

COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

Apellidos:

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Marca con una X lo que corresponda:

- ☐ Alumno/a **OFICIAL** (Indica el nombre de tu profesor/a tutor/a durante el curso 2017-2018:) **Grupo:**
- ☐ Alumno/a **LIBRE**

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE ESTE EJERCICIO:

- Duración: **60 minutos**
- Este ejercicio consta de **dos tareas**. Deberás realizar las dos.
 - En la tarea 1 deberás leer un texto y completar cada enunciado con una de las opciones dadas (A, B o C).
Obtienes: 1 punto por cada respuesta correcta; 0 puntos por cada respuesta incorrecta o no dada.
 - En la tarea 2 deberás leer un texto y completar cada hueco con el fragmento correspondiente.
Obtienes: 1 punto por cada respuesta correcta; 0 puntos por cada respuesta incorrecta o no dada.
- Muy importante: al final, comprueba que has elegido una sola opción (como en el ejemplo); si eliges dos opciones, se anula la respuesta a esa pregunta.**
- **No escribas en los cuadros** destinados a la calificación de las tareas.
- Sólo se admiten respuestas escritas con **bolígrafo azul o negro**.

NO ESCRIBAS AQUÍ

PUNTUACIÓN DEL EJERCICIO: ____ / 20

CALIFICACIÓN: ☐ **Superado** ☐ **No Superado**

TAREA 1 - 10 puntos: Read the following text and answer the questions on page 3.

MY LOVE NOTE TO THE IRISH



October 25, 2013 / By NomadicMatt

A couple of years ago, I had a 24-hour journey break in Dublin. I tried to do as much sightseeing as I could, and though I did see the sights, I never got to know the city. I promised to come back. The Emerald Isle has always held a certain charm: Guinness, friendly people (never met an Irish person I didn't like), rolling grassy green hills, lucky charms, hearty food, and ancient castles.

Last month, I went back to Ireland for a travel conference. Sadly, I didn't get to stay as long as I wanted. My trip had to be cut short due to a commitment in the US, and many of the things I tried to do were ruined because of the rain (but what's Ireland without the rain?).

I guess that a long road trip around Ireland will just have to wait.

Though I didn't get to see much of the country, I did get to meet a lot of local people — and I have to tell you that while Ireland itself is beautiful, it's the Irish that make Ireland the wonderful country it is.

The Irish are some of the friendliest, warmest, and most extrovert people I've ever met. I've met Irish travellers before, and one of my close friends is Irish (probably the only vegetarian, non-drinking Irishman in the world!), but that's nothing compared to experiencing the Irish in their own country.

First, there are the Dublin cab drivers. When I arrived in Dublin a few years ago, the cab driver was constantly chatting as we drove to town from the airport, telling me all about how his daughter was now 33 (spoken in an Irish accent, it sounds more like "tertee tree"), every neighbourhood we passed through, and which Irish food I needed to eat during my visit.

His warm, friendly nature made that taxi ride one of my favourites.

Because of that experience, I took cabs wherever I could during my recent visit. I generally avoid cabs (they're expensive compared to the local bus), but every cab ride was like learning about a slice of life in Ireland, like a new chapter of a very long story. I had one driver make fun of me for being American ("here's your change, DUDE"), one gave me the facts on Irish politics and an upcoming election, another talked about how Ireland has developed since he was a kid, and others just told me everything about life in Dublin. I highly recommend taking at least a couple of cab rides during your visit.

Next there was my Airbnb host in Galway (probably the best host I've ever had). He helped out by getting me a free tour, showed me some pubs, and overall made my time in the city spectacular. He went out of his way to accommodate me during my stay.

During dinner one night in Galway, two Irish men sat beside me and my friend, looked over, and after a simple "Where are you from?" they were sharing pints with us and telling jokes all night, even asking us to take their picture to show their wives they were having a great time. We enjoyed beer and some laughs, not to mention a thick Irish accent I couldn't always understand.

adapted from <http://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-blogs/love-the-irish/>

TAREA 1 - 10 puntos: Read the text on page 2. Choose the correct option (a, b, c) to complete each sentence. Write your answers in the appropriate box. Only one of the answers is correct. The first one (0) is an example. You will get 1 point per correct answer.

