

**Instrucciones:** a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

**OPTION B**

**SAFE SWIMMING**

1 When the summer holidays arrive, what could be nicer than a day at the seaside? Or perhaps you plan to lie  
2 by the pool, or try a bit of river or canal boating. The water looks so sparkling and inviting that it is easy to forget  
3 it can also be a deadly hazard.

4 According to the *Swimming Teachers Association* (STA), the tragic fact is that 400 people drown every year  
5 in the UK. Lives could be saved if more people knew the basics of safe swimming. According to the STA,  
6 everyone needs to know five basic skills.

7 First of all, we should all be able to float for one minute without a rubber ring or other support. In terms of  
8 distance, for safety you need to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres without stopping. This is the length of  
9 a standard swimming pool. You need the ability to turn over from your front on to your back in case you get tired  
10 in the water and have to wait for help. For safety, you should also be able to exit the pool without a ladder. And  
11 it is important to learn how to enter the water safely, make a turn, and get out of the water again.

12 It is never too late to learn, and age is no barrier. For most of us, swimming is excellent for the heart, lungs,  
13 muscles and joints. Even if you have a disability, you can learn to swim. A properly trained swimming teacher  
14 can work with your abilities, and find ways to help you stay safe while you enjoy all the health benefits of  
15 swimming –and all the fun!

**I \* COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)**

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

**1. According to the STA...**

- (a) 400 people drown in the UK in summer. (b) 400 people are saved by the STA every year in the UK.  
(c) 400 people die by drowning every year in the UK. (d) everybody knows five basic swimming skills in the UK.

**2. One of the five basic skills is ...**

- (a) swimming 25 metres underwater. (b) being able to float with support.  
(c) being able to get out of the pool without using any structure. (d) entering the water making a turn.

**3. Handicapped people**

- (a) cannot learn to swim. (b) also have the ability to learn how to swim.  
(c) need special equipment in order to swim. (d) may have heart problems when trying to swim.

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

**4. Water can be tempting as well as dangerous.**

**5. A conventional swimming pool is longer than 25 metres.**

**6. We can learn to swim at any age.**

**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)**

**7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "incapacity" (noun).**

**8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "excellent" (adjective) (line 12).**

**9. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? support / aid / help / aim**

**10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "By the time we got to the bus station, the bus..... (already leave)."**

**11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "a part of human body where bones are connected".**

**12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "My sister is really keen.....swimming." of / for / on / with**

**13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "People say that he is a good trainer." He ...**

**14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If they had learnt to swim, ..."**

**15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: He told me not to do that again.**

**16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "That girl over there is in my class. Her mother is a well-known artist."**

**17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "My brother has been swimming for two hours."**

**III \* PRODUCTION (3 points)**

**18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

**The importance of keeping fit. Discuss.**