Anglès

Reading comprehension

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Today we live in a societ
sorted people by the time
Some of these people zoor
Many of our most promir
Zuckerberg, Elon Musk, T
youthful superstars on the
talents that bloom later in
brilliant people apparently
Successful late bloome
Smart and *Driving Miss Da*
Chicken in his 60s. Isak D
Out of Africa, at 52. Morris
leading chipmaker, at 55. H
he is considered one of the
came up with his theory of
Why do some people
journalist Rich Karlgaard
delayed timetable—they d
bloomers tend to be *qual*
mostly invisible to or disco
their own paths. Late bloon
Karlgaard writes, "surprisi
If you survey history,
"early bloomers," the prec
succeeded young. As the
these high achievers usua
idea and then executed it.
Albert Schweitzer. First, th
accomplished musician an
they leave their career mo
from acquisition to altruis
won the Nobel Peace Prize
masters." These are people
all that successful—and in
young. This could have be
Late bloomers don't
regard their entire lives a
something else and learn
throw away **haphazardly**.
live their lives as a long pe
accumulation and elaborat
ducklings of human achie
the start, late bloomers are
brings its decay. They are s

hit their peak: assolir el cim / alcanzar
breakthrough: descobriment / descub
haphazardly: de qualsevol manera / d

Answer the questions below us
unless specified not to do so.
[3 points: 0.5 points for each correct answ
in the answers provided.]

1. What evidence does the au
promote early bloomers? N

2. Explain what the example
(besides being well-known

3. Explain IN YOUR OWN
current education system.

4. What is meant by the term

5. Rewrite the following sent
invisible to or discouraged
grammatical words (i.e. art

6. Mention TWO characteris

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WHAT'S

In 1908, Japanese chemist
he made a discovery that
called *glutamic acid* was wl
tastes of sweet, salty, sour,
Yet even though pe
fermented foods for ages, it
worldwide as the fifth basi
and only after extensive sci
Is it time to add a sixth
there is still debate about
for a sixth taste. Rather, "t
experience the world in tern
Advances in understa
delicious foods—and could
loss of your sense of taste.
easy. To qualify as a basic t
of berries or the bitterness
First, it's important to
Moore, a dietitian in culin
molecules we eat mix with
brain and cause the percep
not have specific areas tha
taste buds on various part
sensitivity to sweet, sour, s
While taste begins in
the entire experience of t
interact in the brain to put
at Purdue University, "but
Various criteria have b
needs to have a "chemical
of other substances. Then,
palate, or throat where the
in the taste bud must then
electrical signal that is then
signal carried by taste nerve
it needs to generate a uniqu
Finally, there needs to be
Mattes says, "the perceptio
In short, a major chall
do with the complexity of
lot to prove a taste exists,"
of the candidates for a sixth
are closer to doing so than
taste—and debate what th
what we **crave**, how we co

seaweed: alga
taste bud: papilla gustativa / papila gu
palate: paladar

crave: tenir desig de / tener antojo d

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in the answers provided.]

1. How did umami become r
TO ANSWER THE QUES

2. Complete the following se
Improving the diagnosis c
food tastier are...

3. Find a phrase in the text th

4. According to the text, wha

5. Name TWO of the differe
new taste.

6. In what sense does the stuc
the THREE reasons given

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THE SCIENCE O

Fear is a natural response
While, unlike those faced b
tigers, haunted houses, sca
emotional reactions. The b
us to either face the challe
when it is activated too oft

The amygdala is a par
of danger. The fear respon
sent to the hypothalamus.
systems. Further, it encou
noradrenaline. These chem
pump oxygen-rich blood to
for better vision, and your
heightens focus, allowing
dopamine, another hormon
which explains why some

Your brain doesn't i
an actor in a haunted h
automatically behaves as i
of the fear response. Howe
reasoning, quickly weighs
the memories of similar ev
have been through a haunt
response turns off. But wh
movie—your body may rel
sweaty palms—may be mo

While the fear respon
body. Continuous release
digestive issues and immu
alert" mode. Chronic exp
potentially dulling critical

Some groups should t
diseases, chronic pain, and
scares. According to exper
and physical health.

Controlled scares—th
temporary flash of stress h
just like with any other acti
become aware of what fear
treat its impact on your he

prank: bretolada, broma / gamberrada
retrieve: recuperar
exhilarating: emocionant, excitant / e

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in the answers provided.]

1. According to the text, whic

2. Paraphrase the following s
of happiness during fear-i
dopamine.

3. How does the hippocampu
COPY DIRECTLY FROM
and *past*.

4. How can frequent exposure

5. Find a synonym in the text

6. Complete the following ser
It's important to understar

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GIVE YOURS
NE

If we are honest, most of
Getting the right mix betv
mental health. It can also i
pandemic saw the biggest
was a **surge** in home work
remote work. But despite th
especially true among smal
traditional work hours or
Given the fact that sm
businesses, that's a lot of p
there is some encouraging
by American Express, there
life balance and a desire to
leaders in companies with
regular time off from work
intention and action, the r
about not spending enoug
their hobbies altogether w
owners recognise the impor
success of their business, m
Someone who is well
Saturday UK, a campaign t
local" to support business
want more freedom and fle
do everything in the busin
There's no one-size-fi
more time supporting elde
time for hobbies. There ar
found that almost eight in
good leader and more than
more time away from the w
of scenery, can even offer
their businesses. Tips for ir
and leisure time; for yours
recharge your batteries and
Ultimately, however, w
different for each small bus
be too hard on ourselves if
work in progress. It might
community, or rest. The ke

surge: augment / aumento
compelled: obligat / obligado
struggle: lluitar, esforçar-se / luchar, e
downtime: temps per a desconnectar /

supplier: proveïdor / proveedor

Answer the questions below us
unless specified not to do so.
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in the answers provided.]

1. Using information from th
OWN WORDS. You can k
Balancing work and leisure

2. Why does the author say t

3. What seems to be the para

4. Find a sentence in the tex
finding how to balance wo

5. How can businesses benefi

6. Explain the message in the

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TIPPING IS MORE C

Tipping has never been m
how much to tip—20, 15,
screens are popping up on
harder by trying to adjust t
Americans have been
country has existed. But t
abroad brought the custo
worked for a **pittance** as p
off as an industry separate
When minimum wage law
workers in professions wh
thinking held when Congr
to pay tipped personnel a
above the minimum.
From there, tipping cu
lesser extent, carwashers ar
so the expectation that peo
keep tipping, the law can
The laws started to change
decided to experiment wit
in 2018 allowing restauran
those employees *do* receiv
years—but in the opposite
that they believe tips are ex
payment era: pressing "no"
in a glass jar.
There's plenty of reas
depend on how they look
pay—a rainy night likely r
worker. Cooks and dishwa
establishments, regardless
may yield better service, at
to support themselves with
isn't going to disappear any
Where does that leave
wage, tip. The second fact
someone is doing you a ser
for it. Maybe that is someo
spends hours in the cold to
it's someone doing unplea
What kind of tipper are yo

pittance: misèria / miseria
toss: llençar / lanzar

Answer the questions below us
unless specified not to do so.
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in the answers provided.]

1. When and how did the pra

2. Find a sentence in the te
sentence: "Since the early
bonus to their payments."

3. Explain the tip credit syst
You may use the words *pa*

4. Why are tips believed to b

5. Rewrite/paraphrase the se
than the quality of their ser
might, *their*, *how*, etc.) and

6. Explain IN YOUR OWN
deciding whether to tip or

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HOW AI CAN M

Many are aware of the Cancer M
to reduce cancer-related death
goal, composed of the brightest
Many parties will be involved—
caregivers, and advocates, amo
pivotal tools that can help **pro**
which is poised to revolutionize

The Moonshot plan identif
Two areas in particular lend th
patients and communities and t
the center of decision-making.

The history of cancer ca
innovative processes and solu
toward personalizing cancer c
minority populations not havin
distinct advantages over prior t
datasets, making it both more a
across demographics, age, race,
made accessible via cloud com
advantages make AI a scalable s
the globe, delivering efficient an
prior technology.

One of the most promising
prognosticate how tumors will
deep-learning algorithms that a
patient's clinical data. Clinician
plan; in some cases, this even me
the benefits for the patient.

The Moonshot initiative
for *all* patients, not a select few. T
is used to build it. When AI is tra
it has the potential to provid
populations. In addition to helpi
for increased communication b
of decision-making about their
illness, and therefore increasing
of effective cancer treatment.

Patients must live with tre
one key to treating cancer is
multifaceted aspects of a person'
data together to align on whethe
the patient's lifestyle. In contras
can leave patients overwhelmed
to treatments and have detrimen

propel: impulsar
enhance: millorar / mejorar
stride: avenç / progreso
deploy: utilitzar / utilizar

Choose the best answer accord
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penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. The Cancer Moonshot
   - ☐ is a project that will definitel
   - ☐ is a project that will involve
   - ☐ is a US government-led pro
   - ☐ is a project that will only in

2. According to the text, artificial i
   - ☐ will help the private cancer
   - ☐ will help reach a modest ob
   - ☐ can help researchers find a
   - ☐ can help improve cancer tre

3. The two areas of the Cancer Mo
   - ☐ reaching all kinds of patient
   - ☐ prioritizing specific commu
   - ☐ enhancing cancer treatment
     lesser extent.
   - ☐ implementing innovative tr

4. Although cancer care has witnes
   - ☐ treatments have been perso
   - ☐ not everyone has had acces
   - ☐ they have considerably slow
   - ☐ all patients have had the ch

5. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ AI is fast and available thro
   - ☐ AI can explore large sets of
   - ☐ AI can offer personalized pl
   - ☐ AI cannot be trained with l

6. According to the text, why are A
   - ☐ Because they can prevent ca
   - ☐ Because they can predict pa
   - ☐ Because they can diagnose t
   - ☐ Because they can predict ho

7. How does Cancer Moonshot inc
   plan?
   - ☐ By ensuring patients receiv
   - ☐ By providing patients with
   - ☐ By analyzing data from und
   - ☐ By controlling patients' acc

8. According to the text, patient-ce
   - ☐ overwhelm the majority of
   - ☐ make patients commit to tr
   - ☐ make certain treatments les
   - ☐ allow clinicians to influence

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STONE AGE BA

Modern life may have made ma
one of them. A study of moder
journal *Developmental Psycholo*
childcare than we do today. Res
Mbendjele BaYaka in the Repub
15 different caregivers, but also
individual in the mother's supp
more time to rest. The study's au
may **be at odds** with children's

Dr Nikhil Chaudhary, lead
gatherer societies can give us a
the period in human prehistory
our evolutionary history, huma
contemporary hunter-gatherer
as to whether there are certain
psychologically adapted."

The Mbendjele BaYaka are
African Republic and the Repu
practices hunting, fishing, **fora**
communities have become settl
continue to inhabit the forest.
20 to 80 individuals, consisting

Evolutionary anthropologis
observing children for 12 dayligh
The researchers found that bet
after a child and that a mother'
crying episodes. Furthermore, c
in physical contact with adults
attended to in under 10 seconds

Older infants and adolescen
suggest gives them experience a
the fact that children may be ev
contact from several different
quality child support is limited,
periods of time playing alone.

The study also notes that St
In Western societies, the autho
time to go to work rather than
or recover, in total contrast to
Neolithic ancestors. Co-author
mothers also has numerous ben
improving maternal wellbeing.
whole of human history, it seem
such a lack of support as they d

hunter-gatherer: caçador recollector /
be at odds: estar en desacord / estar en
insight: perspectiva
childbearing system: sistema de crian
forage: recollectar al bosc / recolectar

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. According to a recently publishe
Psychology, the Mbendjele BaYa
- ☐ are against children's evolu
- ☐ involve helping mothers wi
- ☐ do not allow mothers much
- ☐ put children's evolutionary

2. The behavior of modern hunter-
BaYaka
- ☐ can be used to understand
Stone Age.
- ☐ is not representative of how
- ☐ is the only possible way in
lived in the Stone Age.
- ☐ cannot help us understand
of human prehistory.

3. Which of the following statemer
- ☐ All Mbendjele communities
- ☐ No Mbendjele families live
- ☐ Some Mbendjele communit
- ☐ All Mbendjele families cont

4. Evolutionary anthropologists th
found that
- ☐ only mothers would take ca
- ☐ it would take caregivers a lo
- ☐ no one would respond to b
- ☐ several caregivers would qu

5. In comparison to the Mbendjele
in Western countries
- ☐ does not involve spending a
- ☐ always involves older infant
- ☐ increases older infants and
- ☐ is based on employing mor

6. In Western societies, childcare
- ☐ is exclusively used to ensur
- ☐ is often used to ensure that
- ☐ is never used to ensure that
- ☐ is always used to ensure tha

7. Providing mothers with support
- ☐ improves maternal care but
- ☐ has very little effect on the
- ☐ has positive effects both on
- ☐ is beneficial for children bu

8. Which of the following statemer
- ☐ In the present day, parents
support than ever.
- ☐ Parents have never been les
pressure than in modern ti
- ☐ As regards childcare, there
in modern times than in an
- ☐ Parents have had more supp

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SOCCER IS THE WORLI

Soccer is by far the world's most
people worldwide, it's easy to pla
racing across stadiums in differen
that running, kicking, and cooper
about soccer's ancient origins and

The Chinese were the first
game known globally as football
most modern ball games can be
Mesoamerica," says Mary Miller,
extensive evidence of the sport.
Costa Rica, civilizations flourishe
sport that involved a heavy ball m

It is unclear exactly where th
like the Teotihuacanos, Aztecs, an
in Aztec, *pok-ta-pok* or *pitz* in M
play by bumping it with body par

Many of these games were p
Other evidence of game play rang
be found across the region.

Aztec players bounced the ba
or hands were off limits). They tri
often sustaining life-threatening i
to get it into a high ring on the o
the winner.

Though it was played as an e
held a **sacred** place in religion an
as a substitute for war, gaining ru
and Veracruz cultures, the stakes

Though other cultures like
the modern sport that some peo
in British schools. Although they
became formalized in the 19th cen

In the mid 19th century, de
leisure and means to travel to com
schools created their own standar
all knew the same rules.

As the sport's popularity **bal**
By the 1870s, some teams had be
Upper-class footballers wanted t
professional players, enabling a fu
international, and the Fédération

Soccer's success skyrocketed
first FIFA World Cup in 1930, pro
body, **raking** in $755.5 million in

But the heart of the sport h
seasoned pro athletes can enjoy t
of the ball game and the millions
or **makeshift** soccer pitch every d

pickup: espontani / espontáneo
sacred: sagrat / sagrado
to balloon: incrementar
raking: recollint / recogiendo
seasoned: experimentats / experiment
makeshift: improvisat / improvisado

makeshift: improvisat / improvisad

Choose the best answer accord
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penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ Football as we know it was
   - ☐ Mesoamerican civilizations
   - ☐ In the third century B.C. th
   - ☐ Modern ball games have th

2. The rules of a sport that involve
   - ☐ varied across Mesoamerica
   - ☐ only included the use of bo
   - ☐ excluded the use of racquet
   - ☐ were formalized by Columb

3. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ Aztec players threw the ball
   - ☐ Aztec players could hit the
   - ☐ Aztec players used hard, he
   - ☐ Aztec players had to get the times to win.

4. The ball game was sacred to Me
   - ☐ all their players were sacrifi
   - ☐ often created diplomatic co
   - ☐ was used by Aztec kings for
   - ☐ sometimes replaced battles

5. 19th century British schools
   - ☐ are responsible for modern
   - ☐ never agreed to a common
   - ☐ only played football inform
   - ☐ are responsible for technolo

6. By 1870
   - ☐ all football players were pro
   - ☐ some working-class footbal
   - ☐ upper-class football players
   - ☐ no football players were am

7. The popularity of football as a sp
   - ☐ had nothing to do with the
   - ☐ can be attributed to the cre
   - ☐ resulted in its internationali
   - ☐ was the consequence of onl

8. Although professional football h
   - ☐ the essence of the sport is ir can play it together.
   - ☐ the essence of the sport is ir worldwide.
   - ☐ the essence of the sport is ir athletes.
   - ☐ the essence of the sport is ir

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DANCE LIKE YOU'RE IN B

Welcome to the age of immersic
"experiences" in London, and a
By September, fans were able t
London, Essex and Manchester.
the horror franchise *Saw*, while
Experience. And that's without
of which — *Frameless* — has jus

The **buzzword** everyone wi
dominate the cultural landscape
are we suddenly obsessed with st
escapism? Or do we just want lo

"It's really driven by a desir
world," says Greg Lombardo, he
million subscribers between Apr
The company is seemingly diver
£52 per person, £62 on a Saturd
the hero of that story, that they
coloured teams and allocated a
battle monsters as they wande
footage from the show's actors
and more people seek this out? I
guests of *The Queen's Ball* — a p
18-45. It is a prom for adults an
how to prepare for the event.

Elizabeth Cohen is a commu
responses to different types of m
the internet allowed them to ge
mainstream," she says. "And wh
psychologically gratifying becau
we can both watch and play spo
mean we're big babies? "Sports
put on face paint, collect memor
fandom was infantilising, so wh

Millions have been invested
than others. Many last an hour —
Disneyland Paris can cost just £
or if they'll quickly become asso
high inflation will only increas
Stranger Things or *Bridgerton*, th
that might be more challenging

buzzword: paraula de moda / palabra
footage: escenes filmades / escenas filr

Choose the best answer accord
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penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. In this text, the word *immersion*
   - ☐ social gatherings where peo
     Instagrammers.
   - ☐ leisure experiences where p
     scenes.
   - ☐ social experiences where pe
   - ☐ leisure experiences where p

2. In the second paragraph, the aut
   - ☐ wonders why Disneyland is
   - ☐ wonders why adolescents a
   - ☐ wonders if immersion expe
   - ☐ wonders why immersion ex

3. Netflix
   - ☐ has incorporated new ways
   - ☐ is making profits only throu
   - ☐ is offering its subscribers m
   - ☐ is contacting *Stranger Thing*

4. Which of the following is NOT t
   - ☐ Entrance fees are cheaper o
   - ☐ Guests can walk around set
   - ☐ Only the show's actors take
   - ☐ Guests can pretend to fight

5. *The Queen's Ball*
   - ☐ attracts female *Bridgerton* f
   - ☐ has boosted the number of
   - ☐ is especially popular with m
   - ☐ requires attendees to meet

6. Elizabeth Cohen thinks that
   - ☐ immersive experiences can
   - ☐ the fans' contact with the fi
   - ☐ fictional immersive experie
   - ☐ the fans' participation in im

7. Why does there seem to be a do
   - ☐ Because immersion tends t
     fandom.
   - ☐ Because immersion experie
   - ☐ Because people tend to mak
   - ☐ Because pop culture fandon

8. Immersion experiences
   - ☐ will become symbolic of firs
   - ☐ have come to stay.
   - ☐ are becoming more expensi
   - ☐ give people the chance to es

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HOW GLOBAL CLIM

How much warming can the wo
past UN climate change **summi**

Six years ago, when countri
climate accord was shaped, they
degrees Celsius (2C) above pre-
as the minimum, it also suggest
not all countries agreed, with oi
about the more ambitious targ
ambitious target so that they we

A preliminary draft of the C
warming to well below 2C and
mark. The difference between t
of effort for countries trying to
planet. A study released by the U
people could face heat stress, a
rise by 2C.

The Intergovernmental Pan
the scientific research on climate
would result in significant differ
has found that an extreme heat
influence, would happen 4 time
would be 5 extreme heat events.

The IPCC has also noted th
21st century and beyond. If temp
levels could rise by as much as 3
be even worse if ice sheets in An
the number of people living in a
1 billion, a 4C rise could affect h

In their latest report, the IP
2040. Global temperatures woul
as emissions were cut further. T
world might see a rise of 4.4C by

T

summit: cimera / cumbre
pursue: perseguir
outcome: resultat / resultado

Choose the best answer accord
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penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. At the COP21 summit, countrie
   - ☐ agreed to limit Paris global
   - ☐ agreed to limit the increase
   - ☐ agreed to discuss oil and ga
   - ☐ agreed to return to pre-indu

2. The most ambitious target at the
   - ☐ was agreed to by all countri
   - ☐ was signed by Saudi Arabia.
   - ☐ was considered too difficult
   - ☐ would still result in the deat

3. The 1.5C mark
   - ☐ was a firm commitment at t
   - ☐ represents a major differenc
   - ☐ guarantees the maximum re
   - ☐ will have no effect on a cou

4. What prediction has the IPCC m
   - ☐ There will be 5 extreme hea is taken.
   - ☐ Heat waves will become mo
   - ☐ Extreme heat events will be is met.
   - ☐ Extreme heat events will ha in temperature.

5. Which of the following is TRUE
   - ☐ The relative sea level will pr
   - ☐ Sea levels could decrease by 2000 years.
   - ☐ If ice sheets in Antarctica b
   - ☐ If temperatures rise by 2C,

6. The number of people living in
   - ☐ might rise to a million if th
   - ☐ might rise to a hundred mil
   - ☐ doesn't reach a hundred mi
   - ☐ will represent most of the w

7. What are the IPCC estimates for
   - ☐ Global warming would not
   - ☐ Temperatures might start d
   - ☐ Temperatures might keep o are cut.
   - ☐ Global warming might be st

8. What does the IPCC predict wil
   - ☐ Life on Earth will remain u
   - ☐ Temperatures might rise by
   - ☐ Global warming effects will
   - ☐ There will be a 4.4C temper

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SHE WAS SOLD

Parwana Malik, a 9-year-old girl
jump rope in a dusty clearing. I
reminded of her **fate**: she's bein

The man who wants to bu
eyebrows and a thick white bear
her parents say they have no ch
camp in the northwestern Badgh
a few dollars a day. But life has

As international aid **dries u**
necessities like food. Her father
ago. Parwana is one of many yo
crisis deepens. Hunger has push
brutal winter approaches. "Day l
said Mohammad Naiem Nazem,
the families feel they have to do

Abdul Malik, Parwana's fat
shame and worry. He had tried
residents for food. But he felt h
members". "I have to sell to kee
only sustain the family for a few

Parwana said she hoped to
and didn't want to give up her e

On October 24, Qorban, th
200,000 Afghanis (about $2,200
didn't describe the sale as a mar
if she were one of their own chi
needs money," Qorban said. "Sh
a family member. I will be kind.

Since the Taliban's takeove
off children under 15 is illegal
more rural parts of Afghanistan
and desperation. The problem
watched their brothers return t
is working on a plan to allow gi
conditions may be imposed. Th
into the marriage market. And
or pursuing an independent pat

giggles: riu efusivament / ríe efusivam
fate: destí / destino
menial work: feina avorrida / trabajo
dries up: acaba
resorted: va recórrer com a última op
plea: petició urgent i emotiva / petició

1. Which of the following best desc
   - ☐ Parwana was thrilled to retu of her dreams.
   - ☐ Parwana giggled when she k
   - ☐ Parwana was delighted to ac
   - ☐ Parwana didn't want to acc

2. According to the text,
   - ☐ she had a sister who had alr
   - ☐ her parents were forced to s
   - ☐ not many young Afghan gir
   - ☐ some other girls were sold t

3. Which of the following sentence
   - ☐ International aid has gradu
   - ☐ Hunger has forced many fa
   - ☐ The country's economy is b
   - ☐ The situation of Afghan pe to power.

