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PRUEBAS DE CERTIFICACIÓN

COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

Apellidos:

Nombre:

Marca con una X lo que corresponda:

- Alumno/a **OFICIAL** (Indica el nombre de tu profesor/a tutor/a durante el curso 2015-2016:)
- Alumno/a **LIBRE** Grupo:

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE ESTE EJERCICIO:

- o Duración: **60 minutos**
- o Este ejercicio consta de **dos tareas**. Deberás realizar las dos.
 - o En la **tarea 1** deberás leer un texto y **completar cada enunciado con una de las opciones dadas (A, B o C)**.
Obtienes: 2 puntos por cada respuesta correcta; **0 puntos** por cada respuesta incorrecta o no dada.
 - o En la **tarea 2** deberás leer un texto y **relacionar cada fragmento con el título correcto**.
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.**
- o **No escribas en los cuadros** destinados a la calificación de las tareas.
- o Sólo se admiten respuestas escritas con **bolígrafo azul o negro**.

NO ESCRIBAS AQUÍ

PUNTUACIÓN DEL EJERCICIO: ____ / 20

CALIFICACIÓN: Superado No Superado

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INGLÉS

TAREA 1 - 12 puntos: Read the text on page 3. Choose the correct option (A, B, or C) to complete each sentence. The first one (0) is an example.

Travelling alone	ANSWER		
<p>0. When you travel on your own... A. ...you have more freedom to do what you want. B. ...you may find restaurants and accommodation more easily. C. ...you will probably decide to extend your trip.</p>	0	A	✓
<p>1. Interest in travelling on one's own has... A. ...been diminishing gradually since last year. B. ...risen considerably in a year. C. ...tripled since 2014.</p>	1		
<p>2. Thanks to the film industry, travellers... A. ...feel attracted to different experiences. B. ...have found new business ideas. C. ...visit remote destinations.</p>	2		
<p>3. Thelmaandlouise.com... A. ...is an online tour operator. B. ...is a travel club designed for women. C. ...organizes trips only for women.</p>	3		
<p>4. Village Ways offers ... A. ...a trip to India only for unmarried women. B. ...a walking tour around different villages in India. C. ...package holidays in India with meals and all extras included.</p>	4		
<p>5. 101 Holidays has decided to offer solo trips... A. ...exclusively for small groups. B. ...to health care destinations. C. ...to meet the increasing demand on the web.</p>	5		
<p>8. Cruise & Maritime Voyages... A. ...charges solo travellers more money than average for twin cabins. B. ...has a special offer to attract solo travellers. C. ...offers a 25% discount to solo travellers booking single rooms.</p>	6		

PUNTOS: / 12

Travelling Alone

Source: www.independent.co.uk

Travelling alone is often the best way to go; without a companion, you are much more open to meeting local people and following your instincts. No arguments about where to eat, stay, or visit – and if you are tempted to extend your trip or add an extra location, you have no-one's schedule to worry about but your own.

Whether you are single, or a part of a couple who simply prefers to venture out and see the world alone, you are in good company: Google searches for "solo travel" were up almost a third last year compared with 2014.

Movies often mean big business for the travel industry, not only putting places on the holiday map but also encouraging people to try something new. The 2010 film *Eat, Pray, Love* inspired many people to travel alone. Elsewhere, *thelmaandlouise.com* is an online community – inspired by the 1991 film – where women can meet like-minded travel partners, find inspiration for trips, and read reviews. The site also has trip planning tools, destination guides, and podcasts. Launching soon, a new *Search by Location* function will allow members to seek out potential travel companions in both their home area and the destination they're interested in travelling to.

Tour operators are also getting wise to this trend, with a blossoming crop of women-only group tours. For example, sustainable tourism specialist Village Ways has introduced an all-female trip to India to discover the life of villagers in the Himalayan Binsar Valley, on foot. The tour, with up to six travellers, costs £708pp for 11 nights, including two in a Delhi guesthouse and nine in traditional village houses. The cost includes a guide, luggage porters for walks between houses, most meals, and transport by train and road. Flights and airport transfers are not included.

This month, the travel site *101 Holidays* (<http://www.101holidays.co.uk/>) launched a spin-off, *101 Singles Holidays*, in response to the increasing number of users enquiring about travelling alone. The 101 trip suggestions include small group tours of Japan, no-single-supplement boutique hotels on Turkey's Turquoise Coast and wellness retreats at Kamalaya on the Thai island of Koh Samui.

