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Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) According to the text, several researchers consider that people use the full stop when they want to highlight something.
- b) Youngsters think using a full stop shows someone is quite annoyed.

Solución:

- a) True. "Linguists from across the world have been investigating the purposefulness of the full stop as communication habits have evolved, and some of them think people simply do not put full stops in unless they want to make a point." (P. 1, L. 3 – 6).
- b) True. "The full stop is 'intimidating' to young people who interpret it as a sign of anger." (P. 2, L. 4 – 5).

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) What is the difference between ending messages with a full stop or an exclamation mark?
- b) Why do people use emojis when they are messaging online?

Solución:

- a) The Birmingham University study concluded that young people perceive text messages ending in full stop to be dishonest, whereas they find those ending in an exclamation mark to be more earnest.
- b) Emojis are one of the elements that people can rely on to communicate and interpret information during online conversations.



Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) behaviours (paragraph 1) – habits
- b) clear (paragraph 2) – obvious
- c) include (paragraph 2) – add
- d) indicated (paragraph 3) – suggested

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

Solución:

- a) Youngsters who are used to communicating electronically break up their thoughts by sending each one as a separate message, rather than using a full stop.
- b) The full stop derives from Greek punctuation, which was introduced by Aristophanes of Byzantium in the 3rd century BC.
- c) The slightest mistake in punctuating a clause in a contract can have massive unintended consequences. Punctuation matters.
- d) If I were you, I would show how brilliant I am by manipulating the language on the internet.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

Our words have impact. Why is it determining or relevant to think before speaking our minds? Explain.

Solución:



Whether our words are more or less impactful depends on the meaning and implications they have when delivered in a specific context and tone. This is why we must always remain mindful of where we are speaking and with whom: so that our approach matches the situation and does not cause any misunderstandings.

In other words: you do not speak with different kinds of people the same way. Each relationship demands a particular attitude when having a conversation. For example, you should probably address a boss on a more down-to-earth note, whereas you can treat family and friends more lightly. After all, the meaning of your words will be regularly more accessible to the latter than to the former, which is why you ought to be more straightforward with them.

Whatever the case, carefully matching your wording and tone to the conversation you are in is vital in order to communicate properly and successfully.

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Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Women began working as spies at the end of the war.
- b) Historical evidence shows that men were better spies than women.

Solución:

- a) False. "Intelligence agencies realized fairly early on during the war the important part women could play in spying, in what had been traditionally considered the domain of men." (P. 2, L. 2 – 4).
- b) False. "As historian Juliette Pattinson notes, 'several wartime accounts indicate that male agents were less skilled and inventive than their female colleagues.'" (P. 3, L. 2 – 4).

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) What are the two reasons why Great Britain was in a hard situation during the summer of 1941?
- b) Why was speaking French required to be a good spy?

Solución:

- a) The summer of 1941 was especially tough for Great Britain because, by that point in the war, many of its European allies had been defeated by the Germans, who then turned to them and started bombing their key towns.
- b) Spies during World War II were required to speak French because German-occupied France became one of their main fields of operation.



Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) challenging (paragraph 1) – difficult
- b) quite (paragraph 2) – fairly
- c) seldom (paragraph 2) – rarely
- d) every (paragraph 4) – each

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

Solución:

a) Considered the most dangerous of all allied spies by the Gestapo, Virginia Hall was particularly good at opening locks.

b) Although women spies worked very hard during World War II, they were paid less than men.

c) According to official files, there were more than 200 women who served as double spies during the war.

d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

“Who is your preferred woman spy?”

My friend asked me who my preferred woman spy was.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

Who is your favourite male or female historical character? Explain the reason behind your choice.

Solución:

My favourite historical character is Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar, and the main reason why is his still notable presence in Spanish culture today. He was a knight who lived in the eleventh century and took part in the Spanish Reconquista under many rulers of different creeds.



Born in Burgos, he served the Castilian crown commanding its military forces under kings Sancho II and Alfonso VI, the former's brother, who had increasing animosity for Díaz to the point of banishing him. At that point, the knight became a sword for hire and proved his mettle and wit in service of Muslims and Christians alike. These feats earned him the love of many and his nickname: "El Cid".

Eventually, Alfonso VI recalled him from exile and reinstated him, but he remained largely independent. This led him to Valencia, then under Muslim dominion, which he recaptured and held briefly until his death.

His deeds are told in the Spanish epic poem *Cantar de mio Cid*, the first of many cultural productions centred on him across a variety of media ranging from literature to film and tv. It is fair to say he symbolises a period that came to define Spanish history.