4. The word *futile* is used in the tex
   - ☐ *useless.*
   - ☐ *heartbreaking.*
   - ☐ *meaningful.*
   - ☐ *productive.*

5. Parwana's sale
   - ☐ will probably be prevented
   - ☐ will be a decision that Parw of his children's sake.
   - ☐ will sustain the family for a
   - ☐ is one of several possible op

6. According to the text, what does
   - ☐ He will send Parwana to sc
   - ☐ He paid more than what wa situation of the family.
   - ☐ He would treat her as anoth
   - ☐ He wants to marry her beca

7. When girls under 15 are marrie
   - ☐ they increase their possibili
   - ☐ they have accepted and cho
   - ☐ their future prospects for a
   - ☐ their fundamental freedoms

8. Which of the following sentence
   - ☐ The sale and marriage of yo to overcome extreme pover
   - ☐ Marriages of convenience a
   - ☐ Afghan girls look forward t
   - ☐ Arranged marriages are a b

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Assateague Island is a 60 km lon
the Atlantic Ocean. The northe
is in Virginia. The Maryland se
the Virginia section contains Ch
marshes, bays and pristine beac

Assateague, however, is best
are actually feral animals, meani
to a wild state. Horses tough er
weather and poor quality food f
a unique wild horse society.

Local folklore describes the
While this dramatic tale of stru
it. The most plausible explanati
barrier islands like Assateague ir
taxation of livestock.

The horses are split into tw
side of Assateague. They are sep
have divided themselves into ba
The National Park Service mana
owns and manages the Virginia
Refuge through a special use per
the size of the herd to approxima
of the wildlife refuge. It is the Vi

Many visitors first learn ab
Misty of Chincoteague. The story
Penning.'' On the last Wednesd
swim from Assateague Island to
foals are auctioned off. Proceeds

Assateague's horses are be
environment. Feeding and/or pe
sick from human food. Those th
by cars. Visitors are kicked, bitte
to the wild horses. Treating wild
special. The park rangers warn
people must give the horses the

There are few places in the
social structure the Assateague
advantage of the opportunity to
the wild horses will continue to
nature enthusiasts, photographe

herd: ramat / manada
foal: cavall de menys d'un any / caball

1. The horses we see in Assateague that they
   - ☐ descend from domestic ani
   - ☐ are domestic animals whos
   - ☐ were wild horses that now h
   - ☐ have always lived free on th

2. These horses are unique becaus
   - ☐ are extremely small.
   - ☐ are native to the Americas.
   - ☐ have adapted to very tough
   - ☐ must live in very frigid tem

3. How did the horses arrive on th
   - ☐ They have always lived ther
   - ☐ They migrated naturally fro
   - ☐ They were travelling on a sh
   - ☐ They were most probably ta

4. Which of the following sentence
   - ☐ The National Park Service i
   - ☐ There is a herd of horses in
   - ☐ There's a variable number o
   - ☐ A fence along the state line

5. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Servi
   - ☐ owns the Chincoteague Vol
   - ☐ issues a permit allowing the
   - ☐ is in charge of the Virginia
   - ☐ won't allow ponies to feed i

6. The Pony Penning festival
   - ☐ is organized by the Nationa
   - ☐ is a local festival in which h
   - ☐ was created after Margaret
   - ☐ takes place in many other pl

7. The Assateague horses
   - ☐ usually hit or bite other wil
   - ☐ have become accustomed t
   - ☐ have adapted to their envir
     structure.
   - ☐ are quite tame and never bi

8. Visitors to Assateague Island
   - ☐ know that this is the only pl
     in the wild.
   - ☐ must treat the horses as wil
   - ☐ can feed the wild horses wit
   - ☐ almost never see horses bec

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GINKGO TREES N

On the streets of Manhattan an
ginkgo trees are gradually losin
Such leaf drop, gradual at first,
every year. But around the worl
and later, a possible indication
"People would ask us, 'Whe
21st of October," says David Ca
Farm, which is home to The Gi
Carr, who's been at The Gi
in-the-season leaf color is a noti
the first week of November." Bu
climate changes. And the story
Thanks to fossils found in N
its current form for 60 million ye
to the Jurassic Period. In its ne
almost went extinct. Then they h
Peter Crane, author of the book
The International Union fo
of Earth's species, classifies the
thought to potentially exist in C
rain-darkened sidewalk this fall
humans rescued from natural **ol**
story," Crane says, "and also a g
On Earth today there are fi
most abundant; conifers, plants
desert **shrubs**, tropical trees, an
lonely ginkgo. In the plant king
biloba.
Scientists think the world o
found in a coal mine in central
only slight variations in the sha
be extinct in the wild until the e
found in western China. A pape
been cultivated by ancient Buddh
in the southwest of the country
did indeed exist in southwestern
treasure of diversity for **crossbr**
domesticated species.
Crane is not worried about
help it survive. "Though its stat
that is unlikely to ever go extinc

fan-shaped: en forma de ventall / en f
ancestors: avantpassats / antepasados
scattered: escampats / esparcidos
oblivion: oblit / olvido
seeds: llavors / semillas
shrubs: arbustos
havens: refugis / refugios

1. According to scientists,
   - ☐ ginkgo trees losing their lea
   - ☐ ginkgo trees no longer lose
     change.
   - ☐ ginkgo trees losing their lea
     climate change.
   - ☐ ginkgo trees have gone fron
     as a consequence of climate

2. Which one of the sentences is F
   - ☐ Ginkgos almost went extinct
   - ☐ Ginkgos have confronted m
   - ☐ Ginkgos have existed as a sp
   - ☐ Ginkgos have overcome ext

3. According to the International
   - ☐ ginkgos are found in vast n
   - ☐ practically no ginkgos exist
   - ☐ ginkgos no longer grow in t
   - ☐ ginkgos are a species that ca

4. Which one of the sentences is T
   - ☐ Ginkgos are flowering plant
   - ☐ Ginkgos are palm-like trees
   - ☐ Ginkgos have several differ
   - ☐ Ginkgos produce seeds.

5. Fossilized plants confirm that
   - ☐ ginkgos have actually chang
   - ☐ currently extinct species of
   - ☐ millions of years ago ginkgo
     and shape of leaves as today
   - ☐ different species of ginkgos

6. The undomesticated population
   - ☐ showed that this species of
   - ☐ was later destroyed by a for
   - ☐ went extinct in the early 20
   - ☐ might have been cultivated

7. Today domesticated ginkgo tre
   - ☐ are common around the wo
   - ☐ are only found in western C
   - ☐ belong to one of five related
   - ☐ lose their leaves in mid-sum

8. Crane is not worried about the
   - ☐ it is difficult to find in the w
   - ☐ it is a symbol of prosperity
   - ☐ it is a popular species of tre
   - ☐ its status in the wild is unce

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RAGE AGAINST

In the past, people could "swit
dramatic friends by not picking
that everyone should be availab
this necessity, a new anti-tech tr
become popular amongst blogg

It is widely accepted that mu
impact on social relationships a
abstain from using technology?

Like a muscle, the brain nee
In fact, shutting off completely r
walked in the woods after learni
such as taking a short walk, spen
free time, it is impossible to fully

Luckily more and more pe
past few years, the idea of disc
movement. In 2010, for instanc
to help people of all faiths and
manifesto created the *National*
March.

Recently, countless blogger
people behind the lifestyle websi
to make using a computer mor
more radical approach: a 25-day
And finally, a well-known maga

Unplugging is a trendy **buz**
just a **passing fad**. The Internet
past ten years. But because we a
week, we have assumed that mo
the ability to contact anyone at

In reality, however, this be
Twitter, Instagram, and other si
brains, our relationships and ou
have proved an important point
computer screens. It would be b
stress and **enhancing** creativity.

down time: temps d'inactivitat / tiemp
fuss: rebombori / jaleo
buzzword: paraula en voga / palabra d
passing fad: tendència passatgera / ten
fast: dejuni / ayuno
to enhance: augmentar / aumentar

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Some years ago people did not a
   - ☐ they could be connected to
   - ☐ they were able to forget abo
   - ☐ they could be available all t
   - ☐ they could continue workin

2. According to most research, we
permanently connected to the w
   - ☐ if we leave little time for so
   - ☐ if we learn to go without te
   - ☐ by emailing as little as possi
   - ☐ if we admit that multitaskin

3. A Michigan university study co
   - ☐ our brain only develops wh
   - ☐ a student must leave the cit
   - ☐ students learn best after mo
   - ☐ brief activities are beneficia

4. The idea of disconnecting from
   - ☐ was conceived by Israeli so
   - ☐ can unite people from all fa
   - ☐ has induced several organiz
   - ☐ has been discarded because

5. Which of these four statements
   - ☐ Some famous people have d
   - ☐ For many network users, te
   - ☐ If home Internet access is a
is appealing.
   - ☐ Taking technological break

6. The text states that one possible
   - ☐ to not use smartphones on
   - ☐ to keep up with Facebook a
   - ☐ to pause our use of connect
   - ☐ to maintain contact with ev

7. According to the text, why do p
to contact others is good?
   - ☐ Because we know companie
devices.
   - ☐ Because technology has ban
the 21st century.
   - ☐ Because people have little t
   - ☐ Because we know that it is

8. What is unsustainable about no
   - ☐ Multitasking has a positive
   - ☐ Being connected all the tim
   - ☐ Keeping up with Facebook
   - ☐ Maintaining a public profil
in business.

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THE WOMAN WHO

One young black woman made c
though she never knew the impo
Henrietta Lacks was diagno
birth to her fifth child. At the t
Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore,
black people.
The **ward** where she ended
trying to grow human cells in h
doctor sent a small sample of **tis**
human cells outside the body ha
In most people a natural pro
is linked to aging: as cells div
replication of DNA decreases.
called *telomeres*, shorten. Eventu
with cancers and other age-relat
Typically human cells are
Lacks's cells were different. In t
They were, in essence, immortal
cells could be grown quickly.
workhorse of biological researc
Her cell line, which came
commonly used immortalised c
much of modern medicine. Mill
line it generated was used to cre
Her cells even made it into spac
been in research for vaccines ag
But the story of Henrietta
American medical research and
revealed Lacks's name publicly,
genome online, repeatedly failin
companies that profited from h
Now, the extraordinary eve
the unequal **death toll** of COVI
past injustices. Some have called
The argument is that, because t
though this was legal at the time
But that is not what ma
descendants, several of whom ar
year, #HELA100. To her grandso
how they have advanced cancer
at the young age of 31. "The cell
says. And they do so for people

ward: sala d'hospital / sala de hospital
tissue: teixit / tejido
strand: cadena
culture: cultiu / cultivo
underpins: forma la base de
death toll: nombre de víctimes / pérdi

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Which one of the following sen
   - ☐ She is responsible for a grea
   - ☐ She died while giving birth
   - ☐ She never knew of her cont
   - ☐ She was segregated for bein

2. When Henrietta Lacks was in h
   - ☐ operated to remove her tun
   - ☐ received some of her tissue.
   - ☐ informed her of his experin
   - ☐ was growing human cells in

3. Because of senescence,
   - ☐ cells continue dividing and
   - ☐ the DNA replicates perfectl
   - ☐ cancers are avoided.
   - ☐ cells eventually die.

4. Lacks's cells "became a workho
   - ☐ they were used over and ov
   - ☐ they divided endlessly.
   - ☐ they could be shared easily.
   - ☐ they were preserved in a lab

5. The HeLa cell line
   - ☐ has been the basis for medi
   - ☐ was immortalised in a labor
   - ☐ is only used in studies on th
   - ☐ cannot be used in present-d

6. According to the text,
   - ☐ neither Henrietta nor her fa
     to conduct experiments wit
   - ☐ the companies that used he
     her family compensation.
   - ☐ Lacks's medical records hav
     and that's why they were pu
   - ☐ Black people at that time ha
     and the health-care system.

7. The #BlackLivesMatter movem
   - ☐ has made researchers consi
     completely.
   - ☐ has increased the number o
   - ☐ considers the research done
   - ☐ expects scientists to continu

8. Some of Henrietta's descendant
   - ☐ want to pay tribute to all th
   - ☐ do not mind what was done
   - ☐ are organising a party to cel
   - ☐ are encouraging people of a

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IS PLAS

On a boat off Costa Rica, a biol
a sea turtle. The turtle seems to
YouTube—which has registered
to watch. In the end, the despe
creature's nose.

These shocking scenes shov
oil or a flatback turtle stuck in a
harm is not so noticeable. **Seagu**
more plastic as a proportion of
in one large population, 90 % of
intestine can kill any bird quickl
birds to suffer from chronic, per

Matthew Savoca, a marine b
in the U.S., complains, "the reall
is food." He goes on to add, "im
all day, which would be very cor
provide. That is why they **roam**
to feed their young. Savoca has
because it smells like food once

What makes plastic useful
threat to animals. Plastic lasts a
of it floats. Scientists suggest th
plastic bags have been proved
marine species have been report

Society does not fully unde
us. In an historical perspective,
documented cases of seabirds in
1966, when plastic production w

The widespread use of pla
mean that science is unlikely to
to take policy action now befo
would be identifying places wh
forceful measures there. Passing
significant step forward, for inst
to use and cheap, but increasing
serious threat to the environmer

T

seagull: gavina / gaviota
to pierce: perforar
to roam: vagar
atoll: atol / atolón

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ A plastic straw was remove
   - ☐ The images seen on YouTu
   - ☐ The biologists extracted the
   - ☐ A plastic straw made the tu
2. The harm that plastic causes on
   - ☐ results in a constant feeling
   - ☐ has resulted in fewer ancho
   - ☐ is minor in 90 % of cases.
   - ☐ prevents them from migrati
3. We can deduce from Matthew S
   - ☐ anchovies cannot smell alga
   - ☐ anchovies feed on algae.
   - ☐ seagulls migrate to avoid ea
   - ☐ seagulls feed on anchovies.
4. Plastic is a threat to animals bec
   - ☐ it is poisonous.
   - ☐ most of it does not remain
   - ☐ it can be thrown away easil
   - ☐ it does not last very long.
5. Straws, water bottles and plastic
   - ☐ sink down to the ocean floo
   - ☐ float for a short time.
   - ☐ are eaten by only a few mar
   - ☐ last much longer than expe
6. The massive use of plastic
   - ☐ started on a Pacific island i
   - ☐ has been documented since
   - ☐ has not changed in the last
   - ☐ is a relatively recent phenor
7. The impact of plastic waste on w
   - ☐ was predicted by scientists
   - ☐ can be easily solved by scie
   - ☐ requires government interv
   - ☐ has remained the same ove
8. According to the text, which of t
   to the threat of plastic waste on
   - ☐ Delaying taking measures n
     the problem.
   - ☐ Financing scientific researc
   - ☐ Locating crucial areas and t
   - ☐ Taking voluntary measures

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HUGE REDUCTI

Huge reductions in meat-eating
of the most comprehensive ana
countries, the study states that b
more beans and peas. The resear
destroying the planet's ability t
decades.

Food production already
from **livestock**, deforestation an
agricultural pollution. But witho
by 2.3 billion people by 2050. At
eat meat-rich Western-style diets
Oxford, who led the research tea
are interested in people being abl

The new study follows the
warned there are just 12 years i
half a degree will significantly w
consuming less meat and dairy p
trends are in the opposite direct

The new research, publishe
data from many countries to ev
then looked at what could be dc
Springmann. "But dietary and
hopefully they can be complem
produced today never reaches th

The researchers recommenc
under 2 °C. This flexitarian diet
American would need to eat 75 %
consumption of legumes such as
would cut emissions from livestc
cuts. In contrast to what needs tc
who are undernourished need tc

Reducing meat consumptic
plant-based foods and changes
deforestation, water shortages a
changes in farming practices.

Ultimately, we live on a fin
a technological solution allowin
overeat and throw food away. T
allow future generations to live

livestock: ramaderia / ganado
drought: sequera / sequía
looming: que s'acosta / que se avecina
manure: fems / estiércol

1. In order to avoid environmental
   - ☐ people should eat less meat.
   - ☐ people need to eat more fis
   - ☐ people should eat more me
   - ☐ vegan diets need to be adop
2. In a few decades, the world popu
   - ☐ will increase to 2.3 billion p
   - ☐ will increase by 70 %.
   - ☐ will increase to 10 billion pe
   - ☐ will not change.
3. If global warming is kept under
   - ☐ traditional farming areas wi
   - ☐ the risk of drought, floods a
   - ☐ we will have a dozen years
     and extreme heat.
   - ☐ we will reduce the risk of d
4. The report states that dietary hal
   accompanied by
   - ☐ more emissions from livest
   - ☐ less impact on beef product
   - ☐ a decrease in food loss and
   - ☐ a global increase in meat co
5. A flexitarian diet implies
   - ☐ eating mainly raw vegetable
   - ☐ eating no meat from farms.
   - ☐ eating more meat and less b
   - ☐ eating more beans and peas
6. In order to be effective against cl
   - ☐ should be applied equally a
   - ☐ should be applied more stri
   - ☐ are unnecessary in developi
   - ☐ should not be applied in th
7. What does the report recommen
   - ☐ Adopting traditional Europ
   - ☐ Using more fertilisers in de
   - ☐ Changing menus served to
   - ☐ Clearing forests to increase
8. Which of the following statemen
   - ☐ The Earth's resources are li
   - ☐ The current food system do
     a sustainable planet.
   - ☐ Technology will help us to
     it now.
   - ☐ The current food system ha

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IS THERE S

The science of first impressio
neurological processes that we d

It takes less than a second
predict all kinds of important
in a second tend to be shared by
correct.

"A first impression could be
Face Value: The Irresistible Infl
"Trying to figure out what a pe
make first impressions about str

Whether our predictions ar
if we are given more time than a
at a different conclusion. Accor
people infer from a face: attracti

In these first impressions,
masculine are evaluated negativ
genders, so men and women [bo

First impressions of faces a
in the context of dating apps, w
photos we choose to publish or
Not just chosen for attractiven
adventurousness or generosity.

First impressions are rapid b
like when your date starts speak
other is when they have to tal
talking," says professor Todorov

Professor Todorov has cate
to a second date and he came
approach women and we have f
says professor Todorov. "But th
the types of strategy used."

Men and women are more s
you are looking for is more effe
looking for love.

"Something that is unique a
date is going to meet your expe
tendency to build people up in y
when we don't have a lot of info

Having said that, there have
must be some logic in there, say
nice results".

assessment: valoració / valoración
misleading: enganyós / engañoso
trustworthiness: confiança / confianz
shallow: superficial

1. According to professor Todorov
   - ☐ we only make first impressi
   - ☐ we make first impressions o
   - ☐ our first impressions about
   - ☐ we usually share our first in
2. Once people have made their fir
   - ☐ they may change them quit
   - ☐ they will change their opini
     they have just met.
   - ☐ they will hardly ever change
     they have just met.
   - ☐ they always change their mi
     to judge a person.
3. Which one of these sentences is
   - ☐ In first impressions women
   - ☐ In first impressions women
   - ☐ In first impressions femini
   - ☐ In first impressions masculi
4. According to the text, the photo
   - ☐ their best ones in order to r
   - ☐ a mixture of fake and real o
     they really are.
   - ☐ very superficial in order not
     and generosity.
   - ☐ chosen to show physical an
5. Prof. Todorov affirms that
   - ☐ first impressions are always
   - ☐ people can change their firs
     to their date.
   - ☐ talking to our date reinforce
     certain.
   - ☐ people in general make goo
6. According to professor Todorov
   dating show
   - ☐ that women talk more abou
   - ☐ that men talk more about th
   - ☐ that men and women use q
   - ☐ that men and women take s
7. If you want to find your perfect
   - ☐ talkative when you meet yo
   - ☐ honest when you talk to you
   - ☐ a little vague when talking a
   - ☐ responsible when you talk a
8. At the end of the article we can
   meetings
   - ☐ are the only way to get mar
   - ☐ are successful only if you w
   - ☐

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HO

"I don't want to look retro. I th
anything with real fur. Right nc
simple, with neutral colours like
embroidered flowers." This is th
hand shopping, but for this seas

Buying clothes second-han
feelgood fashion fix that doesn't
the U.S., the resale market has g
with a report this year predictin
decade. In the U.K., the younger
parents' generation, raised on f
Eighty per cent of 16-21-year-o
over-60s are comfortable buying
40s are happy to buy used cloth

The new trendy profile of
In Covent Garden in London,
destination in Berlin, had custo
their hunt for now-clothes-not-r
institution which has resold mo
opened in Camden market in 19
in London, has huge web sales, a
that otherwise could never be re

Second-hand clothes huntir
street store and you will see reac
different sizes. In a second-hand
to take a different approach: it h
floor, second-hand clothes are
come into their own once you g

If you want to find used clot
best advice. Instead, zoom in on
a wool cardigan, is always a goo

The preconception with vir
shoulder pads or horrible brown
is perfectly suited to young peop
The production of polyester alor
on burning petroleum oil, so any
footprint should be our goal. Fas
looking for will be out there if y

permed hair: pentinat amb permanen
catwalk: passarel·la / pasarela
embroidered: brodat / bordado
retail: venda al detall / venta al por me
mannequin: maniquí

1. According to the author, many y
   - ☐ want to wear light-coloured
   - ☐ like shopping for second-ha
   - ☐ like buying used clothes tha
   - ☐ shop for genuine fur coats i

2. In the U.S.
   - ☐ the second-hand market for
   - ☐ the first-hand market for cl
     second-hand market.
   - ☐ the second-hand market for
     market in 10 years.
   - ☐ the second-hand market for
     than the first-hand market.

3. Which of the following is TRUE
   in the U.K.?
   - ☐ People over 60s are the age
     pre-worn clothing.
   - ☐ Teenagers do not usually lik
   - ☐ About half of all 30-40-year
   - ☐ Less than half of people bet
     second-hand clothes.

4. Where is the first *Picknweight* vi
   - ☐ In Covent Garden in Londo
   - ☐ In Camden market in Lond
   - ☐ In Berlin.
   - ☐ The text does not say.

5. How is second-hand clothes sho
   unworn clothes?
   - ☐ Shoppers can find well-mat
   - ☐ All sizes are available in sec
   - ☐ Shoppers should be ready t
   - ☐ Clothes look nicer in a seco

6. Which of the following is NOT t
   - ☐ Its business has grown subs
   - ☐ It has a single retail location
   - ☐ It has sold a huge amount o
   - ☐ It mends clothing before try

7. According to the author, if you
   - ☐ you need to browse the Inte
   - ☐ you need to look for famou
   - ☐ you should be looking for b
   - ☐ you need to look for details

8. What does the phrase "Fashion i
   - ☐ It means that fashion trend
   - ☐ It means that vintage clothe
   - ☐ It means that cycling trends
   - ☐ It means that we should red

LEONARDO

Salvator Mundi, the long-lost Le
of France more than 500 years a
house, for more than $450 milli
far surpassed Picasso's *Women o*

Christie's marketing camp
auction house had paid an age
compared the painting to "the
Caprio and Patti Smith viewing
painting by the Renaissance mas
and "the biggest discovery of the
for a painting with a very compl

The oil on wood panel pai
facing frontally and dressed in fl
as he raises his right hand in be

Leonardo, who died in 151
during the same period that he p
in the early 17th century. It then
Robinson, an art collector, for th
was thought to have been by Leo
Sotheby's (Christie's rival auctio
it showed up in Louisiana in 20

It was acquired, badly dan
dealers who paid less than $10,0
as a work by Leonardo.

