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## \* Comprensión de lectura

#### Puntuación e Duración:

			NON ESCRIBIR Uso exclusivo do corrector
Tarefa 1	Aprox. 15 minutos	9 puntos	
Tarefa 2	Aprox. 10 minutos	8 puntos	
Tarefa 3	Aprox. 25 minutos	8 puntos	
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- Os tempos son orientativos e non haberá pausa algunha entre as distintas tarefas.
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- Non se avaliará ningunha tarefa escrita con lapiceiros ou enmendada con líquidos ou cintas correctoras.
- Anularanse as respostas nas que se marque máis dunha opción, sempre que non se indique con suficiente claridade que se trata dun erro. En caso de erro, as persoas candidatas marcarán a nova resposta cun X rodeado por un círculo.
- Anularanse as respostas que non sexan claras e/ou lexibles e que non estean dentro dos espazos habilitados para tal fin.



#### **READING COMPREHENSION – Task 1**

You love reading and you are now reading "How to be an Alien" by George Mikes. Match each of the 9 extracts from the book (i) to one of the 11 titles given (ii)( <u>Two titles are not necessary</u>). Write your answers in the space provided as in the example (0).

## (i) **EXTRACTS**:

	Extract	Title
0.	In England everything is different. You must understand that when people say	$\boldsymbol{A}$
(example)	"England", they sometimes mean "Great Britain" (England, Scotland and	
	Wales), sometimes the "British Isles" (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern	
	Ireland), sometimes the "British Isles" (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern	
	Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) – but never just England.	
4		
1.	The Englishman uses few words but he shows a lot with them. A European looks	
	at a beautiful place and says, "The river over there is like the Guadalquivir in the	
	Sierra de Cazorla and is 650 km long. It runs south-west to the Atlantic Ocean"	
	You cannot speak like this in England. An Englishman looks at the same place.	
	He is silent for two or three hours and then he says, "It's pretty, isn't it?".	
2.	This is the most important subject in the land. In Europe, people say, "He is the	
_,	type of person who talks about the weather", to show that somebody is very	
	boring. In England, the weather is always an interesting, exciting subject and	
	you must be good at talking about it.	
3.	It was once a good drink; with lemon and sugar it tastes very pleasant. But then	
	the British decided to put cold milk and no sugar in it. They made it colourless	
	and tasteless. In the hands of the English, it became an unpleasant drink, like	
	dirty water.	
4.	When I arrived in England I thought that I knew English. After I'd been here an	
	hour I realized I did not understand one word. In my first week I learned a few	
	words and expressions, but after seven years I knew that I could never use it well.	
	This is sad, but nobody speaks English perfectly.	
5.	In England, people do not often get excited. They do not enjoy many things but	
	they love to queue.	
	In Europe, if people are waiting at a bus-stop they look bored and half asleep.	
	When the bus arrives they fight to get on it. One Englishman waits at a bus-stop	
	and, even if there are no other people there, he starts a queue.	
	and, over it there are no other people there, he built a queue.	

6.	People who build English towns want to make everything difficult. In Europe, doctors, lawyers and people who sell books have their houses and shops together in different parts of the town so you can always find a good doctor everywhere. In England, your address is important. In London, all the doctors live and work in Harley Street, all the book sellers are in the Charing Cross Road	
7.	If he puts out his hand to shake yours, do not take it. Smile and wait. When he stops trying to shake your hand, try to shake <i>his</i> . Repeat this game all afternoon or all evening.  Your new friend asks you if you are well: "How do you do?".But do not forget: he does not really want to know.To him it does not matter if you are well or if you are dying of a terrible illness. Do not answer.	
8.	If you go for a walk with a friend in England, don't say a single word for hours; if you go for a walk with your dog, talk to it all the time.	
9.	George Mikes wrote this book to tell the English what he thought about them. He is both funny and rude about the strange things English people do and say – the things that make them different from other Europeans. In this book you will learn many useful rules about being English.	

From: How to be an Alien, by George Mikes.( Penguin Readers)

## (ii) TITLES:

#### Example: A.. England

- B. About the book
- C. Five o'clock tea
- D. Going to the pub.
- E. How to plan a town.
- F. Keep it short.
- G. Man's best friend
- H. Nice day, isn't it?
- I. Nice to meet you!
- J. Public transport.
- K. Stand in line, please!
- L. The language.



#### **READING COMPREHENSION- Task 2**

You are going to go on holiday to the UK this summer and you are looking for accommodation. Look at the following visitors guide.