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Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Athletes from all over the world took part in competitions in the Olympic event held in the late 60s.
- b) When the US organisers decided to celebrate the event abroad for the first time, they were surprised to find that most countries wanted to host the Games.

Solución:

- a) False. "In 1986, 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from the USA and Canada competed in the first Special Olympics International Summer Games in Chicago." (P. 2, L. 1 – 2).
- b) True. "Initially, the organisers didn't expect it, but nearly every country wanted to host the competing nations and their athletes." (P. 3, L. 2 – 3).

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) Why did Eunice decide to hold a summer day camp in her backyard?
- b) What was the reaction of Irish people to the Special Olympic Games they held?

Solución:

- a) Eunice decided to host her backyard summer day camp because she thought it was unfair that children with intellectual disabilities didn't have places to develop physically like others did.
- b) Irish people welcomed the Games and its participants with real enthusiasm, providing as many as ten thousand volunteers and attending the events in even larger numbers.



Ejercicio 3.(Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) radical (paragraph 1) – revolutionary
- b) encourage (paragraph 3) – cheer on
- c) rarely (paragraph 4) – seldom
- d) happiness (paragraph 4) – joy

Ejercicio 4.(Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

Solución:

- a) After being held in the US for several years, Ireland had the chance to celebrate the event.
- b) If I had had enough time to train properly last season, I would have won a medal.
- c) Celebrating the Olympic Games has a huge impact on social unity, besides implying economic profit for the hosting country.
- d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.
"We don't expect many people in the country will volunteer."
Organisers said that they didn't expect many people in the country would volunteer.



Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

If you could volunteer at an important event, what type of event would you prefer and why?

Solución:

The event I would prefer to volunteer at is the Frankfurt Book Fair, which takes place on a yearly basis and is one of the most important dates for the literary world at large.

Book fairs are an insider marketplace for all parts of the industry, with authors, literary agents, publishers and booksellers looking out for each other. Authors and their agents pursue book deals with publishers, reach promotion agreements such as tours or signings with booksellers, and all parts engage in other social events. This is the norm for book fairs in general, and, as a literature student, these are enough reasons to make me interested in participating.

However, what makes the Frankfurt Book Fair remarkable in comparison to others is its international range and acclaim. These put it on another level, both in quality and economically. Book deals struck there may involve publishers and booksellers from multiple countries, which brings translators into the fray and makes them some of the most global and lucrative sales there can be. Renowned authors like Jon Fosse or Karina Sainz Borgo have had career-making moments there, and I wish I could take part in that.



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Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Few young Americans have traditionally voted.
- b) Students were too exposed in presidential elections.

Solución:

- a) True. "Historically, most young Americans don't vote." (P. 1, L. 1).
- b) True. "Students were disproportionately vulnerable [...] as documents moved online, and many students were learning in other places." (P. 3, L. 6 – 8).

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) Why were young Americans interested in US 2020 presidential elections?
- b) How was social media used in US 2020 Elections?

Solución:

- a) The pandemic forced young Americans to stay at home and online, and this resulted in them being better informed about the ways in which they could vote and more interested in actually doing so.
- b) Since face-to-face events were not an option at the time due to the pandemic, social media was an important tool for organizers to keep student voters motivated during the US 2020 Elections.



Ejercicio 3.(Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) eagerness (paragraph 1) – enthusiasm
- b) urging (paragraph 2) – encouraging
- c) truly (paragraph 2) – really
- d) hold (paragraph 3) – host

Ejercicio 4.(Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

Solución:

- a) The return to school in the coronavirus pandemic is creating additional stress at a time already filled with anxiety.
- b) How can reporters prepare the public for the possibility that results will not be available on election night?
- c) Studies indicate that people who don't vote when they're eligible are more likely to rarely vote in the future.
- d) Millennials and Generation Z represent a larger voting bloc than Baby Boomers.

Ejercicio 5.(Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.
Should voting be compulsory? Justify your answer.

Solución:

A healthy democracy is based on voter participation. It should follow logic then that the more people voting, the healthier the democracy, no matter whether the votes are willingly cast or not. But a healthy democratic society is also based on freedom of speech. In that case, would any democracy be a healthy one if it dragged voters to the polls?

Furthermore, this is not only a matter of freedom, but also of information. If voting were compulsory, election results would be less representative of a society's



ideological make-up. This would make the behaviour of any demographic increasingly harder to understand, resulting in a more confused voter who perhaps would be less willing to engage others on the subjects that matter to them.

Voting should remain a right, not a legal obligation. Nevertheless, it is so important that it should not be easily dismissed either. Not casting a vote ought to be a conscious choice, citizens of a democratic country should be educated on voting itself, from the options they have to their implications.

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