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PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

TAREAS: La prueba de Comprensión de Textos Escritos consta de TRES textos y TRES tareas.

DURACIÓN TOTAL: 60 minutos

INDICACIONES:

- TODAS las respuestas se escribirán en la **hoja de respuestas**.
- No escribir en las zonas sombreadas
- Emplear tinta permanente azul o negra. No usar lápiz.
- Corregir ~~tachando~~ el texto. No usar correctores líquidos o cintas.
- Puntuación total: **26 puntos**. "Apto" ≥ 13

TASK 1 ► Read TEXT 1 "Digital Assistants". For each gap (1-6), choose the best item from the box below. There are NINE items that you do not need. The first item is an example. Write your final answers on the answer sheet, in spaces 1 to 6.

6 points

EXAMPLE:			
acts as ✓	attending	boiling	control
close	even	far away	follow
heating	intelligent	like this	listened to
off	such as	waiting for	woken up

TASK 2 ► Read TEXT 2: “How to be happy”. Choose the heading (A-N) that best matches each paragraph (7-16). There are FOUR extra headings that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A-N) on the answer sheet, in spaces 7 to 16.

10 points

EXAMPLE: Do exercise

- A. Be nice to other people
- B. Do small jobs for free
- C. Go shopping
- D. Have a few close relationships
- E. Keep yourself occupied
- F. Laugh at yourself
- G. Make people say nice things about you
- H. Move closer to nature
- I. Order a takeaway
- J. Organise a holiday
- K. Put on a happy face
- L. Spend some time outside
- M. Take action in your relationships
- N. You can't hurry happiness

TASK 3 ► Read TEXT 3 “Teddy bear lost at Glacier National Park”. Choose the line (A-L) from the list below that best completes each gap. There are TWO extra lines that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the right letters (A-L) on the answer sheet, in spaces 17 to 26.

10 points

EXAMPLE: WHEN THEY LOST NAOMI'S BELOVED BEAR

- A. A YEAR LATER, IT'S BACK HOME
- B. AND TEDDY RODE WITH HIM
- C. BUT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN
- D. IT WAS 2016
- E. NAOMI FELT A DEEP SADNESS
- F. NEVER EXPECTED TO RECEIVE
- G. SHE WAS EXCITED
- H. THAT EVERYTHING CHANGED
- I