The masterpiece was long
destroyed. In 2011, following six
art by Leonardo and **unveiled** pu
painting by Leonardo since 1909
a Russian billionaire in 2013 for $
lawsuit. The Russian family has
and will eventually be displayed

Christie's says most scholar
questioned the attribution and s
the work's authorship. Before th
London, San Francisco and New
care if Leonardo had actually ma
and restored. They just wanted t
in 2005.

Text adapted from *The N*

to depict: representar
crimson: carmesí
unveiled: descobert / descubierto
lawsuit: demanda judicial

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. The first owner of *Salvator Mun*
   - ☐ the auction house Christie's
   - ☐ King Louis XII of France.
   - ☐ a Russian art dealer.
   - ☐ an anonymous American c

2. Before they put the painting up
   - ☐ showed it to professional c
   - ☐ had the painting put in a n
   - ☐ made a video to show the p
   - ☐ tried to cover up the paintir

3. Most of Leonardo da Vinci's pai
   - ☐ on exhibit in museums.
   - ☐ owned by private collectors.
   - ☐ currently being restored.
   - ☐ in very poor condition.

4. *Salvator Mundi* has been in kno
   - ☐ since the 16th century.
   - ☐ for seven years, when it was
   - ☐ only since it was acquired b
     years ago.
   - ☐ only for a short time compa

5. In 2005, a group of Americans
   - ☐ bought the painting from a
   - ☐ found the painting in a gara
   - ☐ purchased the painting and
   - ☐ lent the painting to the Nati
     art exhibition.

6. Which of the following is NOT t
   - ☐ Christie's auctioned the pai
   - ☐ Christie's sold the painting
   - ☐ A Russian family bought th
   - ☐ A Swiss art dealer made a c

7. Which of the following best desc
   - ☐ There is no doubt that the p
   - ☐ There is little evidence to su
     was the painter.
   - ☐ A few art critics claim that t
   - ☐ Despite extensive restoratio
     was done by Leonardo da V

8. According to the text, most of th
   the *Salvator Mundi*
   - ☐ did not believe that it was d
   - ☐ were not very concerned ab
   - ☐ were celebrities like Leonar
   - ☐ were representatives of pote

THE EMOJI IS THE

Tyler Schnoebelen has discov
Schnoebelen is a linguist and t
Recently he got interested in e
familiar little pictograms and fo
likely to use the skull. Weird, ri
are social lifelines, and when the
you don't have access to your ph
we reach for a metaphorical em

Fully 92 percent of all peo
Instagram, nearly half of the pos
an emoji keyboard. Rates increas
they're killing off **netspeak**. The

In essence, we're watching
modern task: conveying emotic
problems of writing online, whi
as Gretchen McCulloch, a lingui

Purists are not so convinced.
convey emotional tone. Maybe—
speedily and conversationally o
nearly all are hearts, smilies, or
chatter, emoji aid communicatic

We also use emoji to expres
Kelly, a computer scientist at t
emoji as nonverbal conclusion
Kelly says, "but you want the p
of pandas. Or telescopes! Or sor
many are open-ended. In fact, it
meanings to specific emoji. (My

People are even developing
face emoji are used, they tend to
an unhappy face followed by a
"**stance**." Just as with face-to-fa
word.

Social pessimists can stop w
language is our most powerful c
upgrade. Language always chan
it's exceedingly rare—maybe u
acquire a big expansion pack of
new language of the heart.

netspeak: llenguatge del ciberespai / le
crayon: llapis de cera / lápiz de cera
witty: enginyós / ingenioso
stance: actitud

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Many people use the skull emoji
   - ☐ to tell friends that they don'
   - ☐ to explain that it is not worl
   - ☐ to complain that nobody's s
   - ☐ because they like using met
2. Which of the following sentence
   - ☐ Instagram incorporated em
   - ☐ Emoji usage increased after
   - ☐ Since we have emoji, we use
   - ☐ Emoji in Instagram posts ar
3. The author believes that we are
   of language because
   - ☐ writing online presents big
   - ☐ emoji replace voice message
   - ☐ emoji have stable meanings
   - ☐ emoji help us transmit our
4. Emoji have become so popular s
   - ☐ people no longer know how
   - ☐ we want to convey emotion
   - ☐ alphabet keyboards are diffi
   - ☐ we need new words to expr
5. According to the author, smiley,
   - ☐ seldom occur in online mes
   - ☐ are the only way to commu
   - ☐ have become effective tools
   - ☐ often result in miscommuni
6. Many emoji are open-ended. Th
   - ☐ different people may assign
   - ☐ they are sometimes used to
   - ☐ you can use them when you
   - ☐ some people use them to ex
7. We tend to put an emoji face be
   - ☐ it's impossible to convey sta
   - ☐ we don't need to speak wor
   - ☐ when we speak, we see the
   - ☐ that's what the new syntax
8. According to the writer,
   - ☐ we write so much today bec
   - ☐ emoji do not represent a th
   - ☐ emoji are a form of slang.
   - ☐ emoji communicate more p

THRILLER: M

The album that would become
magazine *Time* when it was firs
too long for that to change, as t
record industry and the music-
200,000 copies a week. By the tin
the album had become the best-

But, while it could be said
Time's music critic Jay Cocks
overlooked the album when it

For the record industry, *Thril*
especially younger ones, was neare
from which it had been **banished**
Jones, who produced the albums Q
belong. Black music had to **play sec**
connected with every soul in the w

Thriller does not have the m
rhythm and blues. Jane Fonda, one
original sound. The music is energ
sing to it. It's hard to sit still to."

The pulse of America and mu
asphalt aria of *Beat It*, the cool chil
and local teens were copying Micha
"Jackson bridged the apartheid gap
Jackson, and his fans couldn't buy

"Michael used to say, when he
the music business would list it as
thing in music since The Beatles. H
the most popular Black singer ever.

This success, Jones says, "had
liked *Thriller* well enough and wro
as surprised as record-company ex
into the country's collective music
segregating.

When Jackson died in 2009,
"For a generation, the magic is p
were when they heard *Beat It* for
the pop idol. "As a piece of mus

to release: publicar
release: publicació / publicación
to overlook: passar per alt / pasar por
to banish: bandejar / desterrar
to play second fiddle: ser a l'ombra /
to beat: marcar el ritme / marcar el rit
strut: estil de caminar fatxenda / pavo
bootleg: còpia pirata / copia pirata
to burn one's way into: establir-se ràp

Part I: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. When Michael Jackson's *Thriller*
   - ☐ *Time* magazine didn't pay n
   - ☐ it sold 200,000 copies on th
   - ☐ it was considered the best a
   - ☐ it didn't reach the charts im
2. After *Thriller*,
   - ☐ Black music was forbidden
   - ☐ young people started listeni
   - ☐ only Black people listened t
   - ☐ Black music was heard on r
3. Which of these things does Quir
   - ☐ Michael Jackson made Blac
   - ☐ Pop music has a strong infl
   - ☐ Michael Jackson had conne
   - ☐ Black music was considered
4. When Jane Fonda said that "It's
   music]", she meant that
   - ☐ his music makes you want t
   - ☐ his music makes you want t
   - ☐ it's difficult to listen to his r
   - ☐ it's difficult to dance like he
5. In Moscow, Michael Jackson's r
   - ☐ were widely available in mu
   - ☐ were only available as pirat
   - ☐ reached the top position in
   - ☐ were played regularly on sta
6. Michael Jackson's mother says t
   - ☐ he didn't make music for a
   - ☐ he composed music for a Bl
   - ☐ he composed mainly rhythr
   - ☐ he wrote for the music busi
7. Rock critics
   - ☐ worked together with recor
   - ☐ thought that Jackson's musi
   - ☐ predicted the success of the
   - ☐ didn't expect the album to b
8. Many people believe that *Thrille*
   - ☐ is the most famous song of
   - ☐ marked the end of a music
   - ☐ is one of the best albums in
   - ☐ is a song with a strong polit

HOW

We can never know what was
ago, when they first picked up
significant that they chose a rich
and death.

Today, shades of red are link
be coincidence. A new **branch**
profound influence on our moo

Wearing red can even chan
shades of red that makes them
with one of the most important
dominance for many primates.
markings on their face and bott
and more dominant an individu

It was only in 2004 that two
Durham—began to wonder whe
to **flush** a vivid, inflamed red lik
red clothes could perhaps carry
associations still remains a matt
wear red often feel more domina
see red, you'll feel fear and be aw

Perhaps the most studied e
and sin. A series of experiments,
in New York State, have all co
attractive when wearing red com
skin seems to signal health and f
we wear. Otherwise, not all the
just yet. "I think the investigatio
might be able to use colour psyc
far from that point."

Elliot would also like to see
while red may **hinder** performan
games. Even so, Elliot suspects th
that red has over our behaviour.

"The perception of red will
deep as the blood in our veins. P
first started painting their bodie

to warp: torçar / torcer
crayon: llapis de color / lápiz de color
vivid: intens / intenso
branch: branca / rama
to flush: enrogir / enrojecer
to hinder: impedir

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct a
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. The reason why our ancestors pi
   - ☐ because it made them more
   - ☐ because it was a vivid colou
   - ☐ still a mystery to the expert
   - ☐ because it is the colour of o

2. "Colour psychology" has found
   - ☐ was the favourite colour of
   - ☐ can affect the way people be
   - ☐ is a vivid reminder of life ar
   - ☐ was the first colour our anc

3. Which of these statements is NC
   - ☐ For many primates, red is a
   - ☐ In the primate world red sh
   - ☐ Mandrill monkeys' social or
   - ☐ Red only appears on the str

4. Russell Hill and Robert Barton
   - ☐ affirm that humans don't fo
   - ☐ think that humans act with
   - ☐ want to know if the reactio
     are identical.
   - ☐ doubt that humans could be

5. A series of experiments led by F
   people who
   - ☐ wear red are considered mo
   - ☐ wear colours other than red
   - ☐ wear red are more intelliger
   - ☐ choose red clothes are healt

6. Professor Andrew Elliot says tha
   - ☐ is not far from being fully d
   - ☐ is now ready to create bette
   - ☐ is still in a premature phase
   - ☐ will soon create a productiv

7. Professor Elliot has observed tha
   - ☐ red is the perfect colour for
   - ☐ red doesn't help in some wo
   - ☐ blue is worse than red in so
   - ☐ blue and green are not usefu

8. What is Professor Elliot's final c
   - ☐ It has changed over the yea
   - ☐ It is constantly in progress.
   - ☐ It is related to blood.
   - ☐ It has been the same throug

DON'T BELIE

In an age of Photoshop, filter
pictures—subjects become slim
puppies. However, there's a ne
advances in artificial intelligenc
looking **footage** of public figure
fly to the moon, or Hillary Clint
is the future of fake news. We've
to question everything we see ar

For now, there are several re
and audio elements of human be
is able to manipulate video foot
mouth—in real time. Face2Face
webcam and then **morphs** those
On its own, Face2Face is a fun
hosts. However, with the additio
the digital puppet look like the p

A research team at the U
impersonation. With 3-5 minut
or radio shows—an attacker ca
biometric security systems used
microphone and the software w
the victim—whether over the ph

Although their intentions m
with face-morphing technology
these morphing technologies sti
distorted or unnatural, and the
faithfully recreate the sound or
for humans to detect the fraud.

Given the erosion of trust
it will become even more impo
sounds like the real deal. People
all the elements featured in the
Doctored content might not pas
to social media it could spread v
or even start a war.

footage: filmació / filmación
to morph: aplicar canvis / aplicar cam
to fool: enganyar / engañar
rampant: sense restriccions / sin restri
hoax: engany, trampa / engaño, fraude
to scrutinize: examinar detalladament
synced: sincronitzat / sincronizado
doctored: manipulat / manipulado
grainy: granulat / granulado

1. Artificial intelligence and compu
   - ☐ are the future of social med
   - ☐ are creating new types of vi
   - ☐ will benefit public figures su
   - ☐ enable readers to spot fake
2. Fake news will be more convinci
   - ☐ people tend to have less crit
   - ☐ people will be more familia
   - ☐ it will incorporate improve
   - ☐ human behaviour is easy to
3. Face2Face can currently
   - ☐ capture someone's facial ex else's face.
   - ☐ imitate someone's facial exp
   - ☐ synthesize voice and incorp
   - ☐ capture someone's physical
4. Recent research allows
   - ☐ smartphones to synthesize
   - ☐ the creation of software to
   - ☐ the creation of microphone
   - ☐ the creation of 3-5 minute a
5. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ Digital puppets will look an
   - ☐ Face and voice-morphing t fake news.
   - ☐ Synthesized voice may dece
   - ☐ Current software only work
6. There is certainly room for impr
   - ☐ since they are able to exactl
   - ☐ since there are often sound
   - ☐ since facial expressions and
   - ☐ since humans can never det
7. From now on, news organisatio
   - ☐ manipulate news more ofte
   - ☐ not trust any information o
   - ☐ be more critical with their s
   - ☐ pay particular attention to t
8. What is the danger of fake news,
   - ☐ News agencies will never be
   - ☐ Fake news will go viral on s
   - ☐ News agencies will spread f
   - ☐ The viral presence of fake n conflicts.

S1

There are secrets and there are
Park, a Victorian mansion fifty
there didn't talk about it even t
well known: in recent years ther
tourist attraction. So what took

Bletchley Park was purcha
breaking school. The mansion v
for all those who worked there, s
Britain's top code-breaking cent
agent would infiltrate the centre

Station X, as Bletchley Park
German generals on the battlefi
believe that the code-breakers sh

The Germans had invented
seen. It resembled a large typew
into entirely unintelligible nonse
The design of Enigma mach
machines were initially decoded
the Germans changed the code
to improve Enigma to increase
advent of war, codes were chan
Poland in 1939, Polish mathema
British. This information was ex
decoding German messages.

As the Second World War p
there. About 75 % of the people
were Cambridge mathematician
recruited because of their lingui
the best known code-breakers w
improved the design of the Polis
of their collaborations was the
The new Bombe went through a
number of settings to a **manage**

The importance of code-bre
In 1941, Turing and Welchman
now famous response was "Mak
that this has been done."

In 1945 Churchill ordered t
aware of Bletchley Park because
employees. Bletchley Park even
by Catherine, Duchess of Camb
during the war.

suitable: adequat / adecuado
hut: barracó / barracón
tight: estricte / estricto
advent: començament / comienzo
recruited: reclutat / reclutado
manageable: manejable

manageable: manejable

1. The mansion at Bletchley Park w
   - ☐ large enough for an entire s
   - ☐ too small for the number of
   - ☐ converted into several huts.
   - ☐ used as a shelter during Na
2. The work done by the code-brea
   - ☐ had no effect on the outcon
   - ☐ probably helped the Allies v
   - ☐ was heavily criticized by Ch
   - ☐ was infiltrated by the Nazis.
3. Who built the Enigma machines
   - ☐ Germany.
   - ☐ Polish mathematicians.
   - ☐ The British Army.
   - ☐ Alan Turing and Gordon W
4. During the war, codes for Enigm
   - ☐ changed daily.
   - ☐ changed monthly.
   - ☐ changed once every few mo
   - ☐ never changed.
5. The code-breakers at Bletchley P
   - ☐ very good at playing chess.
   - ☐ mechanical engineers.
   - ☐ originally from Poland.
   - ☐ students from local universi
6. Churchill thought that code-bre
   - ☐ was interesting but too expe
   - ☐ was important to winning t
   - ☐ should be assigned to Army
   - ☐ could be done by anyone w
7. Bletchley Park was first discover
   - ☐ a documentary was made ab
   - ☐ Churchill gave many interv
   - ☐ someone who had worked t
   - ☐ the Poles reported on it to t
8. Which of the following best desc
   - ☐ A home owned by Queen V
   - ☐ Government buildings turn
   - ☐ A school for mathematician
   - ☐ The childhood home of Kat

HOW A ROBC

With an ageing population
But would yo

Sitting in a studio in Kensingt
worst-case scenario. "Basically,
a drawing of an elderly woman
the room notices that you've fal
an early model close to where w
carry hidden speakers, and its bi

Conran's company describe
work with facial recognition te
could **prompt** people to take m
thinks there is a problem. "It tri
central office. Someone in the c
right, and telling you to touch y
picture is wearing. It is another
24 hours a day. "If you touch yo
don't touch your wrist it will co
The system rewinds the recordi
ambulance gets there, the docto

Many of these visions are
government **funding** for health
care. Can robots supplement h
some of society's most vulnerab

The technologists insist tha
replace them. They say there is
could have human-like qualities
of robots that resemble humans
and there are things that machi
dangerously confuse these lines,
doctors and nurses because they

Is a robot something people
point. For the generations now
instant gratification, the idea of
have completely different expec
different way than previous gen
and we're coming up against th
to drop off. Ageing needs to be

caregiver: cuidador, cuidadora
to prompt: indicar
to emerge: emergir / emerger
funding: fons / fondos

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Robots and smart homes might
   - ☐ be a solution to anyone wh
   - ☐ prevent ageing.
   - ☐ be a solution to increasing
   - ☐ become plastic dogs.
2. When you fall over, MiRo
   - ☐ helps you stand up.
   - ☐ notices that and gets closer
   - ☐ controls your body tempera
   - ☐ tells you to touch your wris
3. MiRo
   - ☐ only physically resembles a
   - ☐ can tell you to take medicin
   - ☐ can have a normal conversa
   - ☐ can prevent you from fallin
4. If a robotic dog like MiRo takes
   - ☐ you need to wear a wristbar
   - ☐ there's always an ambulanc
   - ☐ it will come to you and take
   - ☐ you need to call the central
5. Robots
   - ☐ are created to eventually sul
   - ☐ are designed to give and rec caregivers do.
   - ☐ are created to solve misund
   - ☐ are designed to complemen
6. Which of the following statemer
   - ☐ Some scientists believe robc
   - ☐ Government authorities wil on automated care.
   - ☐ Both humans and machines
   - ☐ There's a lot of debate as to
7. Present-day generations
   - ☐ might want to have constan
   - ☐ will be very interested in m
   - ☐ will surely have a better life
   - ☐ should be given a robot by
8. Sebastian Conran believes that
   - ☐ economic realities make au
   - ☐ robots will entirely replace
   - ☐ ageing is getting easier.
   - ☐ the State will cover the cost

WHAT'S T

Black Friday is the day after T
stores all over the country to tak
story behind Black Friday is a bi

The first recorded use of t
the crash of the U.S. gold marke
bought up as much as they could
profits. On that Friday in Septe
stock market into **bankruptcy**.

The most commonly repe
Friday tradition links it to **retail**
the red"), stores would earn a p
holiday shoppers spent so muc
companies used to record losses
inaccurate version of Black Frid

In recent years, another my
claiming that back in the 1800s,
day after Thanksgiving. Though
call for a boycott of the retail ho

The true story behind Blac
the city of Philadelphia used th
thousands of shoppers and touri
game held on that Saturday every
sports, is usually played in Phila
to take the day off because they
traffic. Shoplifters would also tal
to the policemen's headaches.

By 1961, the expression *Bla*
unsuccessfully to change it into
didn't spread to the rest of the U
found a way to reinvent Black
and their customers. The day aft
when stores turned a profit. It is
on the Saturday before Christma

The Black Friday story stuc
Since then, the one-day sales be
holidays such as Small Busine
earlier and earlier on that Frida
Thanksgiving evening in 2011. E
of Americans say they plan to sh
up with a name they hope will c

bargain: ganga
to drive up: incrementar
bankruptcy: bancarrota
retailer: comerciant que ven al detall /
accounting: comptabilitat / contabilid
twist: gir / giro
shift: torn / turno

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. On Black Friday
   - ☐ you can find the biggest dis
   - ☐ lots of shoppers buy stuffed
   - ☐ retailers sell merchandise at
   - ☐ shops all over the country i
2. Which sentence is NOT true?
   - ☐ Gould and Fisk managed to
   - ☐ As a result of Gould and Fis
   - ☐ The term *Black Friday* was
   - ☐ Gould and Fisk's speculativ
3. It is said that Black Friday owes
   - ☐ they sold a lot and made a p
   - ☐ they had losses and profits
   - ☐ the stores that didn't offer a
   - ☐ they didn't make any profit
4. According to the text, what's the and Black Friday?
   - ☐ None; the whole story is fak
   - ☐ Slaves used to be sold on Fr
   - ☐ Slaves were cheaper after Th
   - ☐ Extra help was needed on p
5. Police officers in Philadelphia us to the day when
   - ☐ thousands of visitors to the
   - ☐ the Army-Navy football ma
   - ☐ stores opened later than usu
   - ☐ they could enjoy a long Tha
6. The term *Black Friday*, with the
   - ☐ at the end of the 1990s.
   - ☐ throughout the 1950s.
   - ☐ from 2011 onwards.
   - ☐ back in the 1800s.
7. Nowadays, Black Friday sales
   - ☐ last until the Monday after
   - ☐ have been replaced by Cybe
   - ☐ start very early on Thanksgi
   - ☐ continue until the following
8. Grey Thursday refers to
   - ☐ going shopping right after T
   - ☐ the first time Walmart oper
   - ☐ the shops that open on Tha
   - ☐ the day when most America

JAM

Jamie Oliver is an English celeb
known for his food television s
food education. One of the actic
sold in Jamie's restaurants in pr

Oliver will add a 10 p (€ 0.1
the dangers of too much sugar a
on childhood obesity.

Several other restaurant ch
raised from the levy will be put i
farming policies and practices, t
Oliver Restaurant Group will m
charge—which he calls "the chil

Oliver said: "I was born int
on this problem we not only sen
potential to make a long lasting
healthy diet has on their childre

Oliver also added: "I have s
sugar is having on our children'
anaesthetic and one in three kid
biggest single source of sugar an

An explanation of the sugar
and the waiters **will be briefed**
water is always freely available.
his four children have grown u
should explain to children which
by adding freshly cut lemons, or

Simon Bladgen, chief exec
we're concerned about the incr
in children, and while we're not
comes to keeping our costumer
well as raise money to help give

The idea has been welcome
Forum, said: "Once again Jamie
take measures as soon as possib
and the health damage of excess

While all the main medical
soft drinks, the government has
voluntary measures.

levy: taxa / impuesto
fizzy: amb gas / con gas
highlight: fer patent / resaltar
legacy: llegat / herencia
to be briefed: ser informat / ser inform

Part I: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Jamie's sugar tax is imposed in
   - ☐ all British restaurants.
   - ☐ Jamie's restaurants only.
   - ☐ restaurant chains only.
   - ☐ hamburger restaurants in B
2. Which of the following sentenc
   - ☐ Jamie has created this tax t
     in our diet.
   - ☐ The British government has
     obesity.
   - ☐ The money from the tax wi
     healthy food.
   - ☐ Jamie participates in a worl
     food education.
3. Oliver considers that if all the r
   on the "sugar tax,"
   - ☐ the Sustain foundation will
     with its activities.
   - ☐ the government will have m
     on childhood obesity.
   - ☐ parents will be convinced t
   - ☐ they will send a strong mess
4. Jamie Oliver considers that soft
   - ☐ have improved the diet of m
   - ☐ are a necessary source of en
   - ☐ are often recommended by
   - ☐ should be taxed by the gove
5. At Jamie Oliver's restaurants
   - ☐ fizzy drinks are not printed
   - ☐ waiters are told not to offer
   - ☐ tap water is cheaper.
   - ☐ fizzy drinks are more expen
6. Jamie Oliver's own children
   - ☐ can't drink fizzy sugary drir
   - ☐ don't usually drink fizzy, su
   - ☐ only drink water at home.
   - ☐ hardly ever drink fruit juice
7. According to Simon Bladgen, a
   - ☐ stop young people from buy
   - ☐ make obese children lose w
   - ☐ make people aware of the ri
   - ☐ help the government policy
8. Although the main medical pro
   drinks, the government has dec
   - ☐ to ignore the proposal mad
   - ☐ to study the proposal carefu
   - ☐ to promote optional actions

One night, 18-year-old Ritesh
unfortunate minor incident that
in a situation he had already exp
sleeping, electrical **sockets** did n
me pay by card. I felt if this was
India have a good standard of h

Four years later, at the age
a network of 3,000 hotels operat
and 1,500 employees. The firm
staff, renames them with the Oy
The owner of the hotel benefits
part of the business, Mr Agarwa
directions to the hotel and orde

Despite such rapid growth,
believe this could be a technolog
The idea won him a **fellowship**
instead. He used the money fro

The firm launched in 2013
to be the manager, engineer, rec
"At night I would write codes t
was also building strong teams b

The only way he could pers
in India were. "I took our first
problems. He saw the convictio
Now that the business has grow

Mr Agarwal's journey from
starting a business at 17 was not
more challenging. Some people
good people, too. Overall, my e

He has ambitious plans fo
is on making improvements b
the company at home, saying I
potential."

