



INGLÉS
CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA JULIO 2020
OPCIÓN A CIENCIAS

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) In his wallet, Tim Cameron didn't keep any personal documents that had an address or a telephone number.
- b) Cameron didn't show any appreciation for Simon's help.

Solución:

- a) True. "Someone had found his wallet, but since there wasn't enough identifying information to track down the owner..." (L. 16)
- b) False. "...handing over a bottle of red wine as a thank-you gift." (L. 22)

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) How do people normally react when they lose their wallets?
- b) What was the aim of doing the bank transfers?

Solución:

- a) After losing their wallet most people first panic, then agonize over the loss and eventually begin to take the steps necessary to protect their information and restore any missing documents.
- b) By doing the bank transfers, Simon was sending a message with his contact information to the owner of the wallet he had found.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) spoil (paragraph 1) – ruin
- b) noticed (paragraph 2) – realized
- c) thought of (paragraph 2) – came up with
- d) only (paragraph 3) – just



Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) Losing your wallet is one of the worst things that can happen.
- b) The person whose wallet I found, had left it on the bus.
- c) Stop complaining! We will find your wallet sooner or later!
- d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.
“You won’t believe what happened to me!” she said.
She told me I wouldn’t believe what had happened to her.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

Have you ever lost something that was important to you? Describe your experience or imagine one.

Solución:

When I was a kid, I lost some of my favourite books, including my *Chronicles of Narnia*, the entire series of seven fantasy novels by C.S. Lewis. However, I did not realise I had lost them at the time because I was busy adapting to a new environment. As a result, I did not read as much then as I had in previous years.

One day I just found myself wondering where those books had gone. I looked for them for an entire weekend, and upon realising the loss, I became very sad, even angry at myself for having let go of something I had valued so much.

Nevertheless, I was happily able to retrieve the sense of wonder I had got from these books years later, when I gave the first one of the series to a friend’s daughter as a birthday present. She was already an avid reader like I had been, the gesture just made sense to me, and my friend later told me she had loved it. As it turned out, I had not lost everything that had come with that enchanted wardrobe.



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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) Viewers and readers have pointed out similarities between Martin's story and historical events.
- b) There is evidence that Richard III killed two of his nephews to inherit the throne.

Solución:

- a) True. "Other historical parallels have been drawn by fans of the books and the HBO series." (L. 6)
- b) False. "Many suspect they were put to death by their uncle Richard III, who became king." (L. 9)

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 didn't Empress Matilda inherit the throne?
- b) According to the text, what happened to the Clan MacDonald and why?

Solución:

- a) Although Empress Matilda was initially supposed to inherit the throne at the time of her father's death, she was usurped by a male relative.
- b) Thirty-eight members of the Clan MacDonald were once murdered by guests at what we now call the Massacre of Glencoe, in 1692, because of a broken pledge of loyalty.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) admitted (paragraph 1) – acknowledged
- b) jailed (paragraph 2) – imprisoned
- c) finally (paragraph 2) – eventually
- d) excessive (paragraph 3) – outsized



Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) The series *Game of Thrones* is based on the book *A Song of Ice and Fire*, written by George R.R. Martin.
- b) My younger sister is not allowed to watch *Game of Thrones* because she is not old enough.
- c) Despite the fact that *Game of Thrones* is bloody and sexist, most people who have watched it say they like it.
- d) Remember to return Martin's book to the library before the deadline expires.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

What is your favourite TV series? Describe the plot and say why you like it.

Solución:

My favourite TV series is *Breaking Bad*. In the course of its five seasons, it portrays the fall from grace of a chemistry teacher called Walter White, who is diagnosed with lung cancer and told he only has a few months left to live. He then struggles to think how to care for his wife, son and daughter after he has passed.

A bit later, he witnesses an old student of his, Jesse Pinkman, escaping from a neighbouring house during a drug raid. He figures out Jesse is somehow involved, finds him and proposes the weirdest deal in all of modern television: a partnership between teacher and student in order to make money by cooking and selling methamphetamine.

I like this show because, even though it used narrative and character tropes previously explored by others, it took all of it to its limits, at times even pushing the boundaries of what the viewer was comfortable with.



