PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN ESCRITA

EXAMEN A IST

Thomas

Thomas has been writing a novel for over a year. The story is about a young detective solving a mysterious case in a small town. Thomas often spends hours researching details to make the story realistic. Although it's challenging, he feels proud of his progress.

1- According to the paragraph, Thomas _____

a) wrote his novel in just one year
b) has been working on his novel for more than one year
c) is not happy with his novel because he is not progressing
d) found difficult to write his novel in just one year

A Notice

Smoking is only allowed in the smoking areas.

2- Choose the correct option

a) There are certain places where you can smoke
b) You are not allowed to smoke anywhere in the building
c) You must smoke if you are in one of the smoking areas
d) You can't smoke even in smoking areas

Maria

Maria loves cooking. Every Saturday, she goes to the market to buy fresh vegetables and fruits. She likes trying new recipes, especially Italian and Indian dishes. In the evening, she usually invites her friends to her house for dinner. They always enjoy her food and ask for the recipes.

3- Maria _____

a) goes to the market once a week
b) likes inviting her friends for lunch
c) enjoys going to her friends' houses
d) always cooks the same recipes

Spring

Laura's favorite season is spring because she loves seeing the flowers bloom and hearing the birds sing in the mornings. Last spring, she planted a small vegetable garden in her backyard and this year she is planning to add more plants and spend more time gardening with her children, who also enjoy being outdoors.

4- What is Laura planning to do this spring?

a) Visit the park with her family
b) Start a flower shop
c) Teach her children about birds
d) Plant more vegetables in her garden

At a Restaurant

Buy two main dishes and two chidren can eat for free. This offer is for weekdays.

5- Mark the correct answer

a) The restaurant is closed at the weekend
b) Adults and children can eat for free
c) The offer is only available on certain days

d) On weekdays the offer is expensive

A Visit to a Castle

Allow at least three hours for your visit to the castle.

6- What does the notice say?

a) You need less than three hours to visit the castle
b) Visitors can only spend three hours inside the castle
c) Three hours is the minimum time recommended for a visit to the castle
d) The visit to the castle is only possible at three o'clock

Energy

Olivia recently attended a conference on renewable energy where she learned about innovative ways to reduce carbon emissions. One speaker discussed the potential of solar power in urban areas, while another presented data on wind farms. Olivia found the event inspiring and is now considering a career in environmental science.

7- Olivia _____

a) found the discussions on renewable energy inspiring
b) was disappointed after the conference
c) found the carbon emissions at the event interesting
d) learned about the location of wind farms and solar areas

On the Train

Do not lean out of the train window or open the door while the train is moving.

8- According to the text ____

a) passengers are informed that they are not allowed to open train windows
b) train windows have to be opened when the train has entered a station
c) passengers are prohibited from putting their head out of the window
d) passengers have to close windows and doors when the train is moving

History

Alex has always been fascinated by history. Last month, he visited a medieval castle that has been carefully preserved for centuries. He joined a guided tour where the guide shared stories about the castle's role during wars and its importance in trade routes. Alex left with a deeper appreciation for the past.

9- What did Alex learn about the medieval castle?

a) How it was destroyed in a war
b) Its significance in trade and conflicts
c) The role of architecture in the castle
d) How it was turned into a guided tour

Art

Sophia is an artist who specializes in painting landscapes. Her latest project focuses on capturing the beauty of endangered forests around the world. She travels to remote locations to observe and paint unique ecosystems. Sophia hopes her work will help people to understand the importance of protecting these natural habitats.

10- One of Sophia's purposes when painting landscapes is ____

a) to sell her paintings at exhibitions
b) to protect forests at risk
c) to study different painting techniques
d) to help students to love art

Museums

The museum opens from 2 p.m. Children must be with an adult.

11- Choose the correct answer

a) Children can visit the art gallery if they are with an adult
b) Adults can take children to the art gallery in the morning
c) Adults with children over 2 are welcome to the museum
d) Children can only visit the museum in the morning

Spending Time Outdoors

Many people enjoy spending time outdoors, whether it's hiking, cycling, or simply relaxing in a park. Research shows that spending time in nature can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being. Nature provides a sense of calm and helps individuals reconnect with themselves, away from the noise and distractions of daily life. Even short walks in natural settings can help us to be in a good mood and increase our productivity.