For those keen to emulate
really fast and, if you fail, you wi
he says.

socket: endoll / enchufe
revenue: benefici / beneficio
facilities: installacions / instalaciones
brand: marca
fellowship: beca
budget hotel: hotel de baix cost / hote
dropout: persona que abandona els es

Part I: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 point for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Ritesh Agarwal got the idea to s
   - ☐ when he was travelling arou
   - ☐ when he couldn't pay by cr
   - ☐ when he saw that travellers
   - ☐ when he couldn't enter his
2. Mr Agarwal's company
   - ☐ buys and sells unbranded h
   - ☐ mainly develops apps for h
   - ☐ benefits from other hotels'
   - ☐ improves hotels and gives t
3. The beginning of Oyo Rooms w
   - ☐ few people thought this bus
   - ☐ some people thought techn
   - ☐ Agarwal's fellowship dema
   - ☐ the money from the fellows
4. Which sentence is NOT true? I
   - ☐ had to do all sorts of jobs.
   - ☐ was in charge of the hotel's
   - ☐ already had the idea to mak
   - ☐ had a team of people to wo
5. The investors were convinced
   - ☐ when they compared an Oy
   - ☐ when they saw that all Indi
   - ☐ after the banks were also in
   - ☐ after seeing budget hotels t
6. Mr Agarwal admits that
   - ☐ he couldn't open any bank
   - ☐ everyone took advantage of
   - ☐ leaving college at seventeen
   - ☐ his experiences with good p
7. At present, Mr Agarwal
   - ☐ is expanding his hotel netw
   - ☐ pays little attention to custo
   - ☐ is improving the potential o
   - ☐ hopes to expand in India th
8. His advice to other people is to
   - ☐ if you fail, what you learn w
   - ☐ it is easier for young people
   - ☐ studying is the key to succe
   - ☐ if you fail, you still have tim

Norway, a country of 5.2 millio
reduce greenhouse gas emissio
taking part in the world's most
Norway has become a globa
The country has the highest pro
According to a recent study, 1/3
This interest in electric car
from around the world. Some p
air pollutants. And some elemen
for many, Norway is showing a
At first, it seems ironic tha
biggest producers of oil (Norw
also has many fast rivers, allowi
result, Norway's electricity is cl
generated by power plants burn
environmental benefits from sw
Electric cars, however, are
have that others don't? In a wo
but they also receive huge bene
registration fee, no sales tax, an
and tunnels are free, and it is fre
charged for free at public chargi
Those incentives are worki
After more than a decade of go
electric cars on Norway's roads
successful than hoped: by Septe
luxury car manufacturer Tesla,
cars in Europe, and its largest E
Naturally, all those incentiv
that some of them will be reduc
tax starting in 2018, and all of it
ing and free tolls. Many smaller
vehicles because they need the e
cles will probably remain, howe
The effect of eliminating some
in Japan, electric car registratio
although widely supported by N

path: camí / camino
value-added tax: IVA
toll: peatge / peaje

1. The reason the government of N
is that it wants
   - ☐ to support the local coal inc
   - ☐ to lower the levels of gas em
   - ☐ to limit petroleum and gas
   - ☐ to support Norwegian comp

2. People in other countries study
because
   - ☐ there are more cars in Norw
   - ☐ electric cars were only recer
   - ☐ a high percentage of electric
   - ☐ the government has decide

3. Electricity production in Norwa
   - ☐ coal.
   - ☐ gas.
   - ☐ oil.
   - ☐ water.

4. The effects on the climate of mo
electric cars are greater in Norw
   - ☐ Norway produces more oil
   - ☐ Norway produces cheap, cl
   - ☐ no electric cars are made in
   - ☐ of Norway's location.

5. The text claims that Norway is a
of electric vehicles because
   - ☐ electricity is cheap to produ
   - ☐ electricity is produced from
   - ☐ it is a world leader in oil pr
   - ☐ only a very few vehicles in t

6. Which of the following is NOT
government to buy an electric ca
   - ☐ Free charging.
   - ☐ Free car repairs.
   - ☐ Free parking.
   - ☐ Free registration.

7. The program to promote the us
   - ☐ has been a failure in many
   - ☐ has succeeded beyond expe
   - ☐ has had very little impact.
   - ☐ cannot be evaluated yet.

8. The text states that the benefits
   - ☐ will remain unchanged duri
   - ☐ will be eliminated in part in
   - ☐ will be increased in the nex
   - ☐ will depend on the producti

THE SECRET LIFE

Communication is essential to
we use have come from? Have y
from Arabic, French or Dutch?
how and why English has abso
from the most unlikely of places,
do have a secret life, or rather a
Basque are only two: *anchovy* a
us that the history of our vocabu

Hitchings' book covers the
street **slang**, though individual
themes, sometimes in an extend
account of the British early explo
called "Connoisseur" explores th
rise of scientific writing, the use
including an account of the first

We usually talk of "borrowi
is very complex. Hitchings gives
come into contact. There is an
dependent upon the strength of
to generate more borrowings. E
anywhere else, because the Briti
English has also taken a surpri
settled there and, at the beginn
contrast, English has taken next

One of the themes of *The S*
the language to be pure, simple
words. Hitchings points out th
them, though at the same time, l
stability in our language."

Hitchings is clearly well inf
and index and many clarifying a
persuasive and delightful style a
Words is an exhaustive account
history, reflect social change an

borrow: manllevar / tomar prestado
slang: argot
breadth and depth: amplitud i profun
relish: gaudir / disfrutar

1. Who is Henry Hitchings?
   - ☐ The author of a very influer
   - ☐ An expert in the etymology
   - ☐ The author of a book on th
   - ☐ An expert on the influence languages.

2. We learn from the text that the
   - ☐ has had a common past wit
   - ☐ has as many borrowings fro
   - ☐ has a difficult etymology be
   - ☐ has had a minor influence c

3. According to the text, English ca
   - ☐ capable of absorbing many
   - ☐ that is spoken by the majori
   - ☐ unable to adopt words from
   - ☐ that became popular with t

4. The aim of Hitchings' book is
   - ☐ to study how "Powwow" ca
   - ☐ to analyse the effect of borr
   - ☐ to explain the difficulties of origin.
   - ☐ to determine the benefits of writings.

5. The text explains that borrowing
   - ☐ having many "connoisseurs
   - ☐ nations wanting to impose
   - ☐ strong relationships betwee
   - ☐ the love of the British for di

6. Hitchings argues that English ca
   - ☐ it remains pure and simple
   - ☐ it becomes a language large
   - ☐ it becomes a language that
   - ☐ it remains largely stable but

7. According to the author, Hitchi
   - ☐ that is full of information b
   - ☐ with not enough specific bi
   - ☐ which is highly specialized
   - ☐ that will encourage readers

8. The text suggests that words
   - ☐ can be a source of knowledg
   - ☐ can carry secrets that are or
   - ☐ from foreign languages sho
   - ☐ have been borrowed so that

THE L

Harry Patch, the last survivor of
of its obscene massacre, died at t
Somerset, many miles from the
he so nearly joined them. For d
himself. But then, at the age of 1

Born in the village of Coo
plumber, and would, no doub
declared. Being too young at fir
fight anyone, but it was a case
his 19th birthday, was in a **tren**
the First World War: the Battle
Harry would later say. "We live
you saw it set, you hoped you'd

Many didn't. One of them
battlefield, badly wounded by **sh**
died with the words "Mother!"
Harry carried with him until hi
which would hit Harry. It burst a
again. Harry, some metres away
taken to a **CCS (casualty clearin**
and a half. Finally, a doctor cam
him down. Although he would
He returned home, to plumbing
and his wife.

All this time, he had kept th
his 100th birthday, a journalist c
and he wrote, with Richard's he
been killed so many years befor
morning room of his house. Th
his sight good, but his voice wa
ended the interview before he
already been.

His voice and body may h
Harry Patch had words for all
adult life. "War," he said, "is org

conscripted: cridat a files, reclutat / lla
trench: trinxera / trinchera
scared (to be scared): tenir por / tene
shrapnel: metralla
mate: company / company
CCS (casualty clearing station): hosp
demobbed: desmobilitzat, que ha deix

1. Which of the following sentence
   - ☐ He was the only survivor of
   - ☐ He only explained his exper
   - ☐ He nearly died during the B
   - ☐ He died at the age of 111 in

2. When the First World War bega
   - ☐ was too young to be called i
   - ☐ was looking forward to join
   - ☐ had already been enrolled i
   - ☐ was ready to be enrolled bu

3. Harry explains that during the B
   - ☐ only focused on winning th
   - ☐ constantly worried about th
   - ☐ not quite aware their lives w
   - ☐ not really worried about bei

4. When Harry and his comrades f
   - ☐ they took him to the trench
   - ☐ they took him still alive to a
   - ☐ they decided to shoot him b
   - ☐ they couldn't do anything t

5. After being seriously wounded, H
   - ☐ he was operated on, after be
   - ☐ he was left alone in terrible
   - ☐ he was immediately treated
   - ☐ four men took out the meta

6. The war finished for Harry Patch
   - ☐ the year after he was demob
   - ☐ several months after his rec
   - ☐ immediately after being wo
   - ☐ when he was sent back hom

7. Shortly before Harry died, Richa
   - ☐ Harry did most of the talkin
   - ☐ Harry spoke in a surprising
   - ☐ Richard did most of the talk
   - ☐ Richard was not able to talk

8. After all his experiences in the F
   - ☐ Harry thought that no war
   - ☐ Harry's views on war becam
   - ☐ Harry chose never again to
   - ☐ Harry never again expresse

ARE LOVE-LO

Beautiful bridges in Paris are be
love-locks a thoughtless act of v

It seemed romantic when C
Arts and symbolically threw the
is still strong, but Carolyn's fon
so bad that we contributed to it
few love-locks on the bridge wh
thousands on bridges all over P

The locks first started appe
in Italy had begun attaching pa
protagonists of a popular Italian
a padlock on this bridge. "After
to Paris," Lorna Taylor explains
in January 2014. "The delicate P
metal pieces, is now in mortal da
the City of Locks, and they hav
Canal Saint Martin where padloc
and damages historic structures,
some of the bridges involved are

The padlock supposedly sy
are now removing some padloc
collapsed under the weight of th
the practice. "Some of the **railin**
one that collapsed weighed 700 k
Lorna Taylor says. Now, city off
the bridges from the damage ca

Described as an "epidemic'
the world, and they are no long
Eiffel Tower and others can be
destinations either—four have
which only opened in Februar
offer engraved padlocks in hear
Amsterdam, Chicago, Prague, F
space uniquely for love-locks, an
The question is how to find a w

Despite attaching her own
contributed to this horrendous
that. It was a nice idea, but I hop

padlock, lock: cadenat / candado
mayor: alcalde
defaces (to deface): desfigurar
bond: lligam / vínculo
railing: barana / barandilla
trend: tendència, moda / tendencia, m
heritage: patrimoni històric / patrimo

1. Carolyn Barnabo and Clive Rob
   - ☐ because it was a romantic t
   - ☐ to contribute to the Parisian
   - ☐ because they were fond of l
   - ☐ in order to write an entry in

2. Which of the sentences is FALSE
   - ☐ was made popular by an Ita
   - ☐ is prohibited in Rome.
   - ☐ follows an Italian tradition.
   - ☐ was exported to Paris.

3. The phrase "padlocks have sprea
   - ☐ fungus appear on the bridge
   - ☐ padlocks are attached main
   - ☐ eight bridges over the river
   - ☐ padlocks have appeared in s

4. The municipal authorities in Par
   - ☐ after they had removed pad
   - ☐ when part of a historic brid
   - ☐ only when the eight bridges
   - ☐ when the railings of the Por

5. The city of Paris is putting panel
   - ☐ to protect the locks that are
   - ☐ to let people see the locks m
   - ☐ to prevent the damage that
   - ☐ to make an experiment on t

6. According to the text, padlock se
   - ☐ are making profits from thi
   - ☐ sell only heart-shaped padl
   - ☐ tell you where you must pu
   - ☐ sell them only through thei

7. Love-locks
   - ☐ are restricted in European c
   - ☐ are limited to bridges or fen
   - ☐ are not found in non-touris
   - ☐ can now be found in a varie

8. Lisa Anselmo thinks that it woul
   - ☐ to assign a place for people
   - ☐ to restrict love-locks anywh
   - ☐ to keep love-locks in histori
   - ☐ to forbid love-locks everywh

ESPERAN

Today, English has no rival as
different if Esperanto, an artifici
doctor from Bialystok (modern
common language. Esperanto is
Germanic, Slavic and Semitic).
translates as "one who hopes"),
of Esperanto. Zamenhof's goal
transcend nationality and enco
different languages.

In a letter to a friend, Zam
"The place where I was born an
Bialystok the inhabitants were
Jews; each of these spoke their o
a town made me feel the misery
or at least the most influential, b
I was brought up as an idealist.
at every step I felt that there wer

In 1905, Esperanto's first i
Then, in 1920, the League of N
member states incorporate the la
dominant international tongue.
put an end to the possibility of
international *lingua franca*. Nev
grammar enthusiasts of Esperan
is much easier to learn than E
d'Esperanto and a teacher of th
language because none of its sp
two years are needed to learn th
dedicated to it and the level they

Perera began learning the la
Esperanto. He took a four-week
and logical" grammar. From th
met speakers from all over Euro
is a language that works and tha
the French economist François
proposed adopting Esperanto as
Union 25 million euros every y
but according to **estimates** by t
Esperanto speakers who hope th
universal communication will b

struggle: lluita / lucha
misgiving: recel / recelo
filed away (to file away): arxivar / arc
estimate: valoració / valoración
take root (to take root): arrelar / arrai

1. Who was Doktoro Esperanto?
   - ☐ The leader of an organizatio
   - ☐ The pseudonym of a noveli
   - ☐ The inventor of an artificial
   - ☐ The title of the first publish

2. According to the text, Zamenho
   - ☐ an idealist in favour of inte
   - ☐ a believer in the impossibili
   - ☐ an idealist in favour of tran
   - ☐ a believer in the benefits of

3. As a child, Zamenhof quickly re
   - ☐ was a necessity in the Russi
   - ☐ makes people better inform
   - ☐ makes people more sensitiv
   - ☐ creates barriers to common

4. At the time of the first Esperanto
   - ☐ clearly against the fact that
   - ☐ not enthusiastic about a nev
   - ☐ worried about the use of Fr
   - ☐ against the use of a single la

5. The text implies that the Nazi re
   - ☐ Zamenhof was a poor speak
   - ☐ it would put an end to the S
   - ☐ it had been created by a Jew
   - ☐ it was a tool that could be u

6. According to Ramon Perera, a g
   - ☐ it was created by speakers o
   - ☐ it began to expand in the R
   - ☐ it will make people learn ot
   - ☐ it is not the language of any

7. The French economist François
in the EU would
   - ☐ reduce many travelling exp
   - ☐ make state members more
   - ☐ help save a great amount of
   - ☐ increase people's interest in

8. The text suggests that the Europ
   - ☐ shown little interest in the
   - ☐ denied that there are many
   - ☐ said that Esperanto is a usel
   - ☐ said that Esperanto could b

THE

A fortnight ago I heard that
had died, aged 92. Although he
colleagues, there is just a brief
wanted it: modern communicati
a telephone which rang at an in
papers, could easily be thrown o

But when he was teaching,
his theatre. In physical presence
seem several times life-size. Tha
the uncontrollable. He didn't h
friend has described as a "feroc
long as the class was performing

Frank's critical remarks w
him, Frank judged the standard
composition and threw it in the
mine. It would have been much

He was highly intolerant of
politically incorrect and had litt
world he would be considered a

Yet he was a truly inspiratio
he had a complete passion not o
to him was his pupils' intellectua
when they were failing to reach
spark of aptitude for his subject
when a boy who had previously

He was quite a peculiar mar
that the image of boys pretendi
himself.

In the restaurant, after the
Frank? He once told me how lu
father. Other than that, his child

He lived for his pupils; if
Although he detested snobbery
that he expected the best from e

I was lucky to come under th
outside the classroom easy. He
tragedy is that I never told him

slight: menut, prim / menudo, delgad
quell (to quell): apaivagar, calmar / ap
tore (to tear): estripar / romper
blush (to blush): ruboritzar-se / sonro
spark: espurna, mica / chispa, pizca
mannerism: peculiaritat, gest d'expres

1. The author of the text knew abo
   - ☐ a long time ago.
   - ☐ through a phone call.
   - ☐ from his colleagues.
   - ☐ quite recently.

2. The author also states that infor
   - ☐ can be found on most educ
   - ☐ was widely spread on the In
   - ☐ was not available on the Int
   - ☐ was hardly mentioned on th

3. According to the text, Frank Mil
   - ☐ to his physical appearance.
   - ☐ to his good manners.
   - ☐ to his weak character.
   - ☐ to his strong personality.

4. Frank's classes could be very fun
   - ☐ provided the students were
   - ☐ only when the students beh
   - ☐ provided the students did t
   - ☐ as long as the students paid

5. The author thinks that Frank Mi
   - ☐ he had an intellectual under
   - ☐ he was passionate about edu
   - ☐ he never reprimanded his r
   - ☐ he had little interest in raisi

6. According to the text, which of t
character is TRUE?
   - ☐ He had a passion for rules a
   - ☐ He tolerated diversity of op
   - ☐ He was intolerant with his s
   - ☐ His students were never frig

7. The author considered Frank M
   - ☐ fancied money and snobber
   - ☐ ignored rebellious students.
   - ☐ had particular mannierisms
   - ☐ demanded the best from his

8. During his last decade, Frank M
   - ☐ surrounded by his ex-pupils
   - ☐ alone in his wealthy house.
   - ☐ on his own in a modest apa
   - ☐ in a hostel for the homeless

"Votes for women? What a
past to prevent women the right
However, many people wou
right to vote in 1971, and yet
female residents in that part of t
cultural traditions, along with v
suit with the Swiss Federal Court
Some argued that women
men's. Others feared women wo
The point was also raised for equ
going out to vote when pregnan
would give an unfair advantage
source of humiliation for their h
Such were the arguments t
proposal to allow women the v
in most European countries si
Swiss parliament finally gave th
Europe's pioneer Finland, whe
parliament's recommendation
But it wasn't as if Swiss wom
Kempin-Spyri (1853-1901). Swi
Federal Constitution which stat
had equal rights. However, this
The first feminist associati
attend university. There had be
In 1929 a petition for voting rig
ignored.
Switzerland's system of dire
kept women out. However, the e
their chance to **break in** to politi
first to allow its women member
started occupying more and mor
Geneva, then the country's third
elections.
When the human rights con
out of those parts that call for s
revise its position and a new ref
The result: on February 7t
federal voting rights by a two t
electorate supported the vote fo

canton: One of the several states whic
suffrage: vot / voto
filed suit (to file suit): demandar, por
turn down (to turn down): rebutjar /
idly: inactiu / inactivo
break in (to break in): entrar, introdu

1. Women in Switzerland got their
   - ☐ when female residents were
   - ☐ thanks to two women who
   - ☐ as part of their traditional r
   - ☐ before canton Appenzell In

2. In the text, which of these argun
to vote is FALSE?
   - ☐ Women were considered le
   - ☐ Women in rural areas had
   - ☐ Pregnant women would be
   - ☐ Men feared they would lose

3. According to the text, when the
for women in 1958,
   - ☐ the majority of male voters
   - ☐ all European countries had
   - ☐ only women in Finland had
   - ☐ the arguments were not con

4. The text explains that Swiss won
   - ☐ had never become involved
   - ☐ were peacefully waiting for
   - ☐ had been fighting for their
   - ☐ ignored the quarter million

5. Although Switzerland's system o
their right to vote in federal elec
   - ☐ women started taking politi
   - ☐ some small communities al
   - ☐ most cantons always resiste
   - ☐ in 1968 Geneva gave the fir

6. At the human rights Convention
   - ☐ demanded governments to
   - ☐ called on a referendum on
   - ☐ suggested to revise those pa
   - ☐ refused to sign the parts on

7. According to Emilie Kempin-Sp
   - ☐ should give more rights to
   - ☐ gave equal rights to both m
   - ☐ needed an article on equal
   - ☐ rejected her proposals befor

8. Swiss women finally gained full
   - ☐ in spite of the criticism of t
   - ☐ thanks to the claims of the
   - ☐ when 50 % of male voters si
   - ☐ in the 1971 referendum, wit

W

Speaking two languages ha
in recent years, scientists have
fundamental than being able to
makes you smarter. It can have a
to language and even protecting

This view of bilingualism is
Researchers and educators used
a child's academic and intellec
that in a bilingual's brain both
used, therefore creating situatio
researchers are finding out, isn't
internal conflict, making the mi

Bilinguals, for instance, see
puzzles. In a 2004 study by the p
monolingual preschoolers were
screen into two digital boxes—o
In the first task, the children hac
with the blue square and red squ
similar easiness. Next, the childr
it required placing the images i
at performing this task.

The evidence from such s
executive function—a commanc
problems and doing other ment
switching attention from one th
a sequence of directions while d

The main difference betwe
ability to **monitor** the environm
to your father in one language a
Pompeu Fabra University in Sp
that we monitor our surroundi
with Italian monolinguals on m
better and needed less brain acti

The bilingual experience ap
of 44 elderly Spanish-English bil
the University of California, San
were more resistant than others
and developed them later.

