

PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN ESCRITA
EXAMEN A ICT

A Town in Alaska

Located in the beautiful state of Alaska, a little town called Whittier is hidden in a picturesque area surrounded by mountains and the ocean. But perhaps the most fascinating aspect of Whittier is the fact that nearly all of its 200-odd residents live under the same roof. The Begich Towers, a 14-story building, is more than just an apartment building; it's a self-contained town!

- 1- What is true about the town of Whittier?
- a) It is located on top of a mountain
 - b) Most of its residents live in one building
 - c) It has the tallest building in Alaska
 - d) It offers its residents free lodging

Light Pollution

We are all familiar with air pollution, especially if we live in busy cities and suffer with pollution from factories and heavy traffic. But many of us don't take light pollution seriously. Compared to the skies of our grandparents, the night isn't just as dark as it used to be because the use of artificial lighting has increased. As a result, this can create problems for migrating birds, which are not able to use the moon and stars to set their journey.

- 2- What can be concluded about light pollution?
- a) It is worse than air pollution
 - b) It is due to the increase of city lights
 - c) It is due to factories and traffic
 - d) It makes impossible to see the moon

Sugar

The history of sugar started thousands of years ago in Southeast Asia. In India people first discovered how to get the pure sugar juice out of the plant. People from all over Asia visited the country to find out more about this process. These included explorers from Spain and the Arab world. They brought sugar to Europe from the 12th century onwards.

- 3- What can be concluded about sugar?
- a) Asian countries exported it to Europe in the 12th century
 - b) It started to be produced in the Indian countryside
 - c) The Spanish and the Arabs helped in the sugar process
 - d) It was first produced in India thousands of years ago

The London Underground

The first underground trains ran in London in 1863. All the trains used steam engines. Because these engines were powered by very hot water and fire, the tunnels were smoky, steamy, and noisy. The tunnels were dark, too. The train cars and stations were made of wood, and lighted with gas. Sometimes there were accidents because of fires.

- 4- What is true about the first London underground trains?
- a) They used steam locomotives
 - b) They had a lot of accidents
 - c) Their stations were very dark
 - d) They were fueled with wood

Brandon Lee

Brandon Lee, son of the famous martial artist and actor Bruce Lee, died in 1993, while filming "The Crow". He was acting as the main character in a scene where his character gets shot. Nobody knew there was a small piece of a real bullet stuck in the gun which was fired at Brandon; it came out and hit Brandon in the stomach. Even though doctors tried to help him, Lee passed away later that day.

- 5- What do we learn about Lee Brandon?
- a) He was killed on purpose during a movie set
 - b) He had to be operated on to save his life
 - c) He was Bruce Lee's stepson
 - d) He was accidentally killed in a film shooting

Luciano Pavarotti

Luciano Pavarotti was one of the most celebrated tenors of the 20th century, known for his powerful, emotive voice and remarkable vocal technique. Born in Italy in 1935, he gained international fame for his performances in opera's most iconic roles. Pavarotti's ability to hit high notes with ease and his charisma made him gain millions of admirers. He participated in popular music and collaborated with artists like Andrea Bocelli and Bono, which further expanded his legacy.

- 6- According to the passage, Pavarotti was mainly admired by millions of people...
- a) for his ability to adapt to modern singers
 - b) for collaborating with pop music singers
 - c) for his ability to reach high notes easily
 - d) for expanding his legacy worldwide

The Business of Running

Once it was a sport for the introverted or the fitness fanatics, running has become one of the most popular sports worldwide over time. This form of exercise attracts millions of people every year. This is not surprising, many people feel that running helps feel calm and balanced. Alongside its popularity, the business around running has grown exponentially, and it's generating massive profits, although the sport itself is probably the most inexpensive to practice.