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Proprietors: Mr & Mrs M.W. Page The Suffolk House Hotel and Restaurant East Row, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 IPD Telephone (01243) 778899 Fax (01243) 787282

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Open: Jan-Dec
Units: 4 self-catering cottages
Sleeps: 8/cottage
Prices: £205-£470 per week



From: The Chichester visitors guide 1999



Now read the following statements about each hotel and say if they are true or false. Write your answers T (true) or F (false) in the space provided as in the example (0)

		Answers
	Beach (10H HOTEL	
0	It is near Chichester.	T
(example)		
1	It's in a busy town.	
2	You can make tea in your room.	
3	You can use the swimming pool all year.	
9	Suffolk House Hotel & Restaurant	
4	There is a theatre near the hotel.	
5	You can have a room downstairs.	
6	It's open all year.	
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7	It is situated on an island.	
8	People in wheelchairs can use all the cottages.	

#### **READING COMPREHENSION – Task 3**

As part of your English course you are planning to go to The United States of America this year. You are looking for some information about travelling to the USA in the edupass web

Read the texts and choose the correct answer (a, b or c) to complete each statement or question. Write your answers in the space provided as in the example (0)



The SmartStudent Guide to Studying in the USA



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#### Tipping

Restaurants do not include a service charge in the bill, so you should tip the waiter 15% of the total bill. If service was slow or particularly bad, some Americans will tip only 10%. Likewise, if service was particularly good, it is appropriate to tip 20%. If service was so bad that you would never eat in the restaurant again, leave two cents. This is a deliberate insult, because it tells the waiter that you didn't forget to leave a tip. Tipping is only appropriate in restaurants which offer table service. You do not tip the cashier in a fast food restaurant.

Taxi drivers expect to get a tip equal to 15% of the total fare. If the driver was especially helpful or got you to your destination more quickly than you expected, give a 20% tip.

Hotel bellhops expect a \$1 tip for helping you with your bags. If you order room service, the gratuity is included in the bill. Coat checkroom attendants expect \$1 per coat. Hairdressers and barbers expect a tip of 15% of the bill. Valet parking attendants expect a \$1 tip.

#### Gift Giving

If you are invited to a wedding, baby shower, or other celebration, it is expected that you will bring a gift. Unless you know the host very well, the gift should be modest in value, about \$25.

For a wedding, the bride will have "registered" at one or two local department stores, indicating the items and styling she prefers. You can buy the couple a gift that isn't listed, but most people buy something listed on the registry. If you buy an item listed on the registry, be sure to tell the store that you are doing this, so that the couple doesn't receive duplicate gifts.

If you wish to give a gift when you leave to return to your home country, the best gift is something that is unique to your country. It does not need to be especially valuable or rare, just reminiscent of your home. Possibilities include a book about your country, an inexpensive handicraft or piece of art, or something else that reflects your culture. If the children collect coins and stamps, they would be very pleased with a set of your country's coins or a selection of mint stamps from your country. Items that are common in your country but difficult to find in the United States are also good.

When giving gifts to a business acquaintance, do not give anything of a personal nature, especially to a woman. Do not give cosmetics. A scarf is ok, but other types of clothing are not. Something appropriate for the office is best. But gift giving is not as important in America as it is in other countries, so there is nothing wrong with not giving a gift.

From: http://www.edupass.org/culture/

## Example: 0.

In America it is recommended to give a tip of the total bill.	
	a.10%
X	b.15%
	c.25%

1.

If you tip only 2 cents it means	
	a. the service was terrible
	b. you have no more
	c. you'll leave more next time

2.

At a fast food restaurant you	
	a. don't leave any tips
	b. tip only 2 cents
	c. tip if the cashier was kind

3.

Taxi drivers	Taxi drivers will expect a 20% tip if	
	a. it is a long journey	
	b. you arrived earlier than expected	
	c. you have a lot of luggage	

4.

Which of th	Which of these professionals will expect a \$1 tip?	
	a. Barbers	
	b. Hairdressers	
	c. Parking attendants	

**5.** 



If you are invited to a wedding in America, you should give		
	a. an expensive present	
	b. a present of around \$25	
	c. no present at all	

6.

If the couple have 'registered' at a department store, you		
a. can buy a present that's not on the list		
	b. have to choose a present from the list	
c. have to ask the couple first		

7.

If you've stayed with an American family and want to thank them on your return, the best thing to give them is					
a. something related to your culture					
b. something related to their hobbies					
c. something from your country but expensive					

8.

When giving a present to a business woman, a good idea is a				
	a. handbag			
	b. perfume			
	c. scarf			

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## **READING COMPREHENSION - ANSWER SHEET**

## **READING COMPREHENSION - Task 1**

TEXT	0. (Example)	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
TITLE	A	F	Н	С	L	K	E	I	G	В

#### **READING COMPREHENSION - Task 2**

Statement	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
	(Example								
	)								
True/False	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	F	F

#### **READING COMPREHENSION - Task 3**

Question	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
	(Example)								
Answer	В	A	A	В	C	В	A	A	C