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ENGLISH B1

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PROVES D'ACREDITACIÓ
DEL CONEIXEMENT DE
LLENGÜES ESTRANGERES

València,

PART 1:
READING COMPREHENSION
TIME: 60 minutes

Instructions

- In this booklet you will find four texts, their set tasks and examples for each one. Read all of them carefully and complete the tasks as required.
- Incorrect answers are not deducted from the final mark for the assessment of this part of the exam.
- You have **60 minutes** to complete this part of the exam. All exam materials will then be collected and additional time is not permitted. Please manage your time well.
- You may use this booklet to make notes. However, it should be noted that these answers **will not be assessed under any circumstances**.
- Write your answers on **Answer Sheet 1**.

Task 1 (Write your answers on Answer Sheet 1 - Task 1)

Instructions

- Read the following short notices and answer the questions (1-6).
- Choose the best option from a-c.

Example: Shop refunds

Customers can return any items within one month but no money will be returned for items that are damaged or have been worn. Please check our website or ask our sales assistants for more information.

Customers...

- a. can only find out about refunds on the shop's website.
- b. may not return items they do not want after one month. ✓**
- c. are allowed to bring back items that have received a little use.

1. Library events

Our storytelling events take place every Tuesday for children of all ages. There is no charge but please register on our website and remember that young children under 5 should always be accompanied by an adult.

To attend the events...

- a. participants don't need to pay.
- b. an adult should stay with all children.
- c. children should not be over 5 years old.

2. Theatre trip

Our class theatre trip will take place next Friday. Please remember to buy your ticket before the day on the website for a special price and remember that lunch will be provided so it is not necessary to bring your own.

Students going on the theatre trip...

- a. don't have to take food to the theatre.
- b. should travel to the theatre on their own.
- c. must buy their tickets on Friday.

3. Hiking

Come and join our hiking events this month! We have a challenging walk to the top of a nearby mountain for advanced walkers, which will start at 10 a.m. unless the weather is bad. If you are a beginner, you can enjoy a one-hour relaxing walk around a local lake.

The hike to the mountain...

- a. should not be very difficult.
- b. will only take place in good weather.
- c. will include a relaxing visit to a lake.

4. Flight rules

Passengers are allowed to take one small suitcase on the plane for free. If you would like to take a larger bag, please pay the fee and go to the check-in desk at the airport.

Passengers...

- a. must not take more than one bag.
- b. need to pay to take some luggage on the plane.
- c. should go to the check-in desk in all cases.

5. Language course registration

Online registration for our summer language courses has now closed. If you would still like to sign up for a course, visit our centre to check availability to do a level test for intermediate and advanced courses.

To sign up for a summer course, it is necessary to...

- a. see courses offered on the website.
- b. take a level test for all courses.
- c. go to the language centre in-person.

6. Restaurant menus

We offer a daily menu every day of the week that includes a three-course meal and a drink. Our special menu is available in the evening and at lunchtime on Saturdays and Sundays and reservations can be made by phone or online.

The special menu...

- a. does not include a drink.
- b. is only offered at the weekend.
- c. must be reserved on the website.

Task 2 (Write your answers on Answer Sheet 1 - Task 2)

Instructions

- Read the following text. The headings have been removed from the paragraphs.
- Read the headings on the next page (A-H). Match each one with its corresponding gap (7-12).
- **There is one heading you do not need to use.**

Ways to Be the Ideal Houseguest

(0) _____ A _____

Make sure you lock down your visiting dates far in advance with your hosts...at *their* invitation. Don't ever be vague or hope to stretch out your visit after you arrive. If your best friend says she'll be busy after Labor Day, book your return ticket to leave a full day before so she has some time to herself.

(7) _____

Never show up unannounced—or, even worse, with a puppy, child, significant other or friend (even if it's a mutual friend), unless you've cleared it with your host beforehand. *You* may call it spontaneous and fun...your cousin and her husband may call it inconvenient.