- 7- What can be concluded about running?
- a) It is now popular among introverted people
 - b) It has become the most popular sport today
 - c) It has become the most profitable business
 - d) It is maybe the cheapest sport to practice

Hotel Facilities

The Fitness Center offers an assortment of cardio and weight training equipment. Located on the third floor, it is available 24 hours a day with your guestroom key card. Access to the steam room and sauna are available from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

- 8- According to the passage, the fitness center...
- a) can only be used from 6:00am to 8:00pm
 - b) is available to hotel guests on request
 - c) can only be used with a special key card
 - d) is available at any time to hotel guests

Strict and Relaxed Parents

Parenting styles can influence how well children do at school and how happy they are. Relaxed parents often have children who are happy to be average students at school. Strict parents often have children who are worried and feel unhappy most of the time.

9- According to the passage...

- a) strict parents worry a lot about their children's education
- b) children with strict parents are the best students
- c) children with relaxed parents are often happy at school
- d) children with relaxed parents are usually stressed

A School Newspaper

Some years ago, our head teacher, Mrs. Waters, decided to start a school newspaper, and get as many students as possible to take on the job – and parents, too. She felt the newspaper would help students learn more about school life, through articles on sports achievements and arts projects, which not all students knew about if they were not taking part. Students took the whole thing very seriously – and we now have a prize-winning newspaper!

10- Mrs. Waters wanted to start a school newspaper to...

- a) to take part in a school newspaper contest
- b) attract new students to the school
- c) make parents aware of their children's activities
- d) keep students aware of the school activities

Speed-Flatmating

Speed-Flatmating is a perfect way to find the ideal house or flat-mate. The events, which are organized by the website *speedflatmating.co.uk*, are mainly held in London bars or pubs. At these events, people looking for accommodation can meet people with available rooms, or other people on the lookout for accommodation who they can rent a place with.

11- What is true about Speed-Flatmating?

- a) It is a house rental website in London
- b) It organises events for tenants and renters
- c) It is a trendy game in London pubs and bars
- d) It helps London pub owners find accommodation

Aerophobia

A fear of flying, also known as aerophobia, is said to affect almost 10% of the population although some experts believe it is much higher than this. Those suffering from this will often avoid flying completely, which has a negative effect on their quality of life. Those who face their fears can end up feeling seriously anxious before and during the flight.

12- According to the passage, people who suffer from aerophobia...

- a) get stressed when they fly
- b) can never fly alone
- c) cannot face their fears
- d) have a bad quality of life

Albert Einstein

Born in 1879 in Germany, his work earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect, a key step in the development of quantum theory. Einstein's theories have had a deep impact on science and technology, and he remains one of the most influential figures in modern physics. His curious mind, deep insights, and iconic equation, $E=mc^2$, continue to shape our understanding of the universe.

13- According to the passage, Albert Einstein got the Nobel Prize ...

- a) for his theory of relativity
- b) for his way of understanding the universe
- c) for his exposition of the photoelectric effect
- d) for his development of the quantum theory

Social Networks

Social networks have become an important part of teenagers' lives, offering platforms for self-expression, social interaction, and access to information. They provide opportunities for connection and creativity, but they can also contribute to issues like cyberbullying and unhealthy comparisons. Teenagers, still developing emotionally and socially, are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of online interactions, making it essential to balance online engagement with offline experiences.

14- According to the passage, why are teenagers more vulnerable to social networks?

- a) Because they are more engaged in social interaction
- b) Because they are the ones who suffer cyberbullying
- c) Because their personalities are not fully developed
- d) Because they do not have enough online experience

Pollution

Nepal, listed by *Clinic Compare* as the fourth healthiest country, is the tenth most polluted country. Air pollution is a killer, with 7 million people dying worldwide each year from diseases associated with it. It is not just a problem of vehicle fumes and industries. Around 2.4 billion people worldwide are exposed to dangerous levels of household air pollution while cooking on fires or stoves fuelled by kerosene, wood, coal, etc.

15- What is true, according to the passage?

- a) Air pollution causes 7 million deaths in the world every year
- b) Nepal is the tenth healthiest country in the world
- c) Vehicle fumes and industries kill 2.4 billion people a year
- d) Household air pollution kills about 2.4 billion people

A Single-Parent Family

My parents divorced when I was a baby, and my mum left, so I grew up with just a dad. It didn't feel unusual until I started school and realized that most of the other kids had mums. Then I started wondering why I didn't have one. I felt jealous of the other kids who had one. I was angry with my mum for leaving me and with my dad for not keeping her.

