

**Escuelas Oficiales de Idiomas
de la Comunidad Autónoma de Aragón**

Pruebas Unificadas de Idiomas

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

INGLÉS

NIVEL INTERMEDIO B1

CONVOCATORIA 2020 – MODELO B

1. Esta prueba se compone de tres tareas.
2. Utilice bolígrafo azul o negro INDELEBLE.
3. Las respuestas erróneas no se penalizarán.
4. Duración de esta prueba: 50 minutos.
5. Puntuación máxima de la prueba: 20 puntos.
6. Puntuación mínima para superar la prueba: 10 puntos.

TAREA 1	Funny anecdotes, página 4
TAREA 2	Wizard of Oz, página 6
TAREA 3	Barbie dolls, página 8

Apellidos	
Nombre	

**PUNTUACIÓN
TOTAL**

/ 20

COMPREENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS - TAREA 1 (1 x 7 = 7 puntos)

Read these short anecdotes and choose the best heading (A, B, C, etc) for each one. Write the letter in the corresponding box. Two of the headings do not correspond to any of the texts. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

FUNNY ANECDOTES

0.- My six-year-old loved his pet fish. He watched and fed it faithfully, morning and night. But one day while he was in school, his fish died, so I flushed it down the toilet. I told him when he got home, and he was inconsolable. Nothing I said helped. After a while, I asked, "Why are you crying so much?" Arching his back, he shouted, "I wanted to flush!"

1.- I grew up above my father's tavern. When we were kids, we would race each other down the stairs every morning to sweep up the bar and find the change customers had dropped during the night. Years later, as an adult, I found out that my father would throw a few coins over the bar for us to find in the morning. It cost him only a dollar a day to have us fight to be the first one to clean the bar.

2.- After I paid for my items in an adorable Italian shop, the salesperson smiled and said "Grazie," Italian for "thank you." My Italian isn't very good, but I knew that the Italian word for "you're welcome" was the same as the name of a spaghetti sauce. So I confidently replied "Ragú!" and walked out of the store. A few blocks later, it hit me: I had the wrong spaghetti sauce. "You're welcome" is "prego".

3.- After my kids bragged about what levels they'd attained in a video game, I decided to give it a try. Soon, it was my turn to boast that, in spite of being a newbie, I'd already managed to get to level 11. That's when my youngest son pointed out that the "11" I was seeing on the screen was actually the game's pause button.

4.- My mother and I suffered through an overlong, confusing movie at an art theater. Apparently we were not the only dissatisfied patrons. Walking back to our car afterward, we overheard a man complain to his wife, "We left the dog home alone for that?"

5.- I checked on my six-year-old son one morning, and he wasn't in his bed. I found him sleeping on the sofa. When I asked why he slept there, he said in case bad people broke in the house so he would fight them. I told him it wasn't his job to protect us, and he said, "But I'm almost 10." Remember, he was SIX!

6.- My granddaughter was discussing the expected arrival of a new brother for her 4-year-old son, Matthew. She told Matthew that you can't predict the exact date of birth. "You were expected on Aug. 19," she said, "but arrived on Aug. 11." Matthew thought for a moment and then said, "Oh! I'm so lucky I was born on my birthday!"

7.- Years ago, my dad started first grade in a one-room country school. When he returned home after that first day of class, his mother asked him if he liked it. Dad answered, "I don't see any reason to go back to that school, because the teacher had to ask me how to spell cat."

(From: Reader's Digest)

A	A disappointing show.
B	Clever trick.
C	He/she should know.
D	Looking after the family.
E	Not a very skilled player.
F	The newborn twins.
G	The wrong ingredient was added.
H	Two meanings for the same word.
I	<i>Upset for the wrong reason.</i>
J	What a coincidence!

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I							
✓							



COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS - TAREA 2 (1 x 7 = 7 puntos)

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.

WIZARD OF OZ

The land of Oz first appeared in a book called *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, published in 1900. Its author, L. Frank Baum, would write 13 more books set in this magical world, but it was his first that was most popular. He got the name Oz from a file sitting near his desk that was alphabetically labelled O-Z. The book follows Dorothy Gale, a girl who is swept up by a tornado and transported to Oz with her dog Toto. To find her way home she must follow the Yellow Brick Road to see the Wizard. On her journey, she meets the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion. Each has a different request for the Wizard, but they must first defeat the Wicked Witch of the West and her Flying Monkeys. A stage version of the story was made in 1902.

In 1937 a studio called Metro-Goldwin-Mayer (MGM) bought the rights to turn Baum's book into a film. It took the studio a long time to write a script –in the end 14 people worked on different versions. Then, just three days before filming began, an actress called Gale Sondergaard, who had been cast as the Wicked Witch, decided to quit the role because she didn't like that the character was going to be ugly. Buddy Ebsen, who had been chosen to play the Tin Man, also had to drop out because he had a bad allergic reaction to his metallic make-up.

With the cast in place –including young star Judy Garland as Dorothy– work could finally begin on the film. At the time, most films were shot in black and white, but it was decided that all the scenes set in Oz would be filmed in Technicolor. This technology, which allowed films to be brightly coloured, was new and very expensive. The sets had to be brightly lit for the cameras to work properly, and the powerful lighting made the temperature in the studios increase to more than 38°C. The filmmakers faced other challenges, too. The directors kept being replaced, and several members of the cast were injured on set. Filming the Technicolor scenes took five months of the actors working six days a week from 4am until 7 pm or later. Garland also recorded the song *Over the Rainbow*, for which she won an Oscar, and she remained a very popular singer for the rest of her life.