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OPCIÓN A LETRAS

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) This will be the first production by Mira Nair.
- b) There will be no white characters in the new BBC series.

Solución:

- a) False. "It will be directed by Mira Nair, the Indian-American film-maker behind *Monsoon Wedding*." (L. 5)
- b) False. "All the main roles will be played by Asians ... while the handful of white characters in Seth's book will appear only as bit parts." (L. 9)

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) How does Andrew Davies think the audience will react to this new series and why?
- b) What is the plot of the new BBC series?

Solución:

- a) Andrew Davies is optimistic about the response this new series might get because, even though its audience will not know most of the lead actors, he is of the opinion that they will still be able to relate to the story.
- b) The new series focuses on Rupa Mehra and Lata, a middle-class Indian mother and daughter, as Mehra strives to marry Lata off.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) screened (paragraph 3) – broadcast
- b) present (paragraph 3) – offering
- c) change (paragraph 4) – departure
- d) wish (paragraph 5) – desire



Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) Vikram Seth was born in India, but spent most of his life in the UK.
- b) I'd rather watch a period drama than read a book.
- c) If I had the opportunity to travel to India, I would visit Vikram Seth's relatives.
- d) After watching the last thriller on Netflix, I couldn't sleep for a couple of nights.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.
What do you prefer, films or TV series? Justify your answer.

Solución:

I prefer films to TV series. Recently, the rise of Netflix as the number one option for entertainment has resulted in an incredible increase in variety and a decrease in quality. Although this may not always be the case, I believe it is a current trend. The earlier streaming originals, like *Orange Is the New Black* and *House of Cards*, were pretty decent and famous, but if you browse today, you will find one too many shows with very little to offer.

This is certainly true for films too, but despite all this, I believe good movies are rarer than good series nowadays. There is only one *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* a year (if there is even one), while we can look forward to a new season of *Vikings* or *Peaky Blinders* from time to time. In other words, I prefer films to TV series because I think no show can stand up to a great film.



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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) The carbon footprint of emails is not related only to the electricity consumed by computers.
- b) The number of spam emails has been reduced thanks to the introduction of specific policies.

Solución:

- a) True. "Email has a carbon footprint because of the power demands to create and run the computers, servers and routers that transmit each message." (L. 2)
- b) True. "In addition, due to the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, the total number of unwanted emails have been reduced by 1.2 billion messages a day ... " (L. 20)

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 relationship between the size of an attachment and its carbon emission?
- b) What can we do to reduce the carbon footprint of emails? Mention two ideas.

Solución:

- a) The larger the attachment, the more energy it consumes and the higher its carbon emission.
- b) In order to reduce the carbon footprint of our emails, we can restrict email chain recipients to key people, as well as host material online and send links instead of attachments.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) yearly (paragraph 1) – annual
- b) additional (paragraph 2) – extra
- c) quantity (paragraph 2) – amount



d) consume (paragraph 3) – use up

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) Researchers said domestic travel was a bigger cause of CO2 emissions than international travel. In fact, air travel was one of the least important causes.
- b) To avoid natural disasters or extreme temperatures, which can damage the environment, we must keep the level of greenhouse gases at their natural levels.
- c) Some people think that the greenhouse effect would not have become such a big problem if we had not cut so many trees in the past.
- d) Rewrite the following sentence so that it means the same: We are consuming natural resources so fast that the Earth does not have time to renew them.
Natural resources are being consumed so fast that the Earth does not have the time to replenish them.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

Would you agree to have limited Internet access to help reduce carbon emissions? Justify your answer.

Solución:

I would not agree to have my Internet access limited, even if the goal was to help reduce carbon emissions. This is because the recent Covid-19 outbreak has made us even more dependent on technology than we have ever been. During quarantine, we could not have continued to work, study, or even entertain ourselves without the Internet and the tools that support it and give us access to it.

However, precisely due to the pandemic, I would argue that this is not a black or white issue. Our homes have a carbon footprint, but so do all forms of transport, and we all have more chances to regulate what we do at home and how we do it than to change our car for the subway. In this way, I think there are many things at home we can give up in order to be more responsible with the environment, but giving up Internet access is not one of them.