12- What is the main benefit of spending time outdoors, according to the passage?

a) It helps people stay fit
b) It improves mood and well-being
c) It is an enjoyable activity
d) It increases work tasks

Boat trip to Wasle

Due to hight water levels, this trip will be by coach at no extra cost. The pick-up time from hotel remains unchanged.

13- What has changed about the trip to Wasle?

a) The transport
b) The price
c) The hotel
d) The departure time

Technology

Technology has drastically changed the way we communicate. Social media platforms, instant messaging and video calls have made it easier to stay connected with friends and family across the globe. However, some argue that technology also has negative effects, such as reducing face-to-face interaction and leading to feelings of isolation. Despite these concerns, technology continues to be an integral part of modern life.

14- What is one negative effect of technology mentioned in the passage?

a) It encourages face-to-face interaction
b) It helps people connect with others easily
c) It may lead to feelings of isolation
d) It reduces the use of video calls

Exercising

Exercising regularly is important for staying healthy. It helps to improve the cardiovascular system, build strength, and maintain a healthy weight. People who exercise often report feeling happier and more energetic. Whether it's walking, running, or doing yoga, any form of physical activity is beneficial.

15- According to the paragraph, exercising regularly _____

a) makes you tired
b) can cause weight gain
c) improves your health
d) increases stress

Reading

Reading books is an activity that can expand your knowledge and improve your vocabulary. Whether it is fiction or non-fiction, reading allows people to explore different perspectives and ideas. It also stimulates the brain. In addition to improving mental skills, reading can also be a relaxing way to unwind at the end of the day.

16- As described in the passage, reading _____

a) improves physical health
b) explores different weather perspectives
c) engages in fiction writing
d) helps you relax at the end of the day

A message from the coach

Hi team,

Just wanted to thank all the players in Sunday's match for their effort. It was a hard game; we couldn't win but we tried our best. Next time we will beat them.

Coach

17- What is the coach doing?

a) Congratulating the players because they won a match
b) Congratulating the team's fans for their positive support
c) Telling the players that they won because they played hard
d) Encouraging the team to play even better in a future match

Artificial Intelligence

Mark has always been passionate about technology, particularly artificial intelligence. Recently, he developed a program that can analyze large amounts of data and make predictions with remarkable accuracy. Mark's work has caught the attention of several tech companies, and he is now considering joining a startup to further develop his ideas.

18- What is Mark considering doing next?

a) Launching his own tech Company
b) Cooperate with a new business
c) Teaching artificial intelligence at a university
d) Selling his program to a large corporation

Hiking

Ella enjoys hiking in the mountains, especially in autumn when the leaves change color. Last weekend, she went on a challenging trail that took her five hours to complete. The view from the top was breathtaking, with endless forests and distant snowed peaks. She felt the effort was completely worth it.

19- What sentence is true?

a) Ella completed the hike faster than expected
b) Ella was walking for three hours
c) Ella enjoyed the difficult trail
d) Ella thinks the hike wasn't woth it

Oceans

Oceans cover more than 70% of the Earth's surface, and they are essential for life on the planet. In addition to being a source of food, oceans regulate the climate and absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide. It is crucial to protect them from pollution and overexploitation to ensure the health of the marine ecosystem.

20- According to the text, oceans _____

a) produce oxygen and dioxide
b) regulate the weather changes
c) offer space for agriculture
d) allow marine navigation

An email

Dear James,

As you know, we have been working on the new perfume that we are launching in April and we are not sure about some of the packaging details. We have seen some of your creative work in the sales department and we think you have a very good eye for detail. Do you have some time next Friday to sit down with us and talk about our designs? We would appreciate your advice on this.