Cost is one of the drawbacks of travelling solo. The mainstream travel industry is based on the notion that two people will travel together, and much of the infrastructure is designed for this – so often a room for one will cost as much as it does for two, and if a single room is available it may be small and/or noisy, and sold at only a ridiculous discount to the couples' rate.

On cruises, the situation can be even worse, with single travellers occasionally asked to pay more than two sailing together – because cruise lines build in an expectation of on-board sales and excursions, which are lower for one person than two. Travelling off-season – i.e. away from the school holidays – can see some "no single supplements" deals from tour operators, hotels and cruise lines.

One Traveller arranges escorted group holidays for over-fifties (a burgeoning solo travel demographic) in destinations as varied as the Austrian lakes and China. There are pre-departure nights in airport hotels to meet and dine with fellow travellers, and no single supplements.

Cruise & Maritime Voyages has a "single cruise policy" aboard Magellan, with 150 twin cabins for single occupancy that have "only" a 25 per cent surcharge – much lower than the average. The eight-night Scandinavian Cities & Fairytales cruise from Tilbury, taking in Amsterdam, Hamburg and Copenhagen, costs £1,019 for a solo traveller.



TAREA 2 - 8 puntos: These are tips to help you save money. Match each tip with its heading as in example 0. There are two extra headings.

HEADINGS	
0. Check your communications costs.	
1. Be aware of your cell phone costs.	2. Consider purchasing previously-owned clothes.
3. Find free or inexpensive entertainment.	4. Keep track of your spending.
5. Save money by buying items online.	6. Sell your used clothes.
7. Shop around for a bank account.	8. Use debit and credit cards prudently.
9. Use only the cash machines of your own bank.	10. Weatherproof your home.

Money Saving Tips

Source: www.americasaves.org

- A) 0 *As Internet use grows, many consumers are overpaying for unneeded communications capacity. Use e-mail rather than phone. Landline and wireless calls often carry per-minute charges. Analyze your current communication expenses to discover ways to optimize services for less cost. In some cases, technologies like VoIP (Voice Over IP) or Skype can help you save money. Voice and video calls to other Skype users are free.*
- B) _____ At least once a month, use credit card checking, and other records to review what you've purchased. Get a receipt for everything you purchase. Stack and review them at the end of the month, and you will clearly be able to see where your money is going.
- C) _____ Fix holes and cracks that let warm air escape in the winter and cold air escape in the summer. Your local hardware store has materials, and useful advice, about inexpensively stopping unwanted heat or cooling loss. Use window coverings to block or let in sunshine. In summer, use them to block sunlight, keeping your house cool. In winter, open them to let sunshine warm the house. You could easily save money while being more comfortable.
- D) _____ Its use has dramatically increased communications expenditures in many households. Understand peak calling periods, area coverage, roaming, and termination charges. Make sure your calling plan matches the pattern of calls you typically make. Consider writing letters instead of making frequent phone calls. Thoughtful handwriting is usually far more highly valued than phone conversations, and the correspondence can be saved by recipients for future reading.
- E) _____ Most are in or outside a branch. Almost all banks and credit unions offer unlimited withdrawals from their own ones with no fee to you. Using one of another financial institution once a week could well cost you \$3 a withdrawal, or more than \$150 over the course of a year. If you use another bank's ATM, the machine must tell you if it is going to charge you a fee.
- F) _____ Some companies even offer free shipping on large orders. Clearance items are sometimes available, and good savings can be found on non-perishable groceries and diapers. The search engine allows you to easily check prices and compare with just a few clicks. This gives you the freedom to determine which store offers the most affordable item you are going to buy. This saves time and money!
- G) _____ To minimize interest charges, try to limit purchases to those you can pay off in full at the end of the month. Never purchase expensive items on impulse. Think over each expensive purchase for at least 24 hours. Acting on this principle will mean you have far fewer regrets, and far more money for emergency savings. Make your monthly payment on time. You save by not being charged a late fee each month.
- H) _____ Use local newspapers and websites to learn about free or low-cost parks, museums, film showings, sports events, and other places which you and your family would enjoy. That way you can also give up premium cable channels, as there are cheaper options to watch a film.
- I) _____ With a little effort, you can find low-priced, high-quality used clothing items that can be worn for many years. However, assess clothing in terms of quality as well as price. An inexpensive shirt or coat is a poor bargain if it wears out in less than a year. Consider fabric, stitching, washability, and other quality related factors in your selection of clothes.