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- Alumno/a **OFICIAL** (Indique el nombre de su profesor/a tutor/a durante el curso 2012-2013:)
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INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE ESTE EJERCICIO:

- Duración: **60 minutos**
- Este ejercicio consta de **dos tareas**. Deberá realizarlas ambas.
 - En la tarea 1 deberá elegir la alternativa (a, b, o c) que mejor se ajuste al contenido del texto para completar las cuestiones (1-10). Escriba sus respuestas en la tabla de la página 3. El número 0 es un ejemplo.
 - En la tarea 2 deberá rellenar cada hueco numerado del texto (11-20) con la frase (A-J) que mejor se ajuste de la tabla que hay debajo del texto. Debe utilizar cada frase sólo UNA VEZ. Escriba sus respuestas en la tabla de la página 6. El número 0 es un ejemplo.
- **No escriba en los cuadros** destinados a la calificación de las tareas.
- Sólo se admiten respuestas escritas con **bolígrafo azul o negro**.

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PUNTUACIÓN DEL EJERCICIO: _____ / 20

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INGLÉS

TAREA 1 -10 puntos -: For questions 1-10, choose the option (a, b or c) that fits best according to the text. Write your answers in the box provided on page 3. Number 0 is the example.

Traffic problems around the world

The story of traffic problems in Brazil's biggest city, Sao Paulo, which suffers jams of up to 180km at some points in the week, brought a worldwide response from readers. Here are some of their gridlock stories.

Bangkok

Bangkok traffic problem has been getting worse since the government introduced a policy to refund tax for first-time car buyers.

Coupled with the Thai aspiration to own a car and get some status, this policy has resulted in five million vehicles in a city which can only cope with less than two million cars.

Once I got into a jam in downtown Bangkok, when I spent almost two hours moving less than a kilometre. Sometimes, my colleagues have arrived at work up to four hours late. I think the city should be more serious about public transport. People have better things to do than sit on the roads for hours every day.

Two or three weeks ago, travelling from Pathum Thani to central Bangkok, it took four and a half hours for a journey which usually takes less than an hour.

Sirithep Vadrakchit, Thailand

Jakarta

Indonesians living in Jakarta have their own word for traffic jam - the inevitable "macet".

Your life is planned around the traffic jams which often continue through the day. Travelling even short distances can take hours and some parts of the city are in a constant state of jam.

Unfortunately there is little alternative. Public transport is poor and even recent initiatives such as a trans-Jakarta bus lane are inefficient and even contribute to the problem by clogging intersections and reducing road space while moving comparatively small numbers of people.

Last week I went out to visit our new house. My driver got lost and ended up in Ciputat, a suburb notorious for traffic, and it took us about 30 minutes to cover 2km. Two hours to work in Sao Paulo? It's the stuff of dreams.

Allan Bell, Jakarta

Nairobi

The worst thing that the British colonialists left us with were the roundabouts.

These are the main source of traffic problems in Nairobi since the place to which you are headed may be very clear, but because the cars already in the roundabout have the right of way you are forced to wait.

Unpredictable traffic is the way of life here. Even if a place is only a kilometre away, you are safer leaving your house an hour ahead of time or even just walking. But laziness and pride makes walking to be frowned upon.

The worst traffic jams are every Friday - when it rains even a little, you can even sleep in the road.

Arthur Buliva, Nairobi

Manila

In Manila, the traffic congestion used to be unbelievable.

My worst-ever commute was 10 years ago, on my way home. We left Pampanga at 5.30pm and arrived home in Las Pinas City at 1.30am.

But congestion has begun to ease a bit with an odd/even scheme, which forbids car owners to hit the road one day a week.

If your registration plate number ends in the numeral one or two, then you're not allowed to use your car on a Monday.

If your plate number ends in three or four, you can't drive on Tuesday, and so on.