Best regards,

Sarah Ford

21- What department does James work for?

a) Marketing
b) Product Design
c) Sales
d) Research and Development

Cycling

More and more people are choosing bicycles as a means of transportation in large cities. This change not only helps reduce traffic and pollution but also improves the health of those who practice this habit. Authorities have started building more dedicated bike lanes, encouraging their use and contributing to more sustainable mobility.

22- What is an advantage of cycling?

a) Confort
b) Economic savings
c) Environmental care
d) Speed

Climate Change

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. Global temperatures are rising, causing extreme weather events such as lack of rain and floods. Scientists warn that if urgent measures are not taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the consequences will be devastating for life on the planet.

23- What is mentioned as a consequence of climate change?

a) The decrease in oceans
b) Natural disasters
c) The scarcity of natural resources
d) The expansion of forests

Life in small villages

In a small village, life went by peacefully. People knew each other and helped one another in times of need. Children played outdoors, and adults gathered in the town square to chat. Small communities never lost their sense of unity. Solidarity was the foundation of everything, and because of it, families always supported each other.

24- What was the most important value in the village mentioned in the text?

a) Distincticness
b) Mutual support
c) Competitiveness
d) Wealth

Education

Education is one of the keys to the development of any society. Children and young people who receive a good education have more opportunities for a successful future. However, in many parts of the world, access to quality education is still limited.

25- What is the problem with education in many parts of the world?

a) The excess of resources
b) Restricted access to good education
c) The low level of student interest
d) The shortage of qualified teachers

A Message

Do not open the door until the red light has gone off and the green light comes on.

26- The message says to _____

a) wait for the green light before opening the door
b) turn off the right light when you open the door
c) do not open the door when the green light is on
d) turn on the green light before opening the door

Baking

Lena loved baking. Every weekend, she tried a new recipe. Last Saturday, she made chocolate cookies for her friends. They were so delicious that everyone asked for the recipe. Lena felt proud and decided to start a blog to share her baking tips. She hoped to inspire others to bake and enjoy homemade recipes as much as she did.

27- What did Lena decide to do after baking cookies?

a) Open a bakery
b) Share her baking recipes
c) Stop baking
d) Teach cooking classes

The Use of Social Media

In recent decades, the internet has changed the way people communicate and access information. Platforms like social media allow people to be connected in real time, regardless of distance. However, excessive use of these platforms has also raised concerns about privacy and the impact on social relationships.

28- According to the text, the use of social media _____

a) can isolate us from the others
b) does not have any impact on our lives
c) increases our information about our privacy
d) raises concern about the distance

A Beach in Wales

In Wales a beach has been closed down because experts have detected dangerous levels of radioactive materials under the sand. Scientist think that it is caused by the hundreds of old war planes which are buried there. The Ministry of Defense has said that it will be closed until the end of February.

29- What is said about the beach?

a) The public cannot visit it
b) It has now been made safe
c) A plan to make it safe has been finalized
d) They found old war boats there

At the library

The library was quiet but plenty of silent people. Emma sat at a corner table, surrounded by books about space. She was researching for her science project on planets. Emma found it fascinating how each planet had unique features, like Saturn's rings or Mars' red surface. She decided to focus her project on Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system.

30- Emma _____

a) is fascinated by the history of libraries
b) is researching information for her project
c) is studying the life of astronauts
d) is focusing on Saturn’s rings

NO PASE DE ESTA PAGINA HASTA QUE SE LE INDIQUE

PRUEBA DE GRAMÁTICA Y VOCABULARIO

BAGPIPES

Bagpipes are a woodwind instrument that is played in Scotland during cultural festivals and celebrations. Many people (31) _____that it is a Scotland's national instrument. However, (32) _____ to come (33) _____ the Middle East. It uses reeds and a bag to create (34) _____ sound. The sound is produced by blowing into a blowpipe to make the sound.

(35) ____ are over thirty different types of bagpipes, but (36) _____ one used in Scotland is the Highland Pipes. They are part of Scottish life, and they are used on special occasions. (37) _____ Scottish Army regiments have a piper (38) _____the bagpipes (39) _____ they go on parade.

They are an essential feature in (40) _____ songs, stories and poems as they represent the cultural heritage of the Scots. One of the most popular songs played on the bagpipes is *Scotland the Brave*.

