

## COMPRENSIÓN ESCRITA      NIVEL BÁSICO

**Task 1 (10 marks):** Fill in the gaps with the right word from the box below. There are three extra words which you do not need.

Years ago, people weren't excited about the environment. They didn't think it was important to look <sup>1</sup>..... the world. Then <sup>2</sup>..... such as Greenpeace gave people <sup>3</sup>..... about what was happening, and governments and ordinary people began to realize that they needed to <sup>4</sup>..... the world. These days everybody knows about dangers such as <sup>5</sup>..... and most people want to do something about it. People <sup>6</sup>..... for environmentally-friendly products on the shelves in supermarkets. They are willing to <sup>7</sup>..... more for organic food. Other people are willing to change their lifestyle as well. They are happy to leave their cars <sup>8</sup>..... home and <sup>9</sup>..... a bus or go <sup>10</sup>..... bike instead.

<b>pollution</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>out</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>at</b>
<b>in</b>	<b>have</b>	<b>information</b>	<b>get</b>	
<b>protect</b>	<b>organizations</b>	<b>pay</b>	<b>buy</b>	<b>look</b>

**Task 2 (10 marks):** Read the following text and answer the questions below by putting a circle round the correct answer, a, b, or c.

### Marathon mum!

Janet Forest, 34, was an officer in the army. She now works as a freelance business trainer. She's married to Bruce, an advertising executive, and they live in Henley with their three daughters.

Janet has always enjoyed sport and she's addicted to running, so when some of her friends suggested doing the New York Marathon, she thought 'Why not?' In fact, there was a good reason why not. Ten years ago, she'd been told that she might never walk again.

Janet broke her back on a three-week climbing expedition in the foothills of the Himalayas with the army. They were on their way down when she fell and hit her head on some rocks. She had to wait in the mountains for three days before a helicopter arrived to take her to a hospital in Kathmandu. She stayed there for three weeks and was then flown to a hospital in Hong Kong. She was later flown home and spent six months in hospital altogether.

Janet started running as soon as she left hospital, but it wasn't until nine years later that she thought about entering a marathon. When friends told her that St John's Hospital was looking for runners to help raise money, she decided to enter. She joined a gym and went there for an hour every morning, and every weekend she did one long run.

Janet only went to New York for a long weekend as her family couldn't go with her. She flew out from London on Friday, ran on Sunday, and flew back on Monday. She ran the 26-mile race in three hours and fifty minutes.

She's planning to run the London Marathon for St John's next year, and this time she hopes to finish in just three and a half hours.

Ex: What is Janet's job now?

- a) banker
- b) soldier
- c) business trainer

- 1 Who told Janet about the New York Marathon?
  - a) Her husband.
  - b) Her friends.
  - c) Her children.
- 2 How did she feel at first?
  - a) She wanted to do it.
  - b) She was very worried about it.
  - c) She didn't like the idea.
- 3 Janet broke her back ...
  - a) six years ago.
  - b) ten years ago.
  - c) a few years ago.
- 4 What was she doing when she broke her back?
  - a) Fighting with the army.
  - b) Coming down a mountain.
  - c) Climbing up a mountain.
- 5 How long was she in Kathmandu?
  - a) Nine months.
  - b) Three weeks.
  - c) Two days.
- 6 When did Janet start running again?
  - a) When she heard about the marathon.
  - b) Many years later.
  - c) After she left hospital.
- 7 Janet went to the gym ...
  - a) every day.
  - b) every evening.
  - c) only at weekends.
- 8 Janet went to New York ...
  - a) with her family.
  - b) on her own.
  - c) with her husband.
- 9 She was in New York for ...
  - a) a week.
  - b) three days.
  - c) about four days.
- 10 When she runs the London Marathon, she wants to ...
  - a) raise more money.
  - b) run it more quickly.
  - c) take more time.