16- According to the passage, at school the writer...

- a) felt unhappy for not having both parents
- b) was older than his classmates
- c) missed having brothers or sisters
- d) did not get on with the other children

A Job

I work for a small publishing company in the heart of the city. My full-time job consists of editing and proofreading manuscripts before they go to print. As a senior editor, I'm in charge of a team of five other editors. We work with authors to refine their stories and polish their writing skills. I'm also responsible for ensuring that all projects are completed on time.

17- What is the writer's main task at the publishing company?

- a) Organizing his employees' team work
- b) Choosing the best manuscripts to be printed
- c) Looking for the most successful writers
- d) Revising and correcting texts before edition

Elon Musk

Elon Musk is a billionaire entrepreneur and CEO known for founding and leading several innovative companies, including Tesla, SpaceX, and Neuralink. Musk is recognized for his ambitious goals to revolutionize industries such as electric vehicles, space exploration, and artificial intelligence. He aims to address global challenges like climate change and expand humanity's reach beyond Earth, with a focus on sustainable energy and space colonization. Musk's bold vision and unconventional approach have made him a prominent figure in technology and business.

18- What is said about Elon Musk?

- a) He wants to reverse global warming
- b) He founded three electric vehicle industries
- c) He aims to colonize space for human expansion
- d) He was a prominent Space Race leader

Enigma

Enigma, the German cipher machine, and the efforts to crack its codes played a crucial role in determining the outcome of World War II. "*Without the efforts of the codebreakers at Bletchley Park, the war might have taken a different turn,*" comments Clive. "*Their work shortened the war and saved countless lives.*"

19- According to Clive, what role did codebreaking play in World War II?

- a) It anticipated the beginning of the war
- b) It extended the war considerably
- c) It saved a large number of lives
- d) It reduced the number of codebreakers

Safe Driving

These days, with so many distractions available to a driver in the car, it's never been so easy to take your attention off the road. As for distractions, David has a straightforward message. "*Stay away from your phone and don't multitask while driving. Your full attention should be on the road.*"

20- What is said about distractions in the car?

- a) They make you unable to drive straightforward
- b) They make it easier to divert your attention
- c) They are mainly caused by using phones
- d) They are the main cause of car accidents

The Taj Mahal

The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, which were probably transported by over 1,000 elephants. The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors every year and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

21- According to the passage, the Taj Mahal...

- a) is considered India's most famous landmark
- b) was built thank to the help UNESCO
- c) was built with the most luxurious Indian materials
- d) is visited by millions of tourists every year

Daylight Saving Time

Many countries, and sometimes just areas of countries, adopt daylight saving time during part of the year. This means putting the clocks forward by an hour near the start of spring and putting them back in autumn. Daylight saving was proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 but it only started seriously in Europe in 1916 to help conserve fuel and energy. Most countries around the Equator do not adopt daylight saving time because the seasonal difference in sunlight is very little.

22- The passage is mainly about...

- a) the different time zones in European countries
- b) Benjamin Franklin's influence in Europe
- c) time adjustment in order to save fuel and energy
- d) the weather conditions in Ecuadorian countries

TV or the Internet

Some people agree that the TV offers poor quality programs on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many channels do nothing more than repeat old shows or offer cheap, low quality programs. However, I would argue that a lot of content on the Internet isn't particularly great. At least TV shows have professional people checking the quality of shows, which a lot of content on the web doesn't.

23- According to the writer...

- a) TV programs are less reliable than the internet content
- b) the Internet content is much better than most TV programs
- c) the Internet shows are more popular than TV programs
- d) TV channels repeat old shows and offer poor programs

Sandgate Sports Centre

The Sports Centre is really fabulous and you can ski, play badminton and do lots of sports. The swimming pool is a bit small, though. The cinema was built in 1930. It's got big pictures of old film stars on the walls with red curtains. It looks nice and it's not bad but it's often cold and I'd rather have more films every week.

24- What is true about Sandgate Sports Centre?