31-
a) thinks
b) is considered
c) considers
d) think

32-
a) it believed
b) is believing
c) it is believed
d) are believed

33-
a) of
b) from
c) by
d) for

34-
a) their
b) them
c) its
d) there

35-
a) They
b) Its
c) There
d) Theirs

36-
a) any
b) a
c) an
d) the

37-
a) Much
b) Very
c) A lot
d) All

38-
a) to play
b) for play
c) play
d) which plays

39-
a) what
b) when
c) how
d) why

40-
a) much
b) many
c) more
d) any

A DAY IN THE PARK

Yesterday, I went to the park with my friends. It was a sunny day, and we decided to have a picnic. While we (41) ____ on the grass, we saw a man playing the guitar. He was very talented, and we (42) ____ help but listen to him (43) ____ a while.
My friend Sarah, (44) ____ mother is a pianist, loves music and asked to join him. The man smiled and said, "Of course!". Sarah (45) ____ and soon a small crowd gathered around them. It was (46) ____ lovely moment that I (47) ____ never forget.

After the performance, we walked around the park. We found a lake (48) ____ some children were feeding the ducks. One of the children dropped (49) ____ bread into the water, and the ducks swam over quickly. It was so funny to watch!

Before we left, we stopped at an ice-cream stand to buy some chocolate ice-cream. It was a perfect day, and I think we (50) ____ do it again soon.

41-
a) sit
b) sat
c) have sat
d) were sitting

42-
a) couldn't
b) can't
c) didn't
d) shouldn't

43-
a) during
b) for
c) at
d) about

44-
a) who
b) which
c) whom
d) whose

45-
a) sang beautifully
b) singed beautifully
c) sings beautiful
d) sung beautiful

46-
a) too
b) so a
c) such a
d) quite

47-
a) won't
b) will
c) wouldn't
d) had

48-
a) where
b) which
c) that
d) when

49-
a) little
b) any
c) a few
d) some

50-
a) would
b) could to
c) have
d) should

COMMUNICATIONS

In the past, people (51) _____on traditional methods of communication, (52) ____ face-to-face conversations or letters. However, with the arrival of new technologies, communication (53) _____ dramatically. Today, people can instantly send messages across the globe, making the world feel (54) _____. This rapid development in technology has both positive and negative consequences.

(55) _____ it is true that technology is making communication easier, some think that it is also reducing interactions. For example, people now prefer texting to face-to-face conversations. This shift means that people (56) _____ develop the same level of social skills they required in previous generations. (57) _____ the other hand, technology (58) _____ opportunities for people to connect with others (59) _____ share (60) _____ interests, no matter where they live

51-

a) relied
b) believes
c) considered
d) thought

52-

a) so as
b) such
c) like
d) as so

53-

a) has changed
b) change
c) changes
d) are changing

54-

a) the smaller
b) smallest
c) much smaller
d) more small

55-

a) When
b) Whether
c) While
d) Why

56-

a) may not
b) mustn’t
c) should to
d) could to

57-

a) In
b) At
c) By
d) On

58-

a) also has offered
b) has also provided
c) also has given
d) has also allow

59-

a) who
b) whose
c) which
d) whom

60-

a) their
b) them
c) its
d) theirs

EXAM A KEY

1 B	**30 B**
2 A	**31 D**
3 A	**32 C**
4 D	**33 B**
5 C	**34 C**
6 C	**35 C**
7 A	**36 D**
8 C	**37 D**
9 B	**38 A**
10 B	**39 B**
11 A	**40 B**
12 B	**41 D**
13 A	**42 A**
14 C	**43 B**
15 C	**44 D**
16 D	**45 A**
17 D	**46 C**
18 B	**47 B**
19 C	**48 A**
20 B	**49 D**
21 C	**50 D**
22 C	**51 A**
23 B	**52 C**
24 B	**53 A**
25 B	**54 C**
26 A	**55 C**
27 B	**56 A**
28 A	**57 D**
29 A	**58 B**

59 A **60 A**

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