(8) _____

Proper guest etiquette requires a present. But you don't want your hosts to feel pressured to put your present on display once a year for your benefit. Try a delicious delicacy from your hometown, a flowering plant or something a vacation house can never have too much of: beach towels, mugs that keep their drinks frosty, a book or a tote bag.

(9) _____

When you arrive, gently ask how things are done to avoid any misunderstandings. *What time do you usually wake up and go to bed? Anything I should know about your children or pets?* You should pick up on other aspects—like whether you should take your shoes off or whether it's OK to smoke—by being in tune with your hosts.

(10) _____

You should offer to: cook; set the table and do the dishes; drive everyone around in your car; occupy the kids while Mom or Dad takes a well-deserved nap; fix a little something around the house if you have the skills; or take the dog for a walk. Even if you're turned down, your hosts will appreciate the gesture. Don't even ask before you: clear the dishes when you're done eating; buy some groceries; get your own kids out of the house for an hour or two; and fill up the tank if you borrow the car.

(11) _____

Your hosts *might* be excited to see a Broadway show or the Space Needle for the third time, but they also have a life that may include working during the day. If you are staying for more than three days, call up other friends who live in the city or do some exploring on your own. Let your hosts know your plans and when you think you will get back.

(12) _____

Don't expect to use any of your hosts' toiletries or other items. If you realize you've forgotten to pack toothpaste, ask where you can buy a new tube. They will probably be happy to lend you theirs, but you've demonstrated that you are not living at their expense. Also, don't eat the leftovers or finish the milk.

Adapted from <http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/work-life-etiquette/manners/houseguest/more>

Headings

Heading A is an example.

		POSITION IN THE TEXT
A	Be clear about how long you will stay	0
B	Choose the perfect gift	
C	BYO (bring your own)	
D	Help out	
E	Be honest	
F	No surprises, please	
G	House rules rule	
H	Entertain yourself	

Task 3 (Write your answers on Answer Sheet 1 - Task 3)

Instructions

- Read the following text carefully and answer the questions (13-18).
- Choose the best option from a-c.

London - The Insider's Guide to Where to Stay

Maybe I'm biased as it's my hometown, but there's something so special about London. To the uninitiated, this city, packed with more than 9 million people, is a mystery. There are so many things to do and places to see in London that it can be a boggle. Well, worry no more – I've written a guide to the best areas to stay in London and where to stay in London to help you choose the perfect spot to suit your travels.

How Do You Get Around in London?

The simplest way to get around in London is the Underground (what Londoners call The Tube). London's subway system is old but very reliable, with stations at every landmark, tourist attraction, and area that you might find yourself in. You can also take a taxi, if you prefer. London's black cabs are iconic and their drivers know London's streets better than anyone.

Where Should I Stay for my First Visit in London?

If it's your first time in London and you've got the money, you'll want to be as central as possible, and surrounded by all the best sights and things to do. For that, you'll want to stay in the West End or Westminster. In London's West End you have all the best theatres, shopping and shows at your fingertips, and Westminster features most of the must-see sights of London. This is absolutely the best area to stay in London for tourists.

What is the Best Neighbourhood to Stay in London?

That depends on what you're looking for but, as a London native, I don't think there's a better neighbourhood in London than Shoreditch. The hipster capital of London is where all the young Londoners like to hang out. There, you've got the best bars and cafes, cool street art, and awesome food markets to explore. Far removed from the glamorous tourist attractions of Westminster, Shoreditch is what you could call the 'real London experience'.

Adapted from <https://www.londonxlondon.com/best-places-to-stay-in-london/>

Questions

Question 0 is an example.