- a) Its cinema is very old and needs renovation
- b) Its cinema is outdated and shows old films
- c) It offers a variety of sports and leisure activities
- d) It's swimming pool is too small for all its members

Celebrating Midsummer in Sweden

This festival is as close as possible to 21st June, the longest day of the year. It is a very old celebration and most people drive to summer cottages to stay, or go to the coast to celebrate. People in traditional dresses dance around the Maypole — a tall pole decorated with flowers. It is thought that if a girl who isn't married picks different flowers and puts them under her pillow at Midsummer she'll dream about her future husband.

25- What is said about Midsummer?

- a) It is an exhibition of different types of flowers
- b) It is celebrated on 21st of June every year
- c) It is celebrated with traditional costume and dance
- d) It is a festival for girls who want to get married

Fashion

Fashion is closely linked with the history of the world. Periods of rapid change and movement of people influenced the textiles and styles of people. Nowadays, people are still extremely conscious about the way they dress for different occasions. Adolescents and young adults feel very strongly about the brands they wear, whether it is for college, partying or sportswear. Their parents feel the same about their own designer labels. There are designer or boutique brands all over the world.

26- According to the passage...

- a) fashion designer brands can be found everywhere in the world
- b) adolescents are more faithful to their brands than their parents
- c) fashion started with nomadic tribes at the beginning of mankind
- d) the young are the most strongly connected with fashion

Sleep

We all know that sleep is good for us, but what are the benefits? One benefit is that it helps us resist illness. Without enough sleep, our body cannot fight off colds or the flu as easily. Your sleep pattern can also affect your diet. Researchers at the University of Chicago discovered that poor sleep increased a hormone in the body that makes us hungry. This means that people who sleep badly often eat high calorie foods and gain more weight.

27- What can be concluded about sleep?

- a) The more you sleep, the better you eat
- b) Poor sleep patterns can make people hungry
- c) People who do not sleep well are usually angry
- d) Hormones increase while you sleep

Enrique's Job

Being a step-on guide can give you all the fun of being a tour guide without all the problems. *'I really enjoy it,'* says Enrique, a university student who became a step-on guide in his home city of Valencia in Spain two years ago. *"It's best not to think of it as just a job. Of course the extra money is useful but mainly it's a great way to meet people and give them an introduction to your town or city."*

28- What can be concluded about Enrique?

- a) He left university to work as a tourist guide
- b) He has been guiding tourists for two years
- c) He has lived in Valencia for two years
- d) He works for a tourist office in Valencia

Mice

If you believe what you see in cartoons, you would think that mice eat cheese. Actually, they are omnivorous, which means they eat both plants and meat, and the common house mice will eat just about anything it can find. In fact, if food is scarce, mice will even eat each other. Mice have voracious appetites. They eat around 15 to 20 times per day, so they build their homes nearby places that have readily accessible food sources.

29- What is said about mice?

- a) They do not eat cheese
- b) They eat both animals and plants
- c) They eat over 20 times per day
- d) They build their nests near humans'

Technology and Education

Modern technologies have changed how students learn and interact in educational settings. Many students now use tablets and laptops in the classroom to access learning materials easily. These devices help them find information quickly and make notes during lessons or lectures. This also encourages students to engage more actively in class discussions and activities.

30- According to the passage, modern technologies...

- a) make learning tasks easier for students
- b) are a topic of heated debate in class
- c) substitute all antique learning materials
- d) are not allowed inside the classrooms

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PRUEBA DE GRAMÁTICA Y VOCABULARIO

STUDENTS AND MOZART

About twenty-five years ago, an exciting new study concluded that if children listened to the music of Mozart, they (31) _____ more intelligent. Immediately, huge numbers of Mozart CDs were purchased by many parents (32) _____ wanted their children to be smarter. After all, (33) _____ people think Mozart was a genius, and maybe if we listened to his music, his intelligence (34) _____ transfer to us.

However, if you read about the experiment that led to this claim, there is little evidence it is true. Firstly, no school child (35) _____ in the original experiment. University students were. The thirty-six young adults who (36) _____ in it did one of three things for ten minutes. Some sat in silence, (37) _____ listened to some relaxation instructions and a third group listened to Mozart's (38) _____. Afterwards, (39) _____ completed various tasks, one of which involved paper shapes. It was found that the students who (40) _____ to Mozart did better in the paper shapes activity than the rest of the students. However, the beneficial effect only lasted for about fifteen minutes.

