c) increase children's IQ. | (d) must be used to set an example. |
2. **According to research, positive messaging...**
- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) works better than punishment. | (b) is not understood by children. |
| (c) means giving carrots and sweet things. | (d) focuses on the advantages of lying. |

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The experiment revealed that kids' tendency to lie depends on factors such as ethnic and religious background.**
4. **It is easy for parents to find out when their children are lying.**
5. **The earlier children start to lie, the more clever they are.**
6. **Parents don't want their kids to be liars even though it is a sign of intelligence.**

7. **FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "avoid" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "huge" (adjective).

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the results of an investigation — usually used in plural."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "involving two facts or qualities which seem to contradict each other."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 9.1. "It's time you... to study." (start)
9.2. "I'd rather... to music than dance." (listen)

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:**

- 10.1. "She called... the meeting because she was sick." over / onto / under / off
10.2. "Yesterday I came... an old photo of Annette." up / out / across / back

11. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "As long as you have enough money,..."**

12. **THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "Everybody know where is The Big Ben."**

13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They claim that the Third Industrial Revolution started a few years ago."**

14. **REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "It was such an amazing story that I couldn't believe it." The story...**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

Write about something incredible that has happened to you or that you have heard about.