- 0. The writer says that London...**
✓ a) **might be confusing if you haven't visited it before.**
b) is so busy because it has too many tourists nowadays.
c) has many attractions that are well-known to everyone.
- 13. London's underground system....**
a) often has problems because it's old.
b) has stops at all the most important sites.
c) isn't very well-liked by Londoners.
- 14. Taking a taxi...**
a) isn't as good as taking the Tube.
b) is only possible in certain tourist areas.
c) is recommended because drivers can help you.
- 15. Staying in the centre...**
a) is more expensive than other areas.
b) isn't a good idea on your first time in London.
c) is too busy if you don't know the area well.
- 16. The West End...**
a) is too far away from the main tourist attractions.
b) is the best location if you want to see a musical.
c) is much better than staying in Westminster.
- 17. The Shoreditch neighbourhood...**
a) is a great place for young people to meet friends.
b) is usually only visited by people from London.
c) is one of the most central areas in the city.
- 18. For the 'real London experience'...**
a) visitors should discover local markets and cafés.
b) Westminster is a must-see for its atmosphere.
c) tourists should talk to London natives.

Task 4 (Write your answers on Answer Sheet 1 - Task 4)

Instructions

- Read the following texts about taking up a new sport carefully and answer the questions (19-25).
- Match one text (A-D) to each of the sentences.
- You can use the texts more than once but there is only **one** correct answer for each sentence.

Trying a new sport or activity can be a great way to get out of the house and challenge your mind and body. With this in mind, we've put together a list of different sports and activities to give you some inspiration...

A Yoga

The benefits of yoga are extremely powerful. It's especially good for increasing strength and flexibility, but it's also considered one of the most beneficial activities for the brain. Yoga is proven to reduce stress and anxiety, improve sleep and increase energy.

Plus, the other great thing about it is that absolutely anyone can do it. It's gentle and low-impact, but can also be seriously challenging if you want it to be. But with the many different types of yoga out there, which one should you try?

B Martial arts

Aside from the physical benefits, like improved strength and agility, learning a martial art can also boost your confidence, improve focus and stillness, and teach important morals and values. Many martial arts have a strong focus on mental wellbeing and are deeply linked to eastern culture and history, and there's lots of emphasis on mutual respect.

If you want a gruelling, physical workout, kickboxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) will certainly be a challenge. Alternatively, karate and taekwondo focus just as much on self-discipline and self-control as fitness and strength, and jiu-jitsu can be a tough, close-contact combat sport, with a focus on self-defence.

C Dancing

Some people are lucky enough to be born with natural rhythm... while others are a little rustier on their feet. However, the great thing about dancing is that you don't have to be good at it to reap the benefits and have a great time.

Dancing improves your physical health and fitness, alleviates stress, and boosts confidence. Going to a group dancing class could also be a great way to widen your social circle. It's worth remembering that you don't have to go to classes to learn how to dance – you can work on your steps from the comfort of your own home.

D Tennis

Tennis has serious health benefits. It increases your aerobic capacities, lowers resting heart rate and blood pressure, improves metabolism, increases bone density and improves muscle tone, strength, and flexibility. It's also a racquet sport that can be played outside or inside – so you can keep playing all year round.

You don't need much fancy gear to play tennis – you just need a racquet and some balls. If you don't want to invest in all the gear for your first few games, then it's also worth enquiring as to whether wherever you're playing hires out balls and racquets.

Adapted from <https://restless.co.uk/health/healthy-body/different-sports-and-activities-to-try/>

According to the article, which sport...

Example:

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| 0. offers a lot of different types to choose from? | A |
| 19. can range from easy to very difficult? | _____ |
| 20. has a strong connection to a way of life? | _____ |
| 21. can help you meet other people? | _____ |
| 22. can be practised in all seasons? | _____ |
| 23. doesn't need natural talent to be fun? | _____ |
| 24. doesn't require expensive equipment? | _____ |
| 25. can help you concentrate better? | _____ |

B1 Reading web key

Task 1

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. c
6. b

Task 2

7. F
8. B
9. G
10. D
11. H
12. C

Task 3

13. b
14. a
15. a
16. b
17. a
18. a

Task 4

19. A
20. B
21. C
22. D
23. C
24. D
25. B