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**Ejercicio 1.** (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Indicate whether TWO of the following statements are True, False or the information is Not Given in the text (T/F/NG). In true and false cases, copy the complete sentence that contains the evidence which justifies your answer. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Means of transport for travelling long distances were dangerous until trains were introduced.
- b) When you travel by rail, you have the time to get used to the new places you visit.
- c) People like to wonder about the other passengers' lives on the train.

Solución:

- a) True. "Before the invention of railways, carriages pulled by horses took days cross a country and passengers were at constant risk of injury or death, as accidents were frequent." (P. 2, L. 4 – 5).
- b) True. "Besides, it is not so rapid, like air travel, as to get rid of the need for adaptation from the familiar location to a new one." (P. 3, L. 13 – 14).
- c) Not Given.

**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) In the early days, how were trains transformed to make travel more enjoyable? Include two ideas.
- b) Give two reasons why fast trains have taken away some of the charm of railway travel.

Solución:



- a) In the beginning, some features were installed in trains. These included dining cars and toilets, which made them more comfortable and attractive.
- b) The charm of railway travel has decreased because of its increased speed and safety measures, which make it resemble the experience of travelling by plane.

**Ejercicio 3.** (Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) much (paragraph 2) – far
- b) joy (paragraph 3) – pleasure
- c) give (paragraph 3) – provide
- d) unexpected (paragraph 5) – surprising

**Ejercicio 4.** (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Answer FOUR questions (from a to f) of your choice.

Write a new sentence that has the same meaning as the one given. Use the word or expression in brackets. Do not change the word(s) given.

Solución:

- a) I should not have missed yesterday's class.
  - b) I am (really) looking forward to going on that train trip.
  - c) We have run out of wrapping paper.
  - d) Although she was the best candidate, she didn't get the job.
- Complete the following sentences to report what was said.
- e) "Why don't we go to that new sushi bar for lunch tomorrow?"  
→ She suggested going to | that we go to that new sushi bar for lunch the next day.
  - f) "Yes, I broke this vase yesterday."  
→ Sue admitted to having broken | that she had broken that vase the day before.

**Ejercicio 5.** (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on ONE of the following questions.

- a) Some people complain about the transport system in big cities and think it should be improved. Do you agree? Justify your answer.



b) Write an informal e-mail to your American friend Susan asking for advice about a trip you are planning to the USA. DO NOT SIGN OR IDENTIFY YOUR EMAIL.

Solución:

a) In my opinion, public transportation in large towns tends to be saturated. Service might be frequent, but it is also slow and unreliable, which regularly causes users to complain quite openly about the effects this has on their daily commute.

Firstly, cities such as Madrid, London, Paris, New York or Tokyo have a considerable amount of citizens, both downtown and in the outskirts, and many of them travel both ways to work or school. In other words, the needs are great, and the smallest disruption can have an unbelievable impact on the lives of hundreds, or even millions of people.

To make matters worse, it is often the case that local governments try to save money on necessary staff or infrastructure, which leads to strikes that barely meet minimum services and leave lots of users stranded on their way to their destination.

Ultimately, public transport networks require constant support and improvement so that they can meet public needs.

b) Dear Susan,

It's been so long! I'm sad that we haven't talked in the last few months, but I've got good news: some friends and I are planning a trip to the USA! What's more, we'll be staying a few days in New York and I was wondering if you could come with us on our visit and guide us around town!

To be honest, we're all very much into American TV and movies and incredibly excited to see some of the most emblematic sights that appear there. Since I imagine that you'll probably know many of them, could you possibly take us around the famous spots that appear on recent shows and films?

Beyond that, we're also quite interested in American food, believe it or not. You know it gets a really bad reputation abroad, but we're all extremely curious about it, especially about New York pizza! Do you know any restaurants worth visiting to try it out?

In the end, if you could only spend some time with us, it'd already make me pretty happy.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards, ...