- 31.- a) became
b) will become
c) would become
d) become

- 32.- a) who
b) what
c) which
d) whom

- 33.- a) most
b) most of
c) the most
d) most the

- 34.- a) had better
b) can
c) might
d) would rather

- 35.- a) were
b) was
c) did
d) had

- 36.- a) took place
b) experiment
c) took part
d) came about

- 37.- a) the other
b) other
c) others
d) the others

- 38.- a) music piano
b) piano music
c) piano's music
d) music's piano

- 39.- a) all they
b) them all
c) all of they
d) they all

- 40.- a) listened
b) listen
c) had listened
d) have listened

SURFING

Surfing grew throughout the 20th century to (41) _____ a popular sport all over the world, but surfers have been around (42) _____ many years. In 1778 the British explorer Captain James Cook saw surfing in action during an (43) _____ to the Pacific. In fact, surfing took (44) _____ in the same areas then that have since become popular surfing resorts now, such as Hawaii and Tahiti. Surfing wasn't encouraged by local officials (45) _____ the 19th century but young Hawaiians (46) _____ the activity again in the early 1900s. Following the invention of lighter surfboards, surfing attracted people around the world. The 1960s saw a huge increase in the (47) _____ of surfers (48) _____ the activity promoted through the media and popular music. The hobby quickly became the professional sport it is now, and (49) _____ and national organizations were created to organize competitions and (50) _____ money to hold events.

- 41.- a) create
b) turn
c) become
d) play

- 46.- a) take up
b) took up
c) restart
d) engaged

- 42.- a) since
b) along
c) for
d) during

- 47.- a) sum
b) number
c) total
d) group

- 43.- a) expedition
b) travel
c) tour
d) trip

- 48.- a) since
b) due to
c) although
d) beside

- 44.- a) part
b) place
c) point
d) position

- 49.- a) near
b) close
c) next
d) local

- 45.- a) while
b) during
c) for
d) around

- 50.- a) win
b) gain
c) raise
d) afford

GOING AWAY

Going away, even for a short time, is advisable for (51) _____. Whether it's for work, study or fun, travel gives you the opportunity to relax. Even if it's a short (52) _____, it allows you time to think about something else. It provides you with a break from your daily (53) _____.

If you're (54) _____ the chance to go on a (55) _____ trip, you should always take it. If you're going away for fun, you (56) _____ choose the right person to travel with. Make sure it's (57) _____ you get on with.

Sometimes it's a good idea to go (58) _____ because then you'll be (59) _____ to do what you want. (60) _____ you decide, there's no doubt you'll come home feeling happy and with many new stories about the places you've visited on the way.

- 51.- a) some ones
b) any people
c) any
d) everybody

- 56.- a) need
b) have
c) must
d) would

- 52.- a) trip
b) travel
c) voyage
d) way

- 57.- a) one
b) some
c) any
d) people

- 53.- a) custom
b) routine
c) action
d) job

- 58.- a) yourself
b) on your own
c) by your own
d) on yourself

- 54.- a) offer
b) offered
c) own
d) posed

- 59.- a) unable
b) capable
c) free
d) nice

- 55.- a) business
b) profession
c) job
d) task

- 60.- a) Whatever
b) Which
c) However
d) Whenever

Exam A			GR. + VOC		
1 B	11 B	21 D	31 C	41 C	51 D
2 B	12 A	22 C	32 A	42 C	52 A
3 D	13 C	23 D	33 A	43 A	53 B
4 A	14 C	24 C	34 C	44 B	54 B
5 D	15 A	25 C	35 B	45 B	55 A
6 C	16 A	26 A	36 C	46 B	56 C
7 D	17 D	27 B	37 C	47 B	57 A
8 D	18 C	28 B	38 B	48 A	58 B
9 C	19 C	29 B	39 D	49 D	59 C
10 D	20 B	30 A	40 C	50 C	60 A

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