Nobody ever doubted the p
the sentences we speak might ha

hindered (to hinder): entorpir / ento
handicap: desavantatge / desventaja
sort (to sort): classificar /clasificar
switch (to switch): canviar / cambiar
monitor (to monitor): observar, cont
onset: començament / inicio

1. Recent scientific studies have pr
   - ☐ obtain greater benefits in to
   - ☐ are better conversationalists
   - ☐ have better cognitive skills t
   - ☐ will not suffer from mental

2. As opposed to the 20th century
   - ☐ bilingual children had more
   - ☐ when two languages interfe
   - ☐ language interference is goo
   - ☐ the brain of bilingual peopl

3. In the first part of a study by Bia and bilingual kids
   - ☐ had difficulty in classifying
   - ☐ found it similarly easy to cl
   - ☐ had problems using the con
   - ☐ put circles and squares toge

4. In the second part of the study,
   - ☐ bilingual kids were faster at
   - ☐ there was no difference betw and bilingual kids.
   - ☐ monolingual kids could not
   - ☐ both groups of kids encoun

5. According to the text, which one by the brain's executive function
   - ☐ Making plans and decisions
   - ☐ Retaining a sequence of inf
   - ☐ Giving directions to people
   - ☐ Changing your focus of atte

6. According to Albert Costa, chan all the time
   - ☐ makes you observe the char
   - ☐ may improve your driving s
   - ☐ allows you to talk to your fa
   - ☐ makes you quicker at chang

7. In Mr Costa's study,
   - ☐ German-Italian bilinguals r monitoring tasks.
   - ☐ Italian monolinguals were r
   - ☐ Italian monolinguals got be
   - ☐ German-Italian bilinguals d and more efficiently.

8. A study at the University of Cali
   - ☐ monolinguals suffer from n
   - ☐ bilinguals developed some r
   - ☐ Alzheimer's disease is more
   - ☐ some people were more resi

NOMOPHOB

We use mobile phones ever
obsession.

According to a study carrie
technology, Nomophobia (as in
cell phone) is rising. Out of tho
from a similar study carried ou
afraid of losing their cell phones

In the 2012 survey, SecurEr
that 41 percent of people survey
of going without a cell phone is
more than men (70 percent of w
conclusion that, perhaps becaus
both and therefore be left phone

Nomophobia crosses all eth
likely to be addicted: 18-24 year
(68 %). Perhaps a little more sur

The study also found that
Campos, who owns a web servic
times per day, and even sleeps wi
phone to communicate with her
their conversations are deeper o
communication is better than n

Dr. Mitch Spero, a child
mobile phone there for emergen
life." He says it's common to se
be used to improve our lives," h
with those that we love."

Kemshall found another int
said they would be upset if their
rity measures to keep them priv
for business use, this lack of secu

"What this study does reve
their mobile phones. As people
millions of people needing to ha

Wondering if you have No
stantly **topping up** your battery
worrying about losing it even wh
places and feeling panic and anx

fear: por / miedo
to poll: enquestar / encuestar
poll: enquesta / encuesta
misplace: perdre, extraviar / perder, e
respondent: enquestat / encuestado
device: aparell /aparato
top up: carregar completament / carga

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. Comparing the 2008 and the 20
   - ☐ more people are afraid now
   - ☐ in 2008 the number of nom
   - ☐ in 2008 more people feared
   - ☐ in 2012 the number of nom

2. According to the text, more wo
probably because
   - ☐ a big percentage of men ha
   - ☐ all men have two phones.
   - ☐ women usually have two ph
   - ☐ women easily misplace thei

3. Which sentence is FALSE, accor
   - ☐ One third of people older t
   - ☐ Nomophobia affects people
   - ☐ Those who are fifty-five or
   - ☐ Young adults are the most

4. Karla Campos
   - ☐ talks to her son on the phor
   - ☐ has better communication
   - ☐ connects her family via mo
   - ☐ only communicates with he

5. According to Dr Spero,
   - ☐ we should make mobile ph
   - ☐ we should only use mobile
   - ☐ we should prioritise people
   - ☐ cell phones destroy commu

6. Kemshall says that security in m
because
   - ☐ lots of people use a phone f
   - ☐ nobody likes having their m
   - ☐ security measures don't hel
   - ☐ business people often view

7. This study shows that
   - ☐ there will be lots more nom
   - ☐ we don't know how many p
   - ☐ almost everybody will need
   - ☐ it is necessary to have our n

8. Which of the following may ind
   - ☐ Charging the phone's batte
   - ☐ Worrying about having just
   - ☐ Having many missed calls a
   - ☐ Putting the phones in a safe

WHY KI

Mothers tell their children
lives, feel inadequate, or don't h
suggests some mean kids actuall
that the more popular a kid bec
aggressive the behaviour he or s
students from 19 middle and hi
of California-Davis.

Authors Robert Faris and
course of their study, starting w
to say who their friends were an
who was unkind to them and w
pathways of aggression. What t
bullying at all — physical force,
popular in the school bullied m
hierarchy or fell into the botton
"Seemingly normal well-adjuste
the *American Sociological Revie*

Although authors do not di
of bullying, they believe that p
remember in social sciences wh
says Faris. "Those demographic
the kids are in the school hierarc
more about popularity, were m
them more popular. "The evide
again, bullying works mostly be

Another stereotype the stud
gossip less often than girls did.
Gender-on-gender bullying was
be hostile toward girls than the
If a girl knew a lot of boys, or a b
the sexes, those kids' popularity
with potential dates. And, yes, th
aggressive than others.

If bullying is actually more
might be a more effective solutic
kids who witness bullying, eithe
who give these kids their status.

mean: mesquí / mezquino
engage: involucrar
hierarchy: jerarquia / jerarquía
underlying: fonamental /fundamental
prevalent: freqüent / frecuente

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. According to the text, mean kid
   - ☐ because mothers do not pre
   - ☐ as a result of the pressure o
   - ☐ for no apparent reason, just
   - ☐ as a consequence of their er

2. The text argues that aggression a
   - ☐ increases with the kids' pop
   - ☐ increases when the kid is in
   - ☐ is insignificant among popu
   - ☐ depends on the school's soc

3. Faris and Felmlee's research to d revealed that
   - ☐ in principle any kid may be
   - ☐ physical force, insults or sp of bullying.
   - ☐ kids who were in the botto become bullies.
   - ☐ reaching the top 2 % of the towards bullying.

4. Faris and Felmlee also argue tha
   - ☐ popularity is the only deter
   - ☐ race and family background
   - ☐ psychological or backgroun considering bullying.
   - ☐ demographic and socioecon

5. According to the text, hostile be
   - ☐ increases the status of the k
   - ☐ works mostly because kids
   - ☐ makes kids more popular a
   - ☐ does not imply a rise in pop

6. The study found out that both b
   - ☐ girls prefer bullying boys ra
   - ☐ boys clearly spread more go
   - ☐ bullying was clearly more v
   - ☐ bullying was more frequent

7. Which one of the following state "gender-bridge" kids
   - ☐ tended to be more aggressiv
   - ☐ are kids that have more dat
   - ☐ are very popular because th
   - ☐ prove that gender is a neutr

8. All in all, Faris argues that the s
   - ☐ is to change the behaviour
   - ☐ lies in changing the minds
   - ☐ is to encourage opposition
   - ☐ lies in introducing changes

HOW CI

China's education performa
tacular as the country's rapid ec
what is behind this success?

Surprise came when the re
—the 2009 **PISA** tests—were pu
subjects. Meanwhile, Hong Kon
In this global ranking, it came f
Chinese cities **outstripped** leadi
not quite as spectacular. "But th
cation statistics.

Cheng Kai-Ming, Professor
devotion to education not shar
ary students attend after-school
homework under close parental
university entrance examinatior
children's education.

Certainly these two open a
practices from around the world
cation", Shanghai re-equipped c
decade. Teachers were trained in
city's schools are now a model fo
compared to an average of 24 %

Last year Shanghai claimed
children. Shanghai controls who
students to become residents wi
accumulating talent, the cream
Ruth Heyhoe, former head of th

Meanwhile, Hong Kong wa
to cheaper Chinese areas in the
upgrade knowledge and skills. I
for all students, and today Hong
we want to have high **achieven**
secretary for education in the H
the university graduates. By con
In Hong Kong, over one-fifth of

Both Hong Kong and Shan
this will result in terms of quality
societies are changing rapidly an

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co
PISA (Programme for International St
outstrip: deixar enrere / dejar atrás
ensure: assegurar / asegurar
upgrade: modernitzar, millorar / mod
achievement: assoliment, èxit / consec

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accord
[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct ar
penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. The results of the 2009 PISA tes
   - ☐ much better than cities in o
   - ☐ as spectacular as those in ot
   - ☐ not as good as was expected
   - ☐ good, but not great.

2. According to the text, which of t
   - ☐ Chinese parents supervise t
   - ☐ Education is a very importa
   - ☐ All Chinese secondary stud
   - ☐ Chinese students spend mo

3. In order to get better results in e
   - ☐ will become open and dyna
   - ☐ want to copy successful edu
   - ☐ will continue with their ow
   - ☐ want the best educators in t

4. The slogan "First class city, first
   - ☐ only people from the highe
   - ☐ to get an education, first yo
   - ☐ they want to offer the best e
   - ☐ in this city, everybody must

5. In the last ten years, Shanghai ha
   - ☐ not done much to moderni
   - ☐ started a teacher training pr
   - ☐ introduced computers into
   - ☐ had 80 % of people who lea

6. Shanghai
   - ☐ has allowed immigrants to
   - ☐ is the Chinese city with mo
   - ☐ has no control over who liv
   - ☐ only gives residence permit

7. Hong Kong had to make impro
   - ☐ because its industries were
   - ☐ to continue playing an imp
   - ☐ because China was just as e
   - ☐ when China upgraded its in

8. According to the OECD, in
   - ☐ Hong Kong, 30 % of univer
   - ☐ Hong Kong, only the best u
   - ☐ the USA, one third of the b
   - ☐ the USA, the bottom univer

LI

The Himba live in the no
The land is the driest and mo
is little farming and few roads.
has only about 5,000 inhabita
have been able to preserve thei
These semi-nomadic pe
Namibia and mainly **breed** c
grind corn, while the adults l
unsurprisingly, the head of a c
It has not been easy for t
by Germany, Himba people
confined them to a restricted "
or garden and collect wild pla
in the 1980s, it looked as if t
percent of Himba **cattle**, the c
Yet they resisted——even if at ti
With the peace and good
and, working with internation
inundated ancestral lands alon
by the government of indepen
conservancies that give Him
grandmother in her 50s, lived
Now she has returned to farm
write. I am a member of a **co**
In 1996 the government o
populations through a progr
conservancy. This programme
Programme——requires that a g
the limits of the land they shar
application is accepted by Nar
manage the wildlife and othe
continuing with traditional far
are able to contract with comm
healthy wildlife population is
increasing, and efforts are goi
perhaps most important, indi
controlled by outside governm

barren: àrid / árido
breed: criar
grind: moldre / moler
cattle: bestiar / ganado
hides: pells d'animals / pieles de
herds: ramats / manadas
conservancy: espai protegit / esp

Part 1: Reading comprehensic

Choose the best answer accorc
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The Himba people live in...
   - ☐ a rainy region densely popı
   - ☐ a mountainous region witl
   - ☐ a dry region badly commu
   - ☐ a traditional region known
2. In Himba culture, children...
   - ☐ spend most of their time p
   - ☐ are taught traditional arts
   - ☐ are in charge of looking aft
   - ☐ play an important role in p
3. According to the text, the Himl
   - ☐ had to face many adverse c
   - ☐ lost their identity during th
   - ☐ were forced to sell most of
   - ☐ were given housing and far
4. In the last decades life for the H
   - ☐ has been troubled by mont
   - ☐ has improved in many way
   - ☐ has been difficult because
   - ☐ has become much more ex
5. At present, Vengapi Tijvinda...
   - ☐ devotes her time to traditic
   - ☐ has to work in the tourist s
   - ☐ is finally learning how to r
   - ☐ has recovered her old way
6. In a registered conservancy me
   - ☐ to limit the increase of tou
   - ☐ to become commercial tou
   - ☐ to preserve wildlife and tra
   - ☐ to refuse the property of th
7. The government of Namibia is
   - ☐ to learn how to live away fı
   - ☐ to control the influence of
   - ☐ to become more autonomc
   - ☐ to defend themselves from
8. The story of the Himba is best
   - ☐ hardship and survival.
   - ☐ tradition and wealth.
   - ☐ happiness and dreams.
   - ☐ leisure and freedom.

DEATH

Lately a lot of websites
offering to help users to solve
you die? In the past, a person'
now it is more likely to includ
The average internet user,
based photos, blogs and e-ma
online footprint". The new sit
banking codes and "goodbye
death.
These websites require th
keep the information, which
archive is opened by beneficia
their users: The *Deathswitch* w
of messages receive no respon
make sure that the missing pe
Facebook website now of
free from features such as acce
the profile. But it remains ope
Neither Facebook nor e-
the passwords of deceased for
late user's e-mails; and Gma
person's account. For that m
content of the e-mails require
The American businessm
to pass on "digital property"
digital property that allows ac
of death. The idea occurred to
as I wanted to contact people
Responses to the new "de
wouldn't **sign up** to a death
Stephen Marcus, 23, said: "I d
And I'm seriously thinking ab
In the end, all these sites
one of the most important my

sprung up: sorgir / surgir
posthumous: pòstum / póstumo
depository: magatzem virtual / a
deceased: difunt / difunto
mourning: dol, aflicció / luto, afl
sign up: registrar-se / registrarse

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The main topic of the text is al
   - ☐ delete your personal onlin
   - ☐ organise your personal lett
   - ☐ help you to die in case you
   - ☐ keep your online profiles s

2. According to the text, a "posth
   - ☐ a funeral service that can b
   - ☐ an online message that you
   - ☐ any kind of personal onlin
   - ☐ a series of acts dedicated t

3. When a user of one of these w
   - ☐ all the user's archives are d
   - ☐ the user's beneficiaries can
   - ☐ the website communicates
   - ☐ the website page of the dea

4. A "verifier"...
   - ☐ is sent by the website to ce
   - ☐ keeps all the user's data aft
   - ☐ makes sure that the user's
   - ☐ downloads all the user's pr

5. A "memorial status" is a web s
   - ☐ keeps your profiles update
   - ☐ allows anyone free access t
   - ☐ allows your authorised frie
   - ☐ keeps everybody away from

6. Which of these sentences is TR
   - ☐ There is no site that gives
   - ☐ Microsoft provides access t
   - ☐ Facebook provides legal ad
   - ☐ Gmail allows free access to

7. Jeremy Toeman's *Legacy Locker*
   - ☐ gives everybody free access is certified.
   - ☐ makes a copy of all your e- after your death.
   - ☐ makes all your digital post
   - ☐ contacts all your relatives a your death.

8. According to the text, response
   - ☐ sceptical.
   - ☐ indifferent.
   - ☐ neither positive nor negati
   - ☐ divided.

THE DAY I ME

One morning in Paris six
excited, as getting an intervie
his health had declined, he ha
been given an interview.

Over the years I'd built u
notorious "**flamethrower** trea
expected him to be something
personalities and enormous p

However, the reality turn
an exhibition of the company'
I was asked to accompany him
was meant to be strictly man
temporary office for our inte
suddenly appeared, shouting h
bodyguards quickly took him
I was in a room with the man
the man sitting in front of me
was always in command, alwa
frightened and a little confuse

We had half an hour sch
he still needed time to **settle**.
sit opposite me and adopted a
and easy conversation. He spe
I asked him about Apple's envi
the **claim** that Apple's produ
always used in press conferenc

I mentioned his health. It
that he had beaten the disease
time with him, it seemed he
reminder that not everything

This was, after all, a man
that he didn't want to. He use
Valley. He followed a strict rou
he tried to beat it simply thro

All in all, I was supposed
seen in decades. In person, Ste
I'd ever interviewed.

flamethrower: llençaflames (en
show floor: pavelló firal / pabell
shrank: encongir-se / encogerse
settle: calmar-se / calmarse
claim: acusació / acusación
entrepreneur: empresari / empr

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The narrator felt excited about
because...
   - ☐ Steve Jobs had been a myt
   - ☐ Steve Jobs refused to talk t
   - ☐ Steve Jobs never used to gr
   - ☐ Steve Jobs hardly ever gran

2. When the narrator talks about
he means that...
   - ☐ Jobs was a very strict perso
   - ☐ Jobs was a very magnetic p
   - ☐ Jobs worked very hard eve
   - ☐ Jobs was obsessed about th

3. When the narrator was going t
   - ☐ him quite different from w
   - ☐ him very similar to what h
   - ☐ him ready to have a long t
   - ☐ out that Jobs was not goin

4. According to the text, Jobs ado
   - ☐ angry with the interviewer.
   - ☐ not feeling comfortable in
   - ☐ still influenced by the inci
   - ☐ afraid of the interviewer.

5. When asked about Apple's env
   - ☐ Jobs refused to answer the
   - ☐ Jobs simply repeated the s
   - ☐ Jobs answered that the que
   - ☐ Jobs gave a new point of vi

6. When the narrator mentioned
   - ☐ answered that he had beat
   - ☐ said that he had had a can
   - ☐ gave a short answer with n
   - ☐ simply did not answer.

7. In his everyday life, Steve Jobs.
   - ☐ followed a well-established
   - ☐ did not follow a rigorous r
   - ☐ used to spend his time wo
   - ☐ was constantly travelling t

8. By defining Steve Jobs as "insc
that Jobs was...
   - ☐ a hard-working person.
   - ☐ a model for the business w
   - ☐ a genius of this century.
   - ☐ difficult to define.

I

Do the latest social n
speaking, digital ties aren't
person.

Twitter and Facebook,
be extremely useful. Digital
even if it sometimes feels th
entire lives online, and the
how trivial.

Thankfully, however, t
emerging in its place is a m
embraces the enormous pr

Twitter and Facebook
of human connectedness—
meetings and protests that
can be extremely useful. We
if we never turn off the scr
Digital networking and
exclusive—they feed into ea

American writer Clay S
the wonders of digital netw
stories about really import
along—if not entirely creat

Change begins with gr
Twitter are the Dalai Lama
and other paper products wi
up a valuable new thought
we should all be spending
happen."

Professor Rheinghold,
how to make it add value
distraction. But it also m
networks". He explains that
reciprocity, its channel to
communities and the mass

The Web can be a labyr
accessible and inexpensive
difference lies not in the te
Those who gain the know-h
power—for better or worse

commitment: compromís / comp
connectedness: relació, comunic
to embrace: incloure, abraçar / i
to drive: moure, impulsar / mov
gain: guany / ganancia
know-how: coneixements, experi

Part 1: Reading comprehensio

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The author...
   - ☐ prefers personal relationsh
   - ☐ thinks digital ties have dest and commitment.
   - ☐ is against friendships made
   - ☐ thinks personal friendship the net.

2. According to the article, the ci an example of...
   - ☐ excellent communication a
   - ☐ the power of bringing peo and protest.
   - ☐ very old forms of commun
   - ☐ how the world could be sa

3. According to the author, Twitt in the future...
   - ☐ if they are used alongside t
   - ☐ whenever they are connect
   - ☐ because they have been rep
   - ☐ because the digital phenom

4. The author thinks that we can
   - ☐ combine the best of both w our real one.
   - ☐ use the new technologies t
   - ☐ never turn off the screen o
   - ☐ expand networking and ex

5. American writer Clay Shirky s
   - ☐ in the digital world.
   - ☐ among those who learn to
   - ☐ in the non-digital world.
   - ☐ among the followers of wis

6. What is Professor Rheinghold'
   - ☐ He thinks Twitter is more
   - ☐ He considers it to be usele
   - ☐ He likes it because it is the
   - ☐ He finds it valuable if you

7. The author's views on the new s
   - ☐ positive.
   - ☐ negative.
   - ☐ sceptical.
   - ☐ indifferent.

8. The article concludes that...
   - ☐ it is impossible to tell what
   - ☐ there is too much informat
   - ☐ only those who control the
   - ☐ the Internet may become th

Silvia, an 18-year-old fi
her employers were. They h
and restricted her access to f
British family.

Silvia's story comes fro
British families from the sin
and help around the house.

The book focuses on t
than 100 **host families** in L
has been working on this pr

The book's most notic
their host British families.
British **parenting**, it seems,
woman's right to a career as
that "au pairs generally feel
either be lazy, or lack prope

In the book we can re
mother worked at home as
all his time with Jarmila, wh
who was fascinated by "Er
guilty if they were not actua
it was pretty clear they spen
children," Darinka **reluctan**
combine childcare, housew

From the experiences i
Ms. Burikova. "I'm surprise
ents buy healthy food like ve
Burikova explains that "the
their home, since they don't

And yet, as with all thi
In the book we can read th
nine years ago. She had an
between Tina and her host
she finished her studies.

After having studied al
none of all these au pairs'
Slovakian women go to Bri
some money at the same ti
of escaping from their fami
So, up to a point, the arran

mean: mesquí, gasiu / mezquino,
host family: família d'acollida / f
parenting: criança / crianza
reluctantly: a contracor / a su pe
flip side: l'altra cara de la moned
to put her up: acollir-la, contrac

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The book called *Au Pair* is abo
   - ☐ the way Slovakian au pairs
   - ☐ how Slovakian families sh
   - ☐ what Slovakian au pairs th
   - ☐ the way Slovakian girls can
2. After reading the text, the *'trav*
   - ☐ British women's aim of wo
   - ☐ the idea of bringing up chi
   - ☐ the difficult choice betwee time.
   - ☐ the idea of having an au p
3. According to the text, the Briti
   - ☐ is not shared by Slovakian
   - ☐ is generally accepted by au
   - ☐ is never criticised by au pa
   - ☐ has become a model for Sl
4. According to Ms. Burikova's b au pairs because...
   - ☐ they think it is the cheapes
   - ☐ they can't survive without
   - ☐ they can't afford to raise th
   - ☐ they don't care enough ab
5. Darinka thinks that most Engl
   - ☐ do their best to look after t
   - ☐ do not spend enough time
   - ☐ prefer their careers to their
   - ☐ play their role successfully.
6. By saying that "food is a partic that parents...
   - ☐ don't feed their children h
   - ☐ only care about what their
   - ☐ do not care about their he
   - ☐ believe their children are h
7. Tina's experience as an au pair
   - ☐ terrible.
   - ☐ wonderful.
   - ☐ depressing.
   - ☐ unbelievable.
8. Most Slovakian au pairs apply
   - ☐ they want to travel abroad
   - ☐ it's a good opportunity to
   - ☐ their love relationships are
   - ☐ it's a way of learning a lan

THE C

I was somewhere near
doing the *Camino*, said so
retraced my steps about 50

The *Camino de Santia*
more than 1,000 years ago.
de Compostela to pay homa
battlefields to help the Chri
and a chain of hostels (calle

Nowadays, the hostels
official hostels cost €6 per
is still **waymarked** with th
centuries of little use the nu

In a Holy Year, the pil
St James's Day (25 July) fal
double the usual number
completion) and hug the
forgiveness. Even the Pope

There's not just one C
difficult walk across north
Northern Way and the En
the one I was taking. It start
originally arrived by boat. I
seaside towns and less hand
it felt to me quite English, t
that could have been in Corn
hills. And although it would
to do it the easy way, walkin
evening.

I'm not, really, a true pi
set out every year on this
wanted simply to enjoy an i
That didn't diminish my s
makes an appropriate end
medieval times.