When it was released, the film was said to have earned more than \$3 million for MGM (worth about 55 million today) but because it was so expensive to make, it took almost 20 years for the studio to make a profit. In fact, it was only when audiences at home got a chance to watch it that it became a success. A television station called CBS bought the rights to broadcast the film in 1956, and 45 million viewers watched it. In 1959 it was shown again, with an even bigger audience. Between then and 1991, it was an annual tradition on US TV.

The film is still popular when it is shown on TV, and it has inspired many adaptations too. The musical *Wicked*, which tells an alternative story about the Wicked Witch of the West, is the second-highest earning show of all time on Broadway.

(From: *The Week Junior*)

Example:

0. **L. Frank Baum ...**

- A** only wrote about Oz before 1900.
- B** wrote 14 books set in Oz.
- C** was not the first author to write about Oz.

B	✓
----------	---

1. He was inspired to use the name Oz when he ...

- A** saw a document organiser in his office.
- B** was listening to a news report about a tornado.
- C** was reading a magazine someone had left on his desk.

--	--

2. Each of the four main characters ...

- A** complains to the Wicked Witch of the West.
- B** wants something from the Wizard.
- C** wants to find his/her way home.

--	--

3. The script of the film was written ...

- A** by L. Frank Baum himself.
- B** by many different people.
- C** in just a few days.

--	--

4. Gale Sondergaard ...

- A** didn't finally play the Wicked Witch.
- B** played the part of an ugly character.
- C** was recast in a different role.

--	--

5. One of the problems during the shooting of the film was ...

- A** that the cameras were not powerful enough at first.
- B** that the director was continuously replacing members of his staff.
- C** the excessive heat.

--	--

6. The film ...

- A** became an immediate success.
- B** didn't do very well at the box office.
- C** didn't immediately repay the studio's investment.

--	--

7. The musical *Witch* ...

- A** follows the plot of the film quite closely.
- B** has made more money than any other in Broadway.
- C** is based on an evil character.

--	--



COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS – TAREA 3 (0,5 x 12 = 6 puntos)

You are going to read a text about Barbie dolls. Choose the option (A, B or C) that best fits in gaps 1 to 12. Write the letter in the corresponding box on the right. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

BARBIE DOLLS

Barbie dolls are a bad influence on girls: imagine being the most perfect woman, ___(0)___ if you aren't a woman! She has perfect, long, luscious hair, perfect bright eyes with a sparkle and a 'skinny' body weighing only 35 kilograms. Well, I am talking about the ___(1)___ child favourite, beautiful and 'perfect' doll... the Barbie doll.

The Barbie doll was first introduced in 1959 by a woman called Ruth Handler with the Mattel Company. She had watched her daughter Barbara play with paper dolls and wanted to give her a 3D doll, so she could have a 'teen fashion icon'. The first ___(2)___ Barbie released had both brown or blonde hair and blue eyes. She had the perfect hips, perfect ___(3)___, perfect boyfriend and perfect house, basically perfect everything. But how was this doll affecting the millions of girls around the world playing with her?

Probably most girls have owned ___(4)___ one Barbie doll. You have probably dressed her up, brushed out her hair and imagined her fabulous life. The ___(5)___ girl plays with the Barbie doll when she is between 5 and 11. The Barbie doll has not had the best impact on girls. Sure the Barbie doll has been a good role model but her first job was to ___(6)___ young girls how pretty and popular she is.

___(7)___ there's a lot of pressure on young girls to dress, look and act properly. The Barbie doll was the one to start these trends. When young girls see this perfect doll they are getting influenced and want to naturally be like Barbie, which can lead to ___(8)___ disorders and getting anorexic.

Research conducted by *Rehabs.com* in late 2013 says that four ___(9)___ five ten-year-old girls say that they are afraid of being fat and 42% of girls from year 1 to year 3 think they are fat and wish to become thinner. These girls believe that to have a good and happy life they have to get the skinny ___(10)___ of Barbie.

If Barbie was a real woman she wouldn't be able to do anything like a normal human being. She has ___(11)___ unrealistic features. Imagine being a woman with that body and trying to get around. It would be basically impossible.

She would physically not be able to lift her own head off the ground. She would be 6 feet tall, have a 99cm bust and the hips of a pre-pubescent boy. ___(12)___ trying to have a healthy body and an average weight, girls are trying to emulate a thin and under-weight body.

(From: <https://www.majortests.com>)

Example:

0.

- A even
- B in case
- C so

A	✓
---	---

1.

- A better liked
- B more hated
- C most beloved

--	--

7.

- A Always
- B Nowadays
- C Seldom

--	--

2.

- A ever
- B still
- C yet

--	--

8.

- A eating
- B food
- C table

--	--

3.

- A figure
- B form
- C type

--	--

9.

- A from
- B of
- C out of

--	--

4.

- A at least
- B less than
- C maximum

--	--

10.

- A look
- B picture
- C weight

--	--

5.

- A average
- B medium
- C middle

--	--

11.

- A enough
- B nearly
- C too many

--	--

6.

- A become
- B learn
- C show

--	--

12.

- A Although
- B Besides
- C Instead of

--	--

