

COMPRESIÓN DE LECTURA - TASK 1 (1 x 7 = 7 marks)

Read this text and choose the best sentence (A - J) for each gap. Write the letter in the corresponding box. TWO of the sentences do not correspond to any of the blanks. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

MISSING CAT

The owner of a missing cat is asking for help. "My baby has been missing for over a month now, and I want him back so badly," said Mrs. Brown, a 56-year-old woman. Mrs. Brown lives ___(0)___ in a trailer park near Clovis. She said that Clyde, her 7-year-old cat, didn't come home for dinner more than a month ago. The next morning he didn't appear for breakfast either. After ___(1)___, she called the police.

When the policeman asked her to describe Clyde, she told him that Clyde had beautiful green eyes, had all his teeth but was missing half of his left ear, and was seven years old and completely white. She then told the officer that ___(2)___.

___(3)___ "Is Clyde your child or your pet?" the officer suspiciously asked. "Well, he's my cat, of course," Mrs. Brown replied. "Lady, you're supposed to report missing PERSONS, not missing CATS," said the irritated policeman. "Well, who can I report this to?" she asked. "You can't. You have to ask around your neighborhood or put up flyers," replied the officer.

Mrs. Brown figured that ___(4)___ an 8"x11" piece of paper on a telephone pole. There was an empty billboard at the end of her street just off the interstate highway. The billboard had a phone number on it. She called that number, and they told her they could blow up a picture of Clyde (from Mrs. Brown's family album) and put it on ___(5)___.

"But how can people see it when they whiz by on the interstate?" she asked. "Oh, don't worry, ma'am, they only whiz by between 2 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. The rest of the day, the interstate is so full of commuters that no one moves." They told her ___(6)___ So she took most of the money out of her savings account and rented it for a month.

The month has passed, but Clyde has not appeared. Because she has almost no money in savings, Mrs. Brown called the local newspaper to see if anyone could help her rent ___(7)___ She is waiting but, so far, no one has stepped forward.

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| A | A bell went off |
| B | a billboard would work a lot better than |
| C | <i>by herself</i> |
| D | Clyde missed an extra-special lunch |
| E | Clyde was about a foot high |
| F | It finished its Sunday lunch |
| G | the billboard for all to see |
| H | the billboard for just one more month |
| I | the billboard would cost only \$3,000 a month |
| J | The policeman asked her |

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COMPRESIÓN DE LECTURA - TASK 2 (1 x 7 = 7 marks)

Read the following text and choose the option (A, B or C) that best completes each statement. Write the letter in the corresponding box on the right. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

WHY I LIKE GOING GROCERY SHOPPING WITH MY KID

I love going grocery shopping. I'm a foodie at heart and love lingering in the baking aisle, browsing through all of the new ingredients. The grocery store is my learning laboratory and source of inspiration for my recipes.

Once I had my son, Liam, I knew I had to make sure he also enjoyed grocery shopping. Liam is almost two years old now, and we go grocery shopping together at least twice a week. The trips have evolved over time, as illustrated below.

Newborn: My goal was to plan shopping trips during his naps. That way, he was asleep, and I could enjoy my shopping.

Holding Head Up: I would carry him in a front-facing baby carrier, and he would happily walk with me for as long as we were at the supermarket. He loved taking in all the new sights and sounds at the grocery store.

Sitting Up: I always came prepared with all of his favorite toys and snacks. Sometimes, I'd even bring a bottle when we were shopping in Target. I'd go over to the home section, find the softest pillow money could buy, lay Liam in the cart and let him drink his bottle. Instant quiet shopping.

Speaking: Lights and wheels have always mesmerized Liam. The grocery store is full of lights and carts with wheels, so we were good to go. As long as I had snacks at the ready and had something to point out to him at all times, it was a great trip.

Walking: When he first learned to walk, and I could actually keep up with him, I'd let the little explorer roam the aisles. This was a fun way to show him different fruits and vegetables and even how cans roll when you put them on their sides.