Although I hadn't dor
100 km and have the stamp
pilgrim Mass in the magnifi
of buskers, beggars and pi
centuries.

scallop shell: petxina de vieira /
pilgrim: pelegrí / peregrino
waymarked: senyalitzat / señaliz
hedgerow: tanca / valla
forgiveness: perdó / perdón

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accorc
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. The writer got lost while he wa
   - ☐ and asked the way to a pas
   - ☐ but he was lucky to find th
   - ☐ and a man gave him direct
   - ☐ and he had to walk a long

2. According to the text, which of
   - ☐ Pilgrims started to come t
   - ☐ Pilgrims who take on St Ja countries.
   - ☐ St James is a legendary cha
   - ☐ The *Codex Calixtinus* was

3. The author explains that...
   - ☐ you can stay for free in all
   - ☐ you just pay a small amou
   - ☐ you must make a donation
   - ☐ official hostels are cheap, b

4. In a Holy Year...
   - ☐ the Pope always visits Sant
   - ☐ pilgrims cannot get their c
   - ☐ the number of pilgrims alv
   - ☐ pilgrims who take on the C

5. The English way...
   - ☐ starts in Cornwall and run
   - ☐ must be taken along the se
   - ☐ was preferred by the Englis
   - ☐ doesn't take as long to con

6. As he was walking, the author
   - ☐ as if he was in England bec of Cornwall.
   - ☐ that the eucalyptus and th are typically English.
   - ☐ that it was just as easy to st
   - ☐ that staying in rural hotels

7. The author did the *Camino* be
   - ☐ he had strong religious bel
   - ☐ as a pilgrim, he was lookin
   - ☐ he wanted to experience a
   - ☐ he had never been to Santi

8. When he reached Santiago, he
   - ☐ he had won his *compostela*.
   - ☐ he had to attend Mass in t
   - ☐ he could see the buskers ar
   - ☐ he had completed the *Cam*

A **shift** to sustainable c
the future health of the pl
lifestyles using less. In othe
equally is the only way to b
This is the premise be
thinking which questions c
looking at wealth, basing it
focusing on simplicity. Th
population should have 80
fundamental question is th
constant growth, is not com
our disposal are limited and
inevitably run out.
"We can clearly see tha
will be disastrous," says San
organised an international
and political debate in Catal
the accumulation of wealth
Montserrat, a member of th
already working with these
linked to growth. Obviously
to do with personal growth,
the accumulation of money
It is easy to see degrowt
However, for degrowth supp
not necessarily have to be
more free time, we'll socia
have no need for," explains
Autónoma de Madrid. "Hy
not happiness. You just nee
saying they are unhappy——
very surprising considering
since the end of the Second

shift: canvi / cambio
growth: creixement / crecimient
depletion: reducció, esgotament
to halt: aturar / detener
to plunder: abusar / abusar
income: ingressos / ingresos

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. According to the text, the healt
   - ☐ people eating better quality
   - ☐ people eating more slowly.
   - ☐ people consuming less thar
   - ☐ people consuming less mea
2. "Degrowth" is a new...
   - ☐ way to study economics.
   - ☐ way to create artificial neec
   - ☐ attitude concerning popula
   - ☐ attitude concerning consur
3. Our economic model is based
   - ☐ surviving strategies.
   - ☐ permanent growth.
   - ☐ a few moral questions.
   - ☐ the equal distribution of re
4. According to the text, the resou
   - ☐ might not be enough in th
   - ☐ are enough for 80 % of its
   - ☐ are in the hands of 80 % of
   - ☐ might not be in good cond
5. Santiago Vilanova believes that
   - ☐ an international symposiu
     every year.
   - ☐ well-being cannot be consi
   - ☐ the accumulation of wealth
     programmes.
   - ☐ the well-being of people is
     resources.
6. People in "degrowth" organisat
   - ☐ progress is linked to growtl
   - ☐ progress is slower than gro
   - ☐ progress does not depend
   - ☐ progress is faster than grow
7. "Degrowth" supporters are...
   - ☐ always in favour of utopiar
   - ☐ usually good at practical th
   - ☐ always in favour of consum
   - ☐ usually against working ma
8. According to Carlos Taibo, mo
   - ☐ less happy now despite bei
   - ☐ happier now than in the pa
   - ☐ unhappy since the end of t
   - ☐ happy because of their gro

TEEN SPIRI

Nasif Mugisha lives in
a little scary in his cadet's u
be a pilot ever since he was
degree and career when all
Nas's mum, Sophia, has m
Adults move out of the way,
annoyed at the adults' reac
At 7.30 am every Sun
copies of the local paper. "
those papers through the w
he started he was paid £20
"They don't call us newspa
newspaper distribution exp
Nas's mother was born
and yet he considers himsel
of families. "My mum conf
would say, 'Ah, you're too yo
more formally than most of
expectations of how a teen
And he adds, "African paren
Nas is more confident
cadets." He learned practica
get, the more fixed groups b
Nas feels left out at times. "
cool kids are really the ones
drugs. I'd say a third of the
Why doesn't he? "First of all
resting enough person you
On Monday evening N
pleased because his group fi
in so much time and effort
will give a map-reading less
and they are all extremely
be *colour blind*, as they line
more mature and prepared
maybe society's demonisati

empowered: enardits, envalentit
annoyed: molest, enfadat / mole
to stack: apilar
to deliver: lliurar / entregar
slang: argot
cool: legal, enrotllat / legal, enrol

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. Nas wants to join the Air Force
   - ☐ in order to avoid the pressu
   - ☐ because he doesn't want to
   - ☐ because he has always drea
   - ☐ because he will look cool i

2. When Nas walks to the park w
   - ☐ they have mixed feelings s
   - ☐ they understand why peop
   - ☐ they feel ashamed, as peop
   - ☐ they get hostile looks from

3. According to the text, "a walke
   - ☐ a person that delivers the p
   - ☐ someone who walks throu
   - ☐ someone generally called a
   - ☐ someone who walks the st

4. Why does Nas feel his mother
   - ☐ Nas has grown and can un
   - ☐ she has always liked to exp
   - ☐ their relationship has chan
   - ☐ she divorced and now she

5. The main reason Nas does not
   - ☐ African parents encourage
   - ☐ he wants to be integrated i
   - ☐ African parents want their
   - ☐ he doesn't like learning for

6. According to the text, what is N
   at school?
   - ☐ He disapproves of their dri
     in school.
   - ☐ He thinks they do not beh
   - ☐ He would have liked to joi
   - ☐ He dislikes them because h

7. When the text argues that the
   the point that...
   - ☐ the children in the group a
   - ☐ there is no racist attitude t
   - ☐ they are against racially mi
   - ☐ they do not distinguish col

8. On the whole, the text suggest
   - ☐ society's demonisation of p
     reality.
   - ☐ Nas's generation has been
   - ☐ Nas is surprisingly reluctan
   - ☐ Nas's behaviour shows hin
     with other teenagers.

MEMBER

Cigarette vending mach
them. MPs also voted to **ban**
Government's proposals fro
Former Cabinet minist
machines "was going to c
"unacceptable mistake in o
illness and premature death
that can be sold legally, whic
Mr McCartney's amend
Andy Burnham said the Gov
ted as a brave one and welcor
British Heart Foundation wh
Deborah Arnott, chief e
tobacco sales from vending m
other age-restricted product
means that a **lethal** and addi
Harpal Kumar, Cancer
have voted to protect young
shops and removing cigaret
taking up a **lethal** addiction
Conservative Party mem
the **display** of cigarettes, par
of business. He said: "As
Parliament, I can tell you th
are." His party's attempt to
votes to 180.
Before last night's vote,
at the general election if the
hundreds of small shop-kee
and Pub Association have sa
pub industry. A spokesperso
more difficult for our **publ**
strict code. **Publicans** are
further restrictions."
But Health Minister
smokers——these new plans w
people from a lifetime of ad
as is supporting smokers wh

ban: prohibir, prohibició / prohib
display: exposar, tenir a la vista /
bill: projecte de llei / proyecto de
lethal: mortal
to threaten: amenaçar / amenaza
publican: propietari (regent) d'u

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
(0.5 points each correct answer. Wher
unanswered questions.)

1. According to the article, under
   - ☐ tobacco will no longer be
   - ☐ tobacco will be forbidden
   - ☐ tobacco machines will be a
   - ☐ all vending machines will s

2. Mr McCartney condemns toba
he thinks they...
   - ☐ are a serious danger to chil
   - ☐ have contributed to chang
   - ☐ legally provide a product t
   - ☐ prevent children from suff

3. Health and anti-smoking activ
   - ☐ to stop the presence of tob
   - ☐ to restrict tolerance in the
   - ☐ in favour of free access to
   - ☐ to join the British Heart F

4. Deborah Arnott welcomes the
   - ☐ it reinforces the existing la
   - ☐ tobacco is more lethal thar
   - ☐ it will make dangerous pro
   - ☐ the Government will forbi

5. According to Harpal Kumar, C
   - ☐ the new law will reduce th
youngsters.
   - ☐ the new law will not protec
   - ☐ all long term smokers are
   - ☐ this new law was voted to

6. Conservative members of Parli
of cigarettes. Davies argues tha
   - ☐ in time of recession shop-
   - ☐ people should be able to b
   - ☐ shops will continue to disp
   - ☐ Government should protec

7. Newsagents are angry and hav
   - ☐ refuse to participate in the
   - ☐ campaign against Labour
   - ☐ boycott the Conservative P
   - ☐ put shop-keepers out of th

8. Health Minister Gillian Merro
   - ☐ help prevent children from
   - ☐ prevent children from con
   - ☐ encourage more people to
   - ☐ protect young people from

In recent years, organi
Encouraged by the general
becoming more aware of th
Laura Davis, a young o
village she later moved to.
off what the land provides.
perfect opportunity to beco
wanted for a long time. "It
so we were organic from th
been intensively farmed. It
start selling their own prod
agricultural college. "It w
explains, "but we learned a
farm. Since then we have le
become a viable business."
"In fact, there is a trem
produce as the products of
In other words, 'organic' des
has a certain amount of nat
can be marginally contamin
that the product is complet
Not everybody can **lab**
approves land suitable for
which can be used in the m
of chemical use for at least
previously. The organic far
Soil Association was in its i
first to be awarded the syml
When Laura and Lawr
the delivery of their produ
demanded could vary grea
they had to try to meet a
continuity all year round
because of **droughts**. Now t
of 17 growers from various

farming: (en aquest context) agr
grower: granger -a, horticultor -
produce: productes agrícoles / p
live off: viure de / vivir de
label: etiquetar
drought: sequera / sequía

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. Laura and Lawrence started a f
   - ☐ knew organic produce was
   - ☐ wanted to grow their own
   - ☐ had some knowledge of or
   - ☐ had moved together to the
2. Laura and Lawrence's farm in
   - ☐ is a cooperative farm with
   - ☐ was bought from farmers t
   - ☐ was not used to grow prod
   - ☐ was used by a local agricul
3. According to Laura, the word "
   - ☐ a type of food that is very
   - ☐ a kind of food that contain
   - ☐ the use of farming method
   - ☐ produce that is marginally
4. The Soil Association...
   - ☐ inspects the food grown or
   - ☐ decides whether farmers a
   - ☐ distributes organic produc
   - ☐ decides whether produce c
5. The Soil Association symbol ca
   - ☐ you are going to use natur
   - ☐ you belong to a marketing
   - ☐ your farming practices are
   - ☐ you win a competition aga
6. Laura and Lawrence obtained
   - ☐ when the Soil Association
   - ☐ because they were not awa
   - ☐ because they had a degree
   - ☐ because they labelled their
7. When they first started, Laura
   - ☐ had difficulty finding enou
   - ☐ had some problems meetir
   - ☐ had logistical problems wit
   - ☐ supplied their produce to
8. On the whole, the text suggests
   more popular among growers
   - ☐ they are no longer confuse
   - ☐ they are now forced to join
     their produce.
   - ☐ of a general tendency towa
   - ☐ they can obtain marketing

Strange as it may seem
the saying: "In the West you
learn to love the person you
Parents and close relatives a
them choose something as i
Now the British Televi
hearts with a new show: "Ar
the partner of their dreams
The TV show which **ai**
TV star. Ms Rahman believ
up class, education, family
her.
Ms Rahman is a living
husband Gurwinder for 15
in the European society, wh
exactly what we need.
Nevertheless, Aneela d
interested in each other. Her
factors: shared goals, educa
be left aside. She believes th
these key factors as possible
Geeta Singh, the UK he
with Aneela but she adds o
a family from the start, when
that proposed that marriage
In her opinion many
because they confuse it with
are not forced in any way,
chosen and at the end of it
But Geeta also recogni
concept of an arranged m
strongly believe that arrang
an arranged marriage both
the real person. In a love r
know about your partner b

partner: cònjuge, parella / cónyu
lonesome: solitari -ària, / solitari
air: emetre / emitir
a bad patch: una mala temporad

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. Arranged marriages...
   - ☐ are banned in western cou
   - ☐ are illegal in some western
   - ☐ are not common in Easter
   - ☐ are usual in Asian countrie
2. The objective of "Arrange Me
   - ☐ to assist people in finding
   - ☐ to help people to recover t
   - ☐ to find people ready to giv
   - ☐ to encourage engaged peo
3. The participants in "Arrange M
   - ☐ are ready to be married if
   - ☐ believe in everlasting love.
   - ☐ are not afraid of any kind
   - ☐ are in love and yet not abl
4. Ms Rahman's key for the perfe
   - ☐ to love each other very mu
   - ☐ to be patient with your co
   - ☐ to share the same habits.
   - ☐ to be as compatible as pos
5. Which factor is not considered
   marriage?
   - ☐ Upbringing.
   - ☐ Origin.
   - ☐ Income.
   - ☐ Attraction.
6. Geeta Singh affirms that in an
   - ☐ know each other perfectly.
   - ☐ tend to hate each other.
   - ☐ can count on their relative
   - ☐ have no real reasons to arg
7. Geeta Singh thinks that in Gre
   - ☐ have a positive opinion of
   - ☐ are often prejudiced agains
   - ☐ do not care about arrange
   - ☐ ignore the existence of arr
8. A lot of young people in Asia b
   future partners...
   - ☐ try to make a good impres
   - ☐ don't act freely, but forced
   - ☐ do not show their real feeli
   - ☐ feel free to be themselves.

OVER HALF OI

More than half of all fr
40 years as climate change,
warned. The majority of th
expected to become warm
are unable to move to cool
hundreds of amphibians a
Researchers described
Zoological Society of Lon
the symposium, said: "Amp
in the function of ecosyste
decades the world could los
are already on the Internati
species, with some estimat
1980s. The expansion of
the amphibians' precarious
are actively contributing. Sn
some signs of decline as the
amphibians is also expected
on. "Given that many of the
bite us and suck our blood,
expected," said Garner.
Ten years ago, scientist
being **wiped out** by a spec
animals drink and breathe.
Madrid, where the climate l
among amphibians. Garne
into the effects of climate
could be extinct by 2050.
Europe, almost every amph
family of **pathogens** called
deaths among some of the
the need to reduce the effect
for many species that will c
set up captive **breeding** pr

bleak: desolador
lifeblood: element vital / elemen
toad: gripau / sapo
crop: collita / cosecha
wiped out: exterminats / exterm
pathogens: agent patogen / agen
breeding: reproducció / reprodu

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. According to the text, scientists
of all amphibians in Europe cou
   - ☐ because they live mostly in
   - ☐ except island species, which
   - ☐ due to the effects, among ot
   - ☐ unless habitat destruction, c
2. Why do conservationists fear fo
in Britain?
   - ☐ Because island species cann
   - ☐ Because its cool climate neg
   - ☐ Because the effects of viruse
devastating.
   - ☐ Because viruses only attack
the common toad.
3. When researchers talk about the
it means that...
   - ☐ the future of Europe's amph
   - ☐ they are very pessimistic ab
   - ☐ the situation of Europe's amp
   - ☐ they hope nothing is done t
4. According to Sir David Attenbo
   - ☐ the extinction of amphibian
   - ☐ amphibians are essential to
   - ☐ many ecosystems depend or
   - ☐ the precarious future of am
and cities.
5. In the text, Garner argues that w
of some amphibians...
   - ☐ only when crops are affecte
   - ☐ when the effects are more d
   - ☐ when the rise in insects suc
   - ☐ when snakes, fish and birds
6. According to the text, one of the
   - ☐ the extinction of many amp
on them by fungus.
   - ☐ that in the Peñalara Nationa
by a virus.
   - ☐ an increase in number of an
   - ☐ the expansion of towns and
7. On the whole and according to
   - ☐ Because climate change is ki
in Europe.
   - ☐ Because planet warming wil
   - ☐ Because the number of amp
   - ☐ Because amphibians do not
8. According to scientists and conv
problems is:
   - ☐ To close greenhouses and k
   - ☐ To increase gas emissions ar
   - ☐ Not to do anything, as it is t
   - ☐ To reduce gas emissions an
for threatened species.

IS TEXT

Kids take to new techn
wisdom that if you've beer
quickest and cheapest way
kids today grow up with a k
There are plenty of ber
helps to develop hand-eye c
computer programs at once
that wasn't available to thos
services, even in some of ou
more diverse group of peop
They can also stay in touch
a distance, much more easil
Unfortunately, there ar
parents worry that violent v
and that the Web will lead
online can be good influenc
unsuspecting youngsters in
Some experts fear that
may be exposing themselve
that's very popular with tee
(Internet Relay Chat) progr
and Yahoo, as well as SMS r
In order to type their n
instead of grammatically c
much faster and easier to ty
option when using a small
But is this making ki
question. Some argue that l
are a good thing. After all, a
same spellings now that ou
much making kids illiterate
Some researchers ha
abbreviations and conventi
lexicon show up in kids' sch
not 2 b"?

gadget: dispositiu, maquineta / a
juggling: fer jocs de mans, prova
desensitize: insensibilitzar / inse
cell phone: telèfon mòbil / teléfo
shorthand: escriptura abreujada
slip: passar (sense pensar) / pasa

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. Many older people believe that
   - ☐ a teenager can solve most
     or high tech devices.
   - ☐ lots of kids grow up today
   - ☐ high tech trouble is quicke
   - ☐ kids should be introduced
2. "Folks" in line 1 means...
   - ☐ 'educators.'
   - ☐ 'specialists.'
   - ☐ 'philosophers.'
   - ☐ 'people.'
3. One of the good things about
   - ☐ meet all the people living i
   - ☐ coordinate their hands and
   - ☐ buy a lot of information fr
   - ☐ have a richer social life.
4. According to the author, one o
   - ☐ can attract other youngste
   - ☐ may behave violently in re
   - ☐ do their homework throug
   - ☐ can't meet real-time chatte
5. "R U going 2?" is an example
   - ☐ phonetic shorthand.
   - ☐ a properly spelled sentence
   - ☐ IRC mobile phone.
   - ☐ Old English.
6. Some pessimistic people comp
   - ☐ parents and educators sho
   - ☐ language is always changin
   - ☐ Old English ancestors did
   - ☐ Instant Messaging shows t
     and more uneducated.
7. According to the text, researche
   - ☐ agree that teenagers can te
   - ☐ think Shakespeare does no
     translation.
   - ☐ support the use of abbrevi
   - ☐ disagree about the influen
8. The author of this article is...
   - ☐ a young man crazy about
   - ☐ an adult who reflects on th
   - ☐ a young father who is wor
     of text messaging.
   - ☐ an educator who wants to
     at British schools.

For years, American ps
now therapists are being vis
"friends" who are ruining
offering sessions on relati
becoming common and ha
publishing industry has qu
friends / true friends or *A S*
best-sellers list.

According to psychol
aggressive debilitator, who
naysayer, who **undermines**
minute; and the non-stoppe
you to solve their personal

To deal with all these ki
counsellor, has a common
in friendship there must be
She says: "Only with emot
clearly. It can seem a bit cru
some **boundaries** around "t

Not treating the "toxic
found that when people m
blood pressure increase. N
problem for women than fo
friendships, will disconnect
women. Women friends ca
on the phone for two hours

Not everyone is convi
problem rather than the sol
chological literature and th
language. With it, they are t
sort of psychological proble
underminers predominate i
that is common among the
first place.

Mike Albo has also an
side of it because perhaps it

rift: esquerda, desavinença / fisu
get rid: desfer-se / deshacerse
undermine: sabotejar / sabotear
ditch: deixar plantat / dejar plan
boundaries: límits / límites
threshold: llindar / umbral

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. According to the text a "toxic f
   - ☐ a friend who improves you
   - ☐ an invention of psychologi
   - ☐ a friend who can make yo
   - ☐ a friend who is a drug add
2. "Toxic friend" is an expression
   - ☐ the self-help industry.
   - ☐ therapists.
   - ☐ no one in particular but it'
   - ☐ the American Psychologica
3. Which of these definitions bes
   - ☐ A tactful friend, always try
   - ☐ A friend who will never be
   - ☐ A violent person who deni
   - ☐ A busy person having no t
4. Christine Northman affirms th
   - ☐ visit friends more often to
   - ☐ visit friends to keep recipr
   - ☐ analyse our relationships w
   - ☐ not care too much about f
5. When treating the "toxic friend
   - ☐ see them within the bound
   - ☐ avoid them forever.
   - ☐ give those friends a chance
   - ☐ avoid them from time to t
6. Most therapists agree that the '
   - ☐ mostly affects stressed wom
   - ☐ does not affect happy peop
   - ☐ is more frequent among w
   - ☐ is easier to solve for men.
7. A "crying sister" could be defin
   - ☐ ditches you on the last min
   - ☐ is always crying on the pho
   - ☐ tires you telling you about
   - ☐ takes away all your energy.
8. Mike Albo thinks that...
   - ☐ therapy can solve all your p
   - ☐ self-help books are the onl
   - ☐ the toxic friends's problem
   - ☐ toxic friends not therapists

The institution of slaver
muscles of slaves. But what k
were usually war captives. T
Over time, people have fou
somehow different from the
or ethnic background. By fo
human rights to their slaves.

And despite many effort
are enslaved or work as force
of the world.

For many people, the i
slavery of the Transatlantic
shipment from one continen
we know nothing about the s
our present. But the reality is

Millions of men, wome
Although this exploitation is
like objects, forced to work f

Slavery exists today desp
is also prohibited by the
Supplementary Convention
Practices Similar to Slavery. V
are trafficked between West
agricultural **estates**. Contem
and race.

Experts say that change
enabled a resurgence of slave

Three factors have co
population explosion, has tri
in the developing world. Th
urban centers and their **outs**
government corruption arou
everywhere. In this way milli
slavery has two characteristi
cheap and they are **disposab**

An average slave in the
money; today a slave costs a
transport them to the US. T
the world are potential slaves

deny: negar, refusar / negar, rech
banned: prohibit / prohibido
estate: finca, propietat / finca, pr
outskirts: els afores, rodalies / la
disposable: d'un sol ús, rebutjab
supply: subministrament, provis

Part 1: Reading comprehensi

Choose the best answer accor
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wron
unanswered questions.]

1. In ancient civilizations, slaves
   - ☐ usually captured in battles
   - ☐ the foundation of nations.
   - ☐ very often people who wer
   - ☐ special kinds of people tha
2. In ancient civilizations. . . .
   - ☐ only people of different ra
   - ☐ slavery was considered a b
   - ☐ the basic human rights of
   - ☐ justifications to enslave pe
3. In earlier periods in history. . .
   - ☐ there were more forced lab
   - ☐ forced laborers received lit
     than slaves.
   - ☐ the number of slaves was l
   - ☐ there were 27 million mor
4. Today. . .
   - ☐ slaves work much harder t
   - ☐ slaves always have to belon
     of their masters.
   - ☐ there are forms of exploita
   - ☐ there are laws that protect
     of their masters.
5. Slavery exists today. . .
   - ☐ because it is still legal in so
   - ☐ because international legis
     sex and races.
   - ☐ only in Brazil, West Africa
   - ☐ in contradiction with exist
6. According to the text, women
   - ☐ are no longer vulnerable t
   - ☐ are only enslaved in Easter
   - ☐ are affected by forms of sla
   - ☐ cannot be legally enslaved i
7. According to the text, social, d
   - ☐ will allow corrupt governm
   - ☐ have forced many people t
     in the fields.
   - ☐ are some of the most impo
   - ☐ are the cause of wars wher
     killing them.
8. One of the main differences be
   of slavery is that. . .
   - ☐ slaves are now cheaper and
   - ☐ over the last 50 years laws
   - ☐ women and children were
   - ☐ slaves get paid much bette

INTERNET RE

They seemed to be an en
doomed to extinction in the
entertainers of Japan, have four
the ancient capital Kyoto are
generation of apprentices.