0- On his first trip to Ireland two years ago, the traveller... a) didn't like Dublin much. b) didn't have any time to visit the city. c) <i>made a big effort to see the city.</i>	C	✓
1- After his second visit to Ireland last month, the traveller specially values... a) its people. b) the beauty of its places. c) the things he got to see.		
2- The traveller found out that, when they are in their own country, Irish people are... a) warmer than he expected. b) only friendly when you get to know them. c) as friendly as he thought.		
3- On his taxi ride to the town from Dublin airport, the cab driver... a) was constantly chatting about his daughter. b) showed the traveller the whole city. c) advised the traveller on food to taste.		
4- Since that cab ride in Dublin, the traveller... a) has generally avoided using cabs. b) has taken cabs in Ireland every time he has had a chance. c) has thought that cabs are more expensive than local buses.		
5- One of the cab drivers that the traveller met... a) laughed at him because he was a foreigner. b) asked him his opinion about Irish politics. c) explained to him how life had changed only in Dublin.		
6- After his experience with cab drivers, the traveller... a) always takes a cab whenever he can. b) thinks it is a good idea to use taxis in Ireland. c) changed his opinion about cabs.		
7- On his visit to Galway, the traveller... a) stayed in a hostel. b) slept in the best place he had ever been to. c) had an extremely kind host.		

8- One night in a Galway pub, the traveller and his friend... a) started telling jokes about two Irish men sitting beside them. b) started a conversation with two Irish men sitting behind them. c) were asked about their origin by two Irish men next to them.		
9- The men in the pub... a) showed the traveller and his friend a picture of their wives. b) asked the traveller and his friend to photograph them. c) asked the traveller and his friend to be photographed.		
10- That night in Galway, the traveller thought he... a) had not been able to understand the two Irish men in the pub. b) had had too much beer and laughs that night. c) had had a great time that night.		

PUNTOS: / 10

TAREA 2 - 10 puntos: Read the text on page 5 and complete each gap with ONE suitable sentence from the list below. Capital letters have been removed and there is ONE extra sentence you do not need to use. The first one (0) is an example. You will get 1 point per correct answer.

Sentences to complete the text:

A. I can admire the view B. but locals have a strong home-made beverage C. and other people who take D. it's the only one of its kind E. as the Western side F. the same as rivers and the earth	G. they are generously added to H. than the west I. that the country maintains 60% forest coverage J. but a small part of the whole K. if you don't like Christmas L. and miss the human element
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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE GRID BELOW:

GAP	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ANSWER	J										

PUNTOS: / 10

Apellidos y Nombre:

“Why I swapped my job in the City for Buddhism in Bhutan”

Adapted from *The Guardian*

‘In Bhutan, humans are not dominant, **0)**,’ says Emma Slade on the Himalayan kingdom she regards as her spiritual paradise.

Bhutan is one of the few places in the world where you can experience unbroken Buddhist culture. Spirituality is present in daily life here. I came because I wanted to meet monks **1)** spirituality seriously, as well as to witness first-hand what it might mean to dedicate your life to spiritual practice as a Buddhist.

Although this is the Himalayas, you don’t come here to climb mountains. Mountains are sacred in Bhutan, **2)** The relationship between nature, animals and people is unique. The population is small (around 750,000) but the power of the mountains and nature is enormous, so this puts humans in their place. Respect for nature here is not just something people talk about, you see it in action every day. If you want to build a house, you have to ask permission of the earth, and the government ensures **3)** You’ll see prayer flags on mountains and on bridges, from where the wind carries the prayers across the country.

You don’t have to tip your head back to look at the sky; you can stare straight at it. For me, the finest view in Bhutan is from 3.100m Dochu-La. From this mountain pass **4)** , look directly at the sky, and see the stairs to my lama’s temple. I especially like the way the stability and serenity of the mountains contrasts with the clouds moving high above.

Make a point of meeting monks if you go to Bhutan. Visitors tend to emphasise the impressive beauty of the buildings, **5)** Real Buddhist culture, and what it means in daily life, is in the people, and particularly the ones belonging to the monastic order of Buddhism.

Nobody really comes to Bhutan for the food, but there are surprises. Down south there are small tasty bananas, and oranges at lower altitudes. Rule number one is to watch out for the chillies. They look photogenic while drying on the local roofs, but they are terribly hot. **6)** a dish called *ema datsi*, which is red rice with chillies and melted cheese. There are lots of types of tea– sweet tea, butter tea and milk tea. As an ordained nun, I don’t drink alcohol, **7)** called *ara* made from maize and potatoes. In the capital, Thimphu, try *Central Cafe*: its fresh beetroot juice is excellent.

Don’t miss the ancient capital, Punakha. Its stunning *dzong* (fortified monastery) sits at the convergence of two rivers, the male Pho Chhu and the female Mo Chhu. Eastern Bhutan is far less visited **8)** , with amazing trekking around the semi-nomadic villages of Merak. In Paro, west of Thimphu, there’s a very small three-storey circular temple called *Dungtse Lhakhang*. **9)** and wonderfully quiet. There’s no electricity, so take a torch!.

Most visitors come in autumn or spring, when the views are best and the weather is dry, but come in any of the other two seasons for a quieter, more reflective experience. Winter is not depressing and grey; it’s all about fresh, clean, sharp air and beautiful blue skies. **10)** , consider Bhutan: there’s really no evidence of it.