Running: Shopping with a running toddler who occasionally loses his temper is tricky — but manageable. Bypassing the tempting aisles with junk food, we go for the aisles with the learning opportunities. I like to show and say every food we put in our cart. That way, we can have a little vocabulary lesson on the go. Also, some of the grocery stores we go to have the carts that look like cars, with fake steering wheels and everything. It's like he gets to play with a new toy when we go to the grocery store.

As Liam gets older, I'm looking forward to giving him secret grocery store missions, allowing him to be the spy who grabs the last bag of semi-sweet chocolate chips and the most beautiful strawberries available. Then those items will mysteriously "appear" in our cart. We'll make it a fun scavenger hunt and learning experience! It's not exactly farm to table, but I also hope that learning about nutritious foods and how to turn them into delicious dishes will make him more inclined to eat healthy and enjoy the dishes we prepare together.

Example:**0. The author....****A** experiments with food in a laboratory.**B** is a keen cook.**C** probably works as a baker.**B**

1. When he was a newborn baby ...
- A** his mother didn't usually take him grocery shopping.
- B** his mother took advantage of his siestas.
- C** Liam often fell asleep in the supermarket.
2. When Liam was already sitting up, ... while she was shopping.
- A** he used to bother his mother
- B** his mother did anything to help him fall asleep
- C** his mother usually bought him toys to keep him entertained
3. When Liam started walking, ...
- A** he was not allowed to walk along the aisles on his own.
- B** he was taught how dangerous falling cans could be.
- C** the supermarket was a source of knowledge for him.
4. Liam ... gets angry now.
- A** hardly ever
- B** often
- C** sometimes
5. In how many of her son's 6 development stages does she mention she had something ready for Liam to eat?
- A** In 2
- B** In 3
- C** In 4
6. Mother and son ... the areas of the store where unhealthy food is.
- A** are often attracted to
- B** avoid
- C** tend to limit their visits to
7. She hopes that what she has done will help him
- A** be keen on cooking.
- B** develop good eating habits.
- C** eat more home-cooked dishes.

COMPRESIÓN DE LECTURA - TASK 3 (1 x 6 = 6 marks)

Read the following text and choose the option (A, B or C) that best fits in gaps 1 to 6. Write the letter in the corresponding box on the right. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

WHY SELFIES ARE IMPORTANT

We're living in the digital age where almost every person has access to a camera within seconds. Selfies are popping up on social media every day, (0) from your daughter or the latest popular celebrity. No matter the age, every generation has a different reason for taking selfies. Let's break them down.

Toddlers: Selfies offer a great deal of self discovery at this age and act as a mirror that can freeze time. Through selfies, the youngsters begin realizing that when they move their mouths, they can make silly faces. They're also growing very knowledgeable when it comes to electronics. My two-year-old knows more about my iPhone than I did the entire first year after I purchased it. Selfies can be a great learning tool at this age or a great distraction (1) the latest outburst of temper.

But like any other fun thing kids get obsessed with, too much of it can be bad. Parents should make sure some photos show the child with other family members or friends. Parents can also sit with kids and narrate the photo or video (2) a bedtime story.

Teenagers: Self-expression is important for teenagers. There's more pressure than ever for them to show their best selves and (3) who they are. While the multitude of selfies at this age can be overdone and become a little self-obsessed, they can still be a good way for teens to share their unique sides with the world.

Historically, adolescents have gone through a sometimes trial and error process of becoming who they are – and it gets bizarre sometimes. This process of forming an identity often means (4) many different versions of who they might become in order to see what fits.

Adults: Fairly new to the selfie, adults sometimes exploit the power of selfies in a more ... (5) way. They use selfies to boost self-esteem or body image potential. From showing off your new figure and tracking weight loss to showing off a new style or pregnancy, selfies can have a positive impact on adulthood.

And who doesn't like a good mommy and me selfie? It's a great bonding moment between parent and child, where your faces are cheek-to-cheek and all smiles. If you're a little (6) when it comes to taking selfies with your kids, try finding the angle that works best for getting the both of you in the shot, say a good joke or make a silly face, and snap that selfie!

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- B even
- C whether

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- C trying on

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- B pretending
- C rather than

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- A aggressive
- B fashionable
- C productive

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- B figure out
- C regard

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6.

- A challenged
- B confident
- C keen

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