Geisha numbers have been
become more and more difficul
years studying the arts of mus
"flower and willow world" of K
geiko, as fully qualified geisha a
had decreased to 500, including
desperation, several of the geish
Now there are 80 *maiko* in train

In the old days, the geisha
for daughters whom they coul
locally by word of mouth. No
Japan. The website of the Ichi
white make-up and a web log b

Despite the **allure** of their
is far from glamorous. Recruite
sharing rooms with fellow *ma*
hardship to modern teenagers
and spend the morning maste
singing, the playing of the stri
make-up and the kimono. Basic
sometimes brought to parties.
held, networking with the own
from 6 pm until midnight.

But as well as online recr
interest among young Japanes
Japan's cities are filled with wo
Japanese food and native drink
foreign food, beer and whisky. '
of girls these days don't want to
of money to see you and talk to
are taking your picture. It's a pr
geisha evenings for foreign visi

doomed: destinat a desaparèixer / de
witty: enginyós / ingenioso
livelihood: vida, mitjà de subsistènci
allure: atractiu, encant / atractivo, en
hardship: tràngol, privació / pena, p
trend: tendència, moda / tendencia,

Part 1: Reading comprehen

Choose the correct answer. C
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wro
for unanswered questions.]

1. Trainee geishas are named
   a) maiko.
   b) geiko.
   c) okiya.
   d) futon.

2. Geisha houses were also kn
   a) a willow world.
   b) a new lease of life.
   c) teahouses.
   d) Ichi (number "one" in J

3. According to the text, geish
   a) stepdaughters.
   b) poor girls.
   c) over 1,000 flourishing n
   d) 18-year-old riverside w

4. The training of a geisha girl
   a) making up their kimon
   b) learning some English.
   c) playing traditional instr
   d) mastering dancing and

5. For a geisha girl witty conv
   a) only possible with forei
   b) a hard job that demand
   c) a qualification when ap
   d) an art.

6. How long can a geisha's wo
   a) Six hours.
   b) From morning till 6 p.n
   c) All day from morning t
   d) About eight long hours.

7. Today you can find geisha h
   a) in Tokyo only.
   b) in Kyoto.
   c) in worldwide web logs
   d) only in summer.

8. Modern geisha girls seem t
   a) it's more exciting than
   b) it's part of the trend of
   c) they can spend all the n
   d) they all want to become

THREATENED E

It is perhaps the closest pl
mythical prehistoric paradise o
But the Heart of Borneo, a
it from destruction, is finally be
south-east Asian island found
of trees, two tree frogs and a ti
"These discoveries reaffir
biodiversity in the world," said
of Borneo programme.
"The remote and inaccess
frontiers for science and many
warns that species are going ex
the 20th century, forest cover o
the sultanate of Brunei— drop
accelerated to 2 m hectares (5 r
The threat comes from for
roads into the forest also make
Borneo has long fascinated
Beagle, described the island as "
self." Alfred Russell Wallace, nat
there studying its plants and an
highland region which covers 3
the clouded leopard, the sun be
But a WWF expedition b
species. One, the fish Paedocyp
second-smallest backboned ani
small size may mean that it can
Mr Chapman said that the
because, of all animal and plan
With around 15,000 plant
planet. The UK by comparison
about four new species a mo
highlights that we really have
Brunei are about to sign a thre
Last year the team reporte
film by a camera trap at night.
a cross between a cat and a fox.
still unsure what it is. "We ha
unsolved," said Mr Chapman.

yield: donar, produir, desvelar / dar,
WWF: World Wildlife Federation
logging: explotació forestal / explota
poach: caçar il·legalment / cazar furti
swamps: aiguamolls / marismas

Part 1: Reading comprehen

Choose the correct answer. C
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wro
for unanswered questions.]

1. The island of Borneo
   a) was the setting for Arth
   b) is a mythical prehistoric
   c) is the closest place to C
   d) was the setting for man

2. WWF scientists on a missio
   a) discovered a number of
   b) found another south-E
   c) catalogued the 52 speci
   d) found many new specie

3. Stuart Chapman has argue
   a) species are disappearing
   b) the forests in Borneo ar
   c) many undiscovered spe
   d) deforestation is slowing

4. According to the text
   a) Charles Darwin elabora
   b) Alfred Russell Wallace w
   c) biologists have been fas
   d) Borneo has a forested h

5. The WWF expedition of Ju
   a) added the Paedocypris
   b) discovered that the Paed
   c) argued that the Paedoc
      ponds dry out.
   d) stated that the Paedocyp

6. Mr Chapman has stated tha
   a) it is one of the least bot
   b) it has a similar number
   c) Malaysia and other Asi
      region.
   d) the rate of discovery of

7. Last year the team reported
   a) was captured by the sci
   b) has been photographed
   c) has dark red ears and a
   d) appears like a cross betw

8. On the whole, the text may
   a) is an exciting tourist res
   b) has more species of pla
   c) has only been explored
   d) is completely deforested

Up until the 16th century,
that only changed with the a
plantations of North America
beginning of time, or at least t
The first traces of honey
painting in the Araña cave at B
tree. The oldest written refere
5.500 BC, when Lower Egypt w
been discovered that date back
Bees are creatures of habit
the same type of plant again a
mission they dance a little **wigg**
nectar **stash**: the greater the wi
making excellent honey.
Honey is the substance t
blossoms of trees and plants
makes it thick and viscous. And
expresses where it comes from,
Perhaps the most surprisi
third of all the food we eat. Pla
fertilising pollen from one plan
only would we have less of t
eventually, humans too. The w
with fewer and fewer people e
Lucky for us then that Spai
today ranging from the most p
2.5 million hives in Spain, abou
(beekeepers). These produce a
exported to Germany, the UK
flowers), a blend that tends to
A report in the September
in your diet can increase your i
of honey have not been prove
sweetener despite being higher

hive: rusc, eixam /colmena, enjambre
wiggle: moviment bellugadís / mene
stash: acumulació, provisió / acumul
livestock: bestiar, ramaderia / ganad
intake: presa, consum / toma, consu

Part 1: Reading comprehen

Choose the correct answer. C
[0.5 points each correct answer. Wro
for unanswered questions.]

1. Sugar cane was
   a) grown in Lower Egypt a
   b) not known in Europe u
   c) the only sweetener in N
   d) planted for cooking sin

2. A rock painting shows that
   a) honey was collected fro
   b) there were fossils of hor
   c) honey is supposed to be
   d) the oldest written recor

3. Bees dance at the entrance
   a) celebrate the success of
   b) help make a better supp
   c) encourage their friends
   d) brighten up the workin

4. Honey and wine are substa
   a) need the evaporation of
   b) reflect the original taste
   c) need the nectar collecte
   d) blend well with the sme

5. A most surprising fact is th
   a) there would be less gree
   b) people would decrease t
   c) plants would not stop p
   d) bees would carry more

6. According to the text, the p
   a) apiculture is dying as a
   b) the number of people w
   c) most professional beeke
   d) without apiculture ther

7. Most of the honey produce
   a) comes from a primitive
   b) is exported to other cou
   c) comes from hives looke
   d) is eaten by Spanish cons

8. It has not been confirmed t
   a) you will live a much hea
   b) your intake of antioxida
   c) your intake of sugar wil
   d) your health problems w

KILL A SNAIL AND G

A new law has been an
Act 1911. Under this la
pounds and year-long
places where animals
using force, to rescue

The legislation will
worms, caterpillars and
and distress. The penal
substantially increase t
draft Bill* to be publish
scrutinised by a parlia
Parliament.

Anyone owning a p
it and could face havi
another. Unborn anima
also have the right to e
carrying animals. This
journeys. But the right
a magistrate's warrant
be given discretion to
animals, such as dog-
are away.

Animal welfare ca
contains no reference
tails. The RSPCA said t
except when a vet orde
about circus animals a

Other measures in t
on goldfish or other
competitions. This new
and organisations such

But the Countrysi
protection of the rural w
care» will be interpretec
proposed changes are
concern that people ma
in hunt kennels, raceh

RSPCA: societat protectora
warrant: autorització / autori
banned (to ban): prohibir, pr
draft Bill: projecte de llei / pr
livestock: bestiar, ramaderia
docking: tallar la cua / cortar
fairground: fira / feria

PART ONE: READING COM

Choose the best answer acc
[0,5 points each correct answer]

1. The laws in Britain...
   a) had never cared about
   b) had banned the dockin
   c) have always found coll
   d) have cared about anim

2. RSPCA must probably sta
   a) Royal Society for the P
   b) Royal Solicitors against
   c) Rank Supporters for Pe
   d) Rallies Supporting Pets

3. According to the text, sma
   a) are too small to suffer p
   b) may suffer pain and dis
   c) suffer only light pain an
   d) are still unborn creature

4. The new law that protects
   a) is much more severe th
   b) has not been supporte
   c) gives less power to RS
   d) has ignored the transp

5. If pet owners do not obser
   a) have to adopt an aband
   b) be sentenced to welfar
   c) not be allowed to keep
   d) be penalized by the Co

6. Dog-walkers and pet-sitter
   a) will get some extra mor
   b) must be recorded on a
   c) will lose their jobs wher
   d) must have a licence in

7. Circus animals like elepha
   a) must feel supported by
   b) are still not protected b
   c) are not supported by th
   d) will be destroyed when

8. Under the new law, a youn
   a) can take part in game s
   b) can only buy goldfish a
   c) can't own a pet.
   d) can challenge the chan

A WANDERING* VOIC

The Rom, commonly kn
the notion that languag

Some experts say t
they originated in north-
that at least ten centuri
it is difficult to say with
Scattered* all over the
know that the Rom are
a basic vocabulary in t
similar to some languag
Rom's original homelan

When, a thousand y
began their long journe
of different languages
and cultural characteris
and the language of t
phenomenon had positi
with words from many
because it increased
understand each other.

Nowadays, in spite
Danubian, the western
Romani dialects —and
understand one anothe
abandoning their lang
moaned*: «my grandch
the Hispano-Romani di

The good news is th
integrated in the weste
Moreover, in recent y
common origins, langua
countries.

Furthermore, there i
an oral language up to
but also documents an
are also available. A
Yugoslavia in the 1990
Romani with Swedish
language of the Rom
television in the near fu

The publication of lit
in the media may be a f
self-awareness* amon
transformation of the n
of their culture and their
seem to be helping the

wandering: errant, sense rum
scattered: dispersos / disper
moaned (to moan): queixar-s
self-awareness: consciència

PART ONE: READING COMP

Choose the best answer accor
[0,5 points for each correct answe

1. According to the text...
   a) it is clear that the Gypsie
   b) it is clear that the Gypsie
   c) it is clear that the Gyps
      region.
   d) because of their constan

2. The word *sedentary* is used
   text. This word is...
   a) widespread.
   b) nomadic.
   c) enriched.
   d) assimilated.

3. Which problem is pointed o
   a) It's difficult for speakers
   b) Traditional Rom fables a
   c) There are many gramma
   d) Books are being written

4. How many dialects of Roma
   a) Less than three.
   b) Between three and five.
   c) Between five and seven.
   d) More than seven.

5. *Caló* is...
   a) a variety of Romani spol
   b) a variety of Romani whic
   c) a language which disapp
   d) the Romani word for «Sp

6. According to the text, which
   Gypsies, is true for the pres
   a) Swedish TV programme
   b) The Rom are writing dov
   c) All Romani dialects have
   d) Romani has a «special p

7. The last paragraph sugges
   is often...
   a) positive.
   b) pessimistic.
   c) negative.
   d) accurate.

8. According to the author, wh
   society?
   a) Assimilation by the west
   b) The preservation and cu
   c) Translating important we
   d) Translating important Ro

A WORD-LEARNING D

A word-learning pet dog
the comprehension nec
talk.

Rico, a smart borde
colleagues at the Max
Germany. With a «voca
retrieving" specific toys

The researchers
understanding and if he
toy among his favourite
name. The dog almost
is using a system called
words by matching new
mapping in animals. In
Science, Paul Bloom, a
often say that their pets
seems to prove they ar

Fischer adds that th
other than comprehens
chimpanzees. She says
require a change in ne
precise articulation of s
pre-requisite to langua
hands, but they don't g
more things going on, p

To be sure that Rico
researchers carried out
a room, while Rico and
to go in and pick two
correctly fetched 37 ou
room with seven other
in seven out of ten sess

He was then tested
the new word and the
completely new toys, a
picked the right one. «Hi
year-old children,» writ

Rico may be an exc
were human, we would
points out that dogs m
because they have co-e
animals like apes" have
not the only beings who
other smart animals wh

clue: pista, indici / pista, indic
retrieving (to retrieve): recolli
evolving (to evolve): evolucio
randomly: a l'atzar / al azar
ape: simi, primat / simio, prim

PART ONE: READING COMI

Choose the best answer acco
[0,5 points for each correct answ

1. The first experiment with R
   a) young children use fast-
   b) matching new words to
   c) communicative abilities
   d) fast-mapping may be us

2. Evolution from understandi
   a) is related to the matchir
   b) may be the result of alte
   c) is due only to factors cl
   d) results from voluntary c

3. One of the theories seems
   a) monkeys do not gesture
   b) gestures must exist bef
   c) language is a pre-requis
   d) there are other factors b

4. The second experiment wit
   a) was carried out to prove
   b) included placing seven
   c) showed that Rico picke
   d) showed that Rico's perf

5. To check whether the asso
   a) was given eight new toy
   b) performed well —over 6
   c) was submitted to a new
   d) performed well but not a

6. Rico's exceptional perform
   a) addiction to habit-creati
   b) similarity to apes in com
   c) advanced age and long
   d) strong desire and impul

7. Which of these sentences i
   a) We may find that only a
   b) Apes and other animals
   c) The future may reveal t
   d) Eventually we may find

8. In this article, experiments
   a) are based on object rec
   b) show that pets' commun
   c) show random performan
   d) show that only familiar t

The Sahara sets a standard for dry
the low single digits. There are pla
reach the end of their lives without

Yet beneath the Sahara are vast
water, a treasure laid down in prehi
ago the Sahara was a much differe
shows something surprising: hipp
evidence of a tropical paradise out
a geologist at Washington Universi

The green Sahara was the produ
ages come and go, so too do mons
are responsible for this. The tilt* o
more tilted toward the sun, someti
Earth's perihelion —its closest appr

At times when the Northern Her
approach, the increased blast* of
monsoon (which currently occurs
as it did 10,000 years ago, inundati

Around 5,000 years ago the
inhabitants of the Sahara discov
something worse than a dry period
culture began to flourish at around

"We're learning, and only in re
as anything under way today", say

As the land dried out and vegeta
Fewer clouds formed from evapo
quickly. There was a kind of runav
it is today.

No one knows how human-driv
scientists can ponder* while sippin
in Egypt", said Robert Giegengacl
good, try the ancient buried treasur

tilt: inclinació / inclinación
wobble: balancejar-se, moure's am
spinning top: baldufa / peonza
blast: onada, ràfega / oleada, ráfag
ponder: ponderar, meditar, sospesa

Sèrie 3 - A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer
[0,5 points each correct a
[wrong answers will be p

1.Relative humidity ir
a) 100%.
b) less than 10%.
c) over 50%.
d) under 90%.

2. Prehistoric rock ar
a) shows fossil wa
b) is one million ye
c) is about 6,000 y
d) needed water a

3. The Earth's motio
a) show variation
b) changed after t
c) are the conseq
d) dance when the

4. African monsoons
a) only happened
b) increased the b
c) did not bring a
d) did not happen

5. The prehistoric inh
a) the monsoon w
b) their land was r
c) the Egyptian cu
d) 5,000 years ag

6. According to a fan
a) have taken plac
b) have been stud
c) are still under w
d) have produced

7. The soil can't hold
a) there is too mu
b) the drying effec
c) the soil washes
d) the land is dry a

8. In the last paragra
a) a clever scientis
b) an Egyptian ge
c) a good advertis
d) a prophet.

ENGLI

A headline of this kind must have
years. "English Rules" is one of th
universality of the language, its spre
predictions were written in the same
in the subjects of the English languag
progress and identity. Television pr
world-wide audiences. Certainly, by
millions of popular intuitions at a le

These kinds of statement seem s
thought. Of course English is a glob
by politicians from all over the world.
Whenever you enter a hotel or resta
will be an English menu.

But how does a language come
global status when it develops a spe
like stating the obvious, but it is not,
most evident in countries where larg
in the case of English, this would me
South Africa, several Caribbean coun
has ever been spoken by a mother-to
this respect, in some twenty countries,
give a language global status. To a
countries in the world. They must de

There are two main ways in whic
language of a country, to be used as
the law courts, the media, and the ed
master the official language as early
language" because it is seen as a com
role of an official language is today b
status in over seventy countries, such
the status achieved by any other lan
are among those which have also de

Secondly, a language can be made
though this language has no official
to be taught when they arrive in scho
language —in over 100 countries, suc
many other countries it is emerging
Often displacing another language ir

A

likelihood: probabilitat / probabilidad
in the same vein: en la mateixa línia (
a sprinkling of: una petita quantitat de

Sèrie 1 – A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer
[0,5 points each correct a

1. Why did television
   a) they referred to
   b) they were in En
   c) their audiences
   d) newspapers an

2. By the turn of the
   a) was already ver
   b) was not as popu
   c) was much more
   d) did not exist.

3. On television, we h
   a) from all over the
   b) who speak Eng
   c) travelling and se
   d) addressing Eng

4. English...
   a) will be understo
   b) is used only in t
   c) will be understo
   d) is understood a

5. Spanish leads bec
   a) it is spoken as a
   b) there are aroun
   c) in Latin America
   d) It is spoken as a

6. An official languag
   a) is used together
      and the educati
   b) achieves the rol
   c) is only spoken i
   d) is used by the g
      among other do

7. India is one of the
   a) a "second langu
   b) the mother tong
   c) not spoken by n
   d) the mothers' firs

8. Is English taught a
   a) where it is the c
   b) in many countri
   c) but it is being di
   d) in almost one hu

THE V

Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan enviror
to the work of this woman who has
pleasant country. But what has plar

Maathai is a pioneering academi
planted some trees in her back g
—primarily of women — known as t
effects of deforestation and desertif
use as well as combating soil* erosi
been copied by other countries.

It was while she was president o
the idea of planting trees and continu
whose main focus is the planting of t
and improve their quality of life. Th
on their farms and on schools and
education, nutrition and other issue
Green Belt Network involving peo

In many parts of Africa, conflic
As deserts expand and populations
Darfur region of western Sudan, for
and Arab pastoralists over a slab* o
has made it less likely to go the v
women to plant seedlings in their
even more.

Ms Maathai's work, though adı
Skirmishes* over pasture are comm
full-scale wars. Darfur is in flames n
an oppressive regime, which respor
Darfur would not have saved its pe

Although the physical completio
impact has been the sense of hope
90% of the members. They can har
their family —to pay their children'
the women respond so quickly to a
community at large —and the natior

curtail: reduir / reducir
soil: terra / tierra
grassroots organization: organització
soar: disparar-se l'augment / experim
slab: tros / trozo
skirmishes: escaramusses /escaramuza

Sèrie 4 – A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer
[0.5 points each correct a

1. Kenya is now a gr
   a) the Nobel Prize
   b) its pleasant pea
   c) pioneering com
   d) Maathai's envir

2. The Green Belt M
   a) a Pan African ir
   b) an elitist organi
   c) an environment
   d) a research proj

3. War in the Darfur
   a) oppresive regim
   b) the sharing of f
   c) the fight among
   d) the conflict betv

4. Maathai started pl
   a) increase the nu
   b) produce more v
   c) pay for the educ
   d) stop the destru

5. Reforesting Kenya
   a) helping women
   b) becoming more
   c) bringing women
   d) promoting the c

6. Women's incorpor
   a) helped them lea
   b) given them a gr
   c) become a natio
   d) had a negative

7. Planting trees...
   a) has nothing to
   b) prevents peopl
   c) helps solve all
   d) may help some

8. Which of these se
   a) The Green Belt
   b) 90% of the won
   c) The Green Belt
   d) Most of the Ker

When Rome was at its peak, many of i
and bought food ready-cooked from st
more efficient than cooking for a few
buy fast food: they do not have the tir
The proportion of women going o
trend. Britain and America are the co
number of working women. Conveni
people buy food more in restaurants ar
ready meals from supermarkets are t
sector barely existed; now it is worth
products a year. Variety increases con
Convenience is taking over supern
five years ago. Now Tesco sells £150m
and mixed with herbs and croutons. «
We've brought some excitement to it»
Convenience food helps companie
according to an historian at Queen M
the foundation of civilisation, the mic
is easily broken by this device that
companionship of the camp fire, cook
collaborative links for at least 150,00
Meals have certainly suffered fror
together in Britain these days are at th
In the 20th century the leisurely carniv
century, breakfast is vanishing altogeth
bar.
Convenience food has also made
modern food is that, while the amou
minutes a day in 1980 to 13 minutes
on cooking has multiplied. But perhap
more, so they need to be told how to
Convenience food also has an imp
ready-to-eat food. But these days it i
Three Harvard economists, in their pa
in the past, if people wanted to eat fatt
discouraged consumption of that sort
limitation.

stall: parada de venda en mercats i al
Tesco: una de les principals cadenes
cadenas de hipermercados de Gran
launch: llançar (un producte) al merc
leisurely: tranquil, pausat / tranquilo,
Starbucks: cadena americana de cafet

Sèrie 5 - A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer.
[0,5 points each correct a

1. Why didn't Rom
   a) Because it w
   b) Because the
   c) Because kitc

2. The most impor
   few years is the
   a) people like g
   b) it is a more e
   c) most adults

3. Convenience fo
   a) restaurants a
   b) supermarket
   c) restaurants.

4. One of these st
   a) Buying conv
   b) The market
      products.
   c) The growth c

5. According to the
   meals?
   a) Family mem
   b) Families no
   c) Family mem

6. In which way ar
   people...
   a) no longer ha
   b) are having b
   c) are not havir

7. People are now
   a) they like pre
   b) cooks are be
   c) they need to

8. Ready-to-eat fo
   a) people can e
   b) it does not b
   c) this type of f

My name is Salma. I was born a sla
parents were slaves of the same fa
work all day, every day of the wee

When I was still a child, I starte
her 15 children. Later, even if one
my child because I had to care for
with a wooden stick or a leather be
stand it. I tried to stop them. The he
branded me with a burning iron and

I was never allowed to go to sch
prayers. But I was lucky, because
our village and had different ideas
French and to read and write a litt
was teaching me and doing it well.