However, during weekends, the scheme is suspended, allowing everybody to use the road, and that's when you're back to reality.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-19716687>

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD

The questions	Your answers		
0. How long can traffic jams be in Sao Paolo? a. 180km. b. 80km. c. 100km.	0	a	✓
1. Bangkok's government gives money back ... a. when you only have one car. b. when you buy another car. c. when you buy your first car.	1		
2. Bangkok has ... the city can manage. a. less cars than b. the maximum number that c. more cars than	2		
3. What is the latest people have arrived at work in Bangkok? a. 2 hours. b. 3 hours. c. 4 hours.	3		
4. People in Bangkok would like to... a. spend time doing better things on the road. b. do other things instead of sitting in the car. c. do things sitting.	4		
5. Jakarta buses ... a. help the flow of traffic. b. don't help the flow of traffic. c. take little road space.	5		
6. Why is the bus service in Jakarta not so effective ? a. Because few people travel by bus. b. Because only poor people travel by bus. c. Because too many people travel by bus.	6		
7. People in Nairobi think roundabouts are ... a. very good. b. very bad. c. only good, if you know where you are going.	7		
8. People in Nairobi prefer to be seen ... a. in a car. b. on foot. c. on Fridays.	8		
9. In Manila, it is prohibited to drive your car ... a. once a week. b. at the weekend. c. on Mondays.	9		
10. In Manila on Sundays ... a. people ignore the scheme. b. anyone can drive their car. c. only cars with a numberplate ending in 9 or 0 can circulate.	10		

PUNTOS: /10



TAREA 2 -10 puntos -: Use the phrases (A-J) from the grid below to complete the numbered blanks in the text (11-20). You must use each phrase only ONCE. Write your answers in the grid provided on page 6. Number 0 is the example.

Twilight. Chapter One. First Sight.

My mother drove me to the airport with the windows rolled down. It was seventy-five degrees in Phoenix, the sky a perfect, cloudless blue. 0 – sleeveless, white eyelet lace; I was wearing it as a farewell gesture. My carry-on item was a parka.

In the Olympic Peninsula of northwest Washington State, a small town named Forks exists under a near-constant cover of clouds. It rains on this inconsequential town 11. It was from this town and its gloomy, omnipresent shade that my mother escaped with me when I was only a few months old. It was in this town that I'd been compelled to spend a month every summer 12. That was the year I finally put my foot down; these past three summers, my dad, Charlie, vacationed with me in California for two weeks instead.

It was to Forks that I now exiled myself – 13. I detested Forks.

I loved Phoenix. I loved the sun and the blistering heat. I loved the vigorous, sprawling city.

“Bella,” my mom said to me – the last of a thousand times – before I got on the plane. “You don’t have to do this.”

My mom looks like me, except with short hair and laugh lines. I felt a spasm of panic 14. How could I leave my loving, erratic, harebrained mother to fend for herself? Of course she had Phil now, so the bills would probably get paid, there would be food in the refrigerator, gas in her car, and someone to call when she got lost, but still...

“I want to go,” I lied. I’d always been a bad liar, but 15 that it sounded almost convincing now.

“Tell Charlie I said hi.”

“I will.”

“I’ll see you soon,” she insisted. “You can come home whenever you want – 16 as soon as you need me.”

But I could see the sacrifice in her eyes behind the promise.

“Don’t worry about me,” I urged. “It’ll be great. I love you, Mom.”

She hugged me tightly for a minute, and then I got on the plane, and she was gone.

It’s a four-hour flight from Phoenix to Seattle, another hour in a small plane up to Port Angeles, and then an hour drive back down to Forks. Flying doesn’t bother me; 17, though, I was a little worried about.



Charlie had really been fairly nice about the whole thing. He seemed genuinely pleased that I was coming to live with him for the first time with any degree of permanence. He'd already gotten me registered for high school and was going to help me get a car.

But it was sure to be awkward with Charlie. Neither of us was what anyone would call verbose, and 18. I knew he was more than a little confused by my decision – like my mother before me, I hadn't made a secret of my distaste for Forks.

When I landed in Port Angeles, it was raining. I didn't see it as an omen – just unavoidable. 19.

Charlie was waiting for me with the cruiser. This I was expecting, too. Charlie is Police Chief Swan to the good people of Forks. My primary motivation behind buying a car, despite the scarcity of my funds, was that 20. Nothing slows down traffic like a cop.

Source:

<http://www.fanpop.com/clubs/twilight-series/articles/42018/title/twilight-chapter-1-first-sight-pages-3-8>

The phrases you can choose

A	an action that I took with great horror
B	I'd been saying this lie so frequently lately
C	I'd already said my goodbyes to the sun
D	I didn't know what there was to say regardless
E	I'll come right back
F	I refused to be driven around town in a car with red and blue lights on top
G	until I was fourteen
H	the hour in the car with Charlie
I	more than any other place in the United States of America
J	as I stared at her wide, childlike eyes
K	I was wearing my favorite shirt
(EXAMPLE)	



Your answers

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PUNTOS: 10