Other slaves were afraid of libe
what to do. But I always believed
didn't know how close I was to Ser
found and sent back, and then puni
to a date tree in the middle of the f
family cut my wrists with a razor,

Finally I met a man in the mar
decided I had to try again. I ran to
take me to Senegal. There I mad
Mauritania. I stayed in Senegal for
never felt safe. I was always afraid
people to find me and bring me ba

When I got to the U.S., I worked
I cried. I had never seen a person
surprise.

to brand: marcar amb ferro candent / *compound*: clos, recinte / cercado, rec
earn my keep: treballar per pagar e
alojamiento
to braid: trenar / trenzar

Sèrie 1 - A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer.
[0,5 points each correct a

1. Salma and her
   a) except when
   b) no matter if
   c) when their o

2. The head of the
   a) the day she
   b) when she or
   c) when she re

3. «I think that eve
   a) Her master's
   b) Her master's
   c) Her master.

4. Salma was diffe
   a) she could re
   b) they were ha
   c) she was not

5. The first time S
   a) followed a w
   b) couldn't walk
   c) found the bo

6. From Salma's s
   a) there was no
   b) everybody w
   c) Salma bough

7. How many peo
   a) Two.
   b) Four.
   c) Five.

8. What was a ver
   a) She didn't ha
   b) Americans d
   c) She was pai

Published in 1897 by Irish write
languages including Irish, has ne
dominated twentieth-century cult
astonishing that a single novel sho

Bram Stoker did not invent the
many cultures dating back to anci
world can be traced back to 1732,
occasion was a wave of vampire si
and Eastern Europe and eventually

The attention given to vampiris
in Germany and later (during the
Gothic writers soon adopted the v
but the most important contributi
physician, John Polidori. He wrote

Interest in vampire literature co
of several short stories and novels
vampires. Bram Stoker combined
results of research into vampire fo
never visited Transylvania, his de
region are astonishingly vivid. Bec
the Dracula myth became firmly e

What about the name *Dracula*?
about the real Dracula. All we kno
history book he borrowed from the
he was spending a summer vacatio
had even selected a name for his
footnote that suggested it came f
conception of his vampire, he a
However, Stoker did not live long e
that made Bram Stoker famous h
world's eternal Gothic novel.

What is it about the vampire in g
to fascinate? There is no simple
human interest. For some it is the
dark side of our natures. The va
challenge of authority, the fine line
and eternal youth. While Stoker's
vampires have become more ambi
between good and evil in our incre

sighting: observació, vista / observaci
yardstick: model, patró / modelo, patr
Gothic novel: novel·la gòtica (novel·la
que contiene elementos románticos
embodiment: encarnació, representaci
una cosa

Sèrie 3 – A

PART ONE: READIN

Choose the best answer.
[0,5 points each correct a

1. *Dracula*, the no
   a) English.
   b) Romanian.
   c) Irish.

2. Who brought in
   a) Lord Byron's
   b) Ireland's poli
   c) British popul

3. Who wrote the
   a) Lord Byron.
   b) Bram Stoker
   c) John Polidor

4. Only one of the
   a) Stoker beca
   b) Stoker wrote
   c) Stoker was u

5. Only one of the
   a) The novel cc
   b) The novel ha
   c) Transylvania

6. Where did Bran
   a) He looked it
   b) He found it i
   c) He found it i

7. What is the
   a) Because of
      humans.
   b) Mainly beca
   c) One reason
      represents.

8. Which of these
   a) *Dracula* is th
      always been
   b) *Dracula*'s ph
      arts is simpl
   c) Although it h
      critics consic

HAW.

For the past three centuries Haw
groups from places such as Chin
the 1820s, cultural conflict led t
chanting in praise of the Hawaiia
and Ku, the god of war, regarde

By the time Hawaii became a
Hawaiians were angered as they
to receive land grants. This lea
Maoli, Original People, no matte
that in the new state the languag
the high crime rates and poor he

Although the Hawaiians neve
started paying close attention t
derogatory[2], and of the 1.2 mi
themselves as «native Hawaiian»

The 1970s saw four main exp
the island of Kaho'olawe, the ret
traditional hula.

The U.S. military had been us
1941, despite the fact that it co
bombing provoked anger, demo
since 1990 has been set aside fo

The 1970s also saw the revi
traditional canoes. Hawaiian voy
and the ancient methods of rea
Piailug, «Mau», has brought ba
proud culture of voyaging tha
Hawaiian canoes.

The so-called Battle of the B
proposed at Honokahua on a bur
hotel was moved back to preserv
buildings from desecrating ancie

Hula is a symbol of the Hawa
stamping[4], by one person or in g
visitors and of praising events a
and spirituality. To most natives
teach hula to their daughters bef

[1] *erode*: erosionar, desgastar
[2] *derogatory*: despectiu / despectivo
[3] *burial ground*: cementiri / cemente
[4] *stamping*: picar de peus / patear, g

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
reclaim their culture.
[Questions 1, 2 and 3: 1

1. How did the Christ

2. Write three even

3. Why do you thinl

4. This text suggests that tod

- ☐ anyone with any Hawaii
- ☐ someone who is the ter
- ☐ all the American citizen

5. Which of the following sour

- ☐ A song contest in which
- ☐ A religious Polynesian p
- ☐ A Polynesian dance perf

THE

If generalizations were not so da
about British youth. According to s
Europe. They take drugs more of
alcohol. More teenage girls in Br
Western Europe. And so on.

Some people think that teenage
truth is that it was not always like
have rocketed[1]. The proportion of
1993 and 1999; girls are increasi
among British males aged 15-24 h

Some of these problems can be
way. Under-age drinking and cann
they are illegal. Teenage pregnancy
got pregnant 30 years ago. The onl
so they were not a burden[2] to t
delinquency because it tends to an

Some people say there are tw
teenagers. One explanation is ec
industry has meant that poorly edu
more children grow up in famili
explanation is that many of the pro
poorer families. The other explana
that British parents are at work aw

Because familial instability and
which one has a greater influen
government can make a difference
studying after the age of 16 than
school before they finish secondar

There is, however, a less pessim
if it is true that a minority of your
getting more education than their p
an unwanted side effect[3] because
adolescence persists longer and the
than it previously did. During this
support from their families than ad
of most of their problems. Britain'

[1] *to rocket*: ascendir fortament / subir
[2] *a burden*: càrrega / carga
[3] *side effect*: efecte secundari / efecto s
[4] *unruly*: incontrolable, desobedient / i

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
boy of Europe.
[Questions 1, 2 and 3: 1

1. For some people,
   teenagers but the

2. According to the a
   problems among t

3. Why is teenager
   progress'?

4. The author believes that on
   Which one?

   - ☐ Teenage pregnancy.
   - ☐ Breaking the law.
   - ☐ Drinking.

5. One of these sentences is tr

   - ☐ Young people in Britain
     countries.
   - ☐ Problems among British t
   - ☐ In Britain boys are more

T.

It is a story as old as boy meets girl
mother ... who grow old ... and wh
the younger generation. Yet that st
science, from economics and from
youth and age could be one of the

Maybe it is too early in the cent
predictable tendency. Remember t
social change was shifting[3] millio
and economic consequences of tha
did indeed prove to be one of the 2

Today, the twists and turns of y
Statistics show clearly that science
making almost everyone outside t
The conventional worry is that rich
old age. Those countries will be div
are divided today between those
increasing number of those withou

Even in the developing countr
problem will arise. And, unless th
the old could come to dominate
bosses, rich and poor, did in the pa

Yet in the rich world, the latest t
the young have been proliferating
seniority counted for less, initiativ
today to benefit those who are able

But who are the young? Another
look young and social customs all
Christmas the top-selling disc arou
that timeless youth phenomenon ...
blurred[4], and is likely to get even l
and retirement should also fade, a
part-time, into their 70s or even 8(

These are long-run[5] forces. But,
dead. Think now of the short-run f
demographic trends in the 20th cen

[1] *twist*: gir (en direcció oposada) / giro
[2] *issues*: qüestions, problemes fonamen
[3] *shift*: desplaçar (v.), desplaçament (n.
[4] *blur*: desdibuixar, fer borrós / desdib
[5] *long-run*: a llarg termini / a largo pla

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
and age.
[Questions 1, 2 and 3: 1

1. Write two positive

2. The writer makes

3. Say two areas in w
   ago.

4. One of these sentences is tr

- ☐ There has never been suc
  older generation.
- ☐ Changes in demographi
  results can.
- ☐ Economists fear that bot
  consumers than produce

5. One of these sentences is tr

- ☐ In the new economic org
  youth.
- ☐ We ask ourselves if in this
  predictable demographic
- ☐ We can state that in the n
  of the past.

No one has the full picture of the c
But we've never needed it more.

Everyone knows about the three
sure the entire beast must be like t
whole picture.

Humanity is now faced with an
always obviously related. Our
fundamental life-support systems.
air, our social stability, and ultimat
comprehending the whole process

Scientists deal with this eleph
around a collapsing fishery here
starvation, climate change and pop
warning that something else that w

It's become fashionable to mock
of the problems are bits of the sam
doomsayers are merely competing

But they aren't, as Tony McMi
Frontiers, Environments and Disec
trick to upset the optimists. They a
planet, we aren't running it in our

Perhaps we don't know what ou
human ecology —our relationships
what makes for a healthy populati

To reach this comprehension,
subjects, from hunter and gatherer[2]
such as workplace safety and inco
and to a global economy.

This brings into welcome persp
agreements, industries can compet
decent sewerage,[4] that their labour
workers inadvertently contaminate
This should turn the battle for min
self-interest. But this is a fact even

Sometimes McMichael manage
and dirty water spread cholera, for
only to learn more about these imp

[1] *doom*: desgràcia, desastre / desgraci
[2] *gatherer*: recol·lector (el que cull) /
[3] *income*: ingressos, guanys / ingresos
[4] *sewerage*: clavegueram / alcantarilla

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
crisis?
[1 point each correct ans

1. Copy two sentenc
   to our planet.

2. What are the two
   facing?

3. Write two measur
   crisis.

4. One of these three sentence

- ☐ People have created the
- ☐ Elephantine population is
  related.
- ☐ Germ theory and diet des

5. One of these three sentence

- ☐ According to the book, lin
  human ecology better.
- ☐ Comprehending the who
  scientist, deals with it in a
- ☐ Our obsession with fre
  epidemiologists.

WHO, '

In universities all over the world
journalism ——and the Internet appe
Web-based journalism is shakin
students multimedia skills at the e
The battle between teaching stu
web page production has opened s
«The net is causing a lot of tu
danger here that we're training a l
will not know the first thing about
Often it comes down to time. S
web have to divide their time betw
«Schools should not teach prese
typing», said Eric Meyer, from Illi
But others disagree.
«The presentation delivers the
are lost in today's marketplace», :
people's attention.»
And increasingly, students are
component, in part to learn the ski
journalists have.
New digital skills not only take
changing so fast that faculty have
surrounding the Internet is differen
journalism instructor and a technic
More unsettling for journalism
about what journalism is. Is jou
newspapers? Will journalism on th
see business news, and sports fans
stories that already ran on the nev
yet», said Rose Ann Robertson, «b
Nevertheless, there are ways tha
on the web is often shorter and pur
integrate text with pictures and vi
information. And layouts need to
newspaper format. But the basic id
from TV news: Present quick, easy
The debate over what to teach
much is journalism going to chang

[1] *struggle*: batalla, esforç / batalla, esf
[2] *faculty*: professorat / profesorado
[3] *nugget*: quelcom petit, compacte i va
y valioso (una pepita de oro

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
Where, Why and We
[1 point each correct ans

1. Gaining somethin
disappearing from

2. Which basic features are common to Internet and TV news?

3. Find in the article

4. One of these three sentence

- ☐ Time has consolidated th
teaching role of journalisr
- ☐ News on the web are
sophisticated training in v
- ☐ There is much uncertair
schools, as the new medi

5. One of these three sentence

- ☐ The new media are very
themselves constantly in
- ☐ Presentation is everythi
journalism schools.
- ☐ Students want to learn th
journalism useless.

H

«Is it true that in your country par
Jose asks us. Clearly there is no n
one of Brazil's «street children». I
council cares for them. Jose now
the city's Open School, which allo
bring them back to a normal life a

It is a dark winter day when we
games, the older ones kick a footb
beginnings of skills that may mak
happily how he and his friends use
of the beatings they got from polic

Nearly all the Open School's u
shop-lifted[1] solvents[2] and medicati
and fear. These, the drug sniffers,
are still groups of youngsters who

The clamour within Brazil o
democracy in the mid 1980s. Then
children sleeping in a square in t
Suddenly the world read of the pac
exterminators hired by angry shop
in Saõ Paulo city, with its 10 millic

Why are they there? Stela, from
street-dwellers since the big migra
modern factor is driving children o
very poor.

Though family breakdown may
help its victims. The services Porto
sleep, eat and wash; a day centre s
some staff to patrol the streets at ni
do likewise?

A simple lack of public spendin
not money that is lacking but poli
Paulo, for example, much of the c
corruption. But even the existing
therefore inefficient. So people sl
those in another street are entirely

[1] *lift*: robar
[2] *solvent*: dissolvent / disolvente
[3] *off-duty*: fora de servei / fuera de ser

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
no-hopers.
[1 point each correct ans

1. Say two kinds of

2. Say three problem

3. Problems do not
difference.

4. One of these three sentence

- ☐ Porto Alegre is an excepti children.
- ☐ Political corruption is th programs.
- ☐ Children who have been

5. One of these three sentence

- ☐ It wasn't until 1993, when the big towns started to r
- ☐ Fragmentation of the far children.
- ☐ Attendance to an open enroled in it.

One day – it may be in this century, a really efficient means of propelli the velocity of light. They will ne then the nearest star will be less th

Our exploring ships will spread ou space. It is a sphere which will gro we must picture a slow (little mo activities outwards from the Solar we now find ourselves. These sun we can never get from one to the n

At this point we will deal with an is a limiting factor? So many 'imp may go the way of all the others.

Scientists believe that light can ne object. Let us assume the contrar optimistic case, and imagine that t

Picture a time when, by the develo as a transistor is beyond a stone ax no more effort than dialling a num its physical immensity to nothingn

Everything that really matters. For complexity. Having abolished the

What we must now try to visualiz London and New York are already million – 10^6- numbers- The Cosr numbers.

To continue our fantasy a little f number. Think of the possibilit 279450154238119863 85 could put that this is not enough and we ma more to number their planets.

Before such numbers, even spirits quail***. The detailed examination far smaller task than the exploratio

(

* *outrace:* sobrepassar, avançar / ave
** *axe:* destral / hacha
*** *quail:* espantar-se, retrocedir / espa

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
[1 point each correct ans

1. What are the mai

2. Does Arthur Clark
   Copy a sentence

3. What could lead t

4. Which of the follo

   a) Space conque
   of driving spac
   the chaos in
   calculate dista

   b) In time, efficie
   towards the li
   happen. Thes
   scale, to deali

   c) The future wi
   breaking the
   engineers will
   and order to c

BL

In August of 1998 Kevin Warwick
in his left arm. This allowed a com
Department of cybernetics, where
him each time he arrived at the ma
lights.

Warwick's next experiment will te
system and a computer —a radical
that? "The potential for humans, in
"The opportunity for me to becom
it."

"The future enters into us long bef
longer a metaphor. The future is
implanted devices[3]. We develop a
retinal implants to restore vision in
exchange information. A subcutar
medical history to a doctor living f

50 years ago the word "cyborg" w
possible within 50 years or that h
indistinguishable from cyborgs. Th
cease to be human? One quarter? C
if we changed it we would becom
kinds of knowledge so terrible th
questions require the unlikely coop

Sometimes the best intentions can
known scientist, described advance
under control, nanotechnology wil
robotics will make intelligent and s
depend on the continued growth in
of 2040 will be a million times fas

Engineers tend to associate histor
times faster than our ability to chan
in our ability to keep technolo
technologies, which required many
of individuals." The dangers to the

Joy's article was an instant sensati
advanced weapons programs. This
every possibility is welcome, no m
The other: we don't want to be ov

[1] *network:* xarxa / red
[2] *cyborg:* ciborg
[3] *device:* enginy, peça, accessori / disp
[4] *quantum computer:* ordinador quànt

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
better human.
[1 point each correct ans

1. Say two reaso

2. What is for the
technologies?

3. Mention three

4. Which of thes

a) Self-replicating
matter how mu
their work. Th
disposal of ind
and need to ta

b) Cyborgs will o
Warwick is a p
part of techno
results but als
way to go.

c) Bill Joy's artic
human identity
being? There
advances. The
must take a de

IS

Many people live alone. Some by
by necessity, the most pathetically
small flat by rheumatism or by a
children and their friends may have
ill and die without anyone notici
expensive in modern towns. If the
exist. Some, of course, could ask f
too proud to apply for it or perhaps

Most old people who live alone wi
or twice a week. 'Just to talk. If y
After a recent debate in the parliam
visiting, as some voluntary organiz

However, all these schemes need
ready to help. So, nobody does any
sad cases out of sight. They want t
who, after years without communic
silent rooms smell of defeat and de

In a London block of flats, I saw o
bottles and tins which had once, n
were black with filth.[1] When you
under your feet. Outside the door,
went about their own businesses a
There are no seasons in these gloo
He was waiting for his death. At fir
monotonous voice, he kept mutte
hospital bed.

He will not be much brighter when
of many of our geriatric hospitals
productive individuals and so the i
is one good thing about being in t
and those like him live in a sad s
society. They are not people, they

[1] *filth:* brutícia / porquería

PART ONE: READIN

Answer the following
Business?
[1 point each correct ans

1. What are old p

2. What is neede

3. Say two of the

4. Which of the f

a) Old people su
indifference. N
Those in hosp
already given

b) Physical disor
among old pe
and bills. Well
and overall ph

c) Indifference to
problem. Towr
women living
take decisions

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The table in Sarah Ga
covered with discolour
museum of one of the r
dig into the surface of
did once support life. T

Late this week, if all
probes, travelling at a t
and drop it into a little
examining the data for
on our sister planet. A
warmer underground.

It is spring in the Sou
spring means the renev
bring clues to the exist

These days the signs
discovered deep chann
water —torrents running
continue far. They dis
scientists thought that
observations suggest th
at a near-constant elev
curves are as flat and s
of sediments throughou

For years the official v
it's cold and it's dry, a
umbrella against a big
able to sustain life. Or
living in complete dark
says Hubbard. Other m
in sulfuric acid, at 212
or ammonia. Apparent
says Jim Head, "then I
life would go undergro

[1] *bullet*: bala / ba
[2] *probe*: sonda / s
[3] *soil*: terra / tierra
[4] *smooth*: llis / liso

PART ONE: READING COMPF

Answer the following questions
for Life".
[1 point each correct answer]

1. What makes the presence o

2. The text suggests two differ
   they?

3. What are the different steps

4. Which of the following sente

   a) Life requires environme
   present on the Red Plar
   eradicate. In some scier
   there may be still some

   b) Sarah Gavit built probes
   water channels —torrents
   photographs suggest an
   south polar ice melting, i

   c) Water is crucial to the q
   to collect data and anal
   ancient rivers and seas. I
   Even in its absence, we

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Kneeling before a 180
Clemmons murmurs a
strong air-current strai
like the ones used in pa
a green grassy field. Cl

For three years, Clemm
scientific training, has
to solve everyone's fa
Over the years, researc
attempts to move dupli

Inspired by winds that
that even stronger win
that the Egyptians mas
that the pyramids were
ancient Egyptians coul

Does it sound ludicro
research and talked to
Technology, who surpr
says, "but all of the ma
it was bullshit," admits
saw Maureen use a kit

The kite theory evokes
whom believe the pyr
many amateurs pushir
Harvard archaeologist
shocked at the kite the
for Egypt's Giza platea
"pyramidiots."

To carry out further tes
that end, Clemmons
labelled Ala (Latin for
the kite-research projec

If these additional tests
grander stage in the sh
had a bunch of men pu
kits and a pack of beer

[1] *kite*: estel / cometa
[2] *parasailing*: parasailin
[3] *lever*: palanca / palanc
[4] *recall*: recordar / reco
[5] *linen*: lli, roba de fil /

PART ONE: READING COMPF

Answer the following questions
Build a Pyramid?".
[1 point each correct answer]

1. What are the reactions towa

2. What factors support or cont

3. What is unusual about Maure

4. Which of the following sente

   a) Maureen spends her ov
   pyramid building. Reacti
   seems mathematically ri
   collecting money to conti

   b) Maureen says a praye
   demonstrate her kite th
   engineers but they are a
   called 'Ala'. This is goo
   project.

   c) Gharib, Lehner and Haw
   With 12 assistants she
   demonstrate her theory i
   companies sell a new pe

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There is something my
island; after him, regga
is still growing. A danc
Next month an all-star
year a Marley-themed
cuisine, and the decora

A Bob Marley restaura
through the air..."

One of the coolest new
Babylon. The album co
The hip-hoppers supply
in old studio sessions.
Stephen. "It was one o

These days Marley's
greatest-hits album, is,
Songs of Freedom ha
Marley's lasting appea
at the time he was m
discovery. That's what
incredible music."

Marley, who died of c
The dirty streets of Jan
—he was influenced by
and romance, for him,
the stuff of his work.

A wide range of young
Bob's extraordinary le
says. "Me having kids
like my pants. Once th

Projects that pair livin
matches[4] on *Chant Do*
to Laurin Hill and Bob
Low. "It didn't feel as
says that during the rec
paternal presence in th

Reggae ghosts? Spiritu

[1] *ghost*: fantasma, esper
[2] *slum*: barri baix, subur
[3] *bullet*: bala / bala
[4] *match*: aparellament, a

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION

Answer the following questions according to the information in the text "Marley's Ghosts"

[1 point each correct answer]

1. What are the reasons for Bob Marley's increasing popularity today?

2. How do present-day singers feel about Bob Marley?

3. What inspired Marley's songs?

4. Which of the following sentences summarises the text best?

   a) Marley's rebel music reflected the problems of Jamaican slums and of the whole Third World. He wanted to pass his revolutionary message to the urban youth of America. His son and singers like Laurin Hill follow this rebel message in the new albums.

   b) Many years after his death, Marley is an increasingly popular figure. His image as an artist and his music are a model for new performers and inspire projects –concerts, new albums, restaurants... He died young but his message and his music are still with us.

   c) Recording studios use Marley's music for dance remixes like *Sun is Shining* and duets with new singers like Laurin Hill in *Chant Down Babylon*. These are technically difficult but, because the matches are well done, millions of copies of the new albums are sold.

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It is often said, 'I know
When this statement is
what risks they take, he
'I have the nasty feelin
it.' When some of these
is, very few get far in p

When it is explained th
equivalent of one every
the significance is more
who smokes twenty-fiv
board a plane, the girl
pleased that you are cor
think again and make
However, one of the di
epidemic of cancer, the
yet.

Smokers easily suggest
or by car fumes but are
that 'they' ought to do
change smoking habits
and bronchitis, but the
in garages and London
related illnesses, like ar
town smoke and cigare

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the money gained by t
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over $1.000 a year. If y
equals your retirement
the smoker's salary. A
cigarettes —'a two-pour

PART ONE: READING COMPF

Answer the following questions
Sense about Smoking".
[1 point each correct answer]

1. What are the differences bet
   and similar diseases?

2. What are the difficulties of m
   and how can you help them

3. The text mentions one po
   aspects. What are they?
4. Which of the following sente

   a) The personal cost of sm
      evident to the smokers.
      for lung cancer and othe
      understand the danger b

   b) Smoking is not only a
      thousands of millions in t
      for the cost of medical c
      not even pay for reducin

   c) People are free to cho
      smoking is worth it and
      Doctors call a packet c
      However, if people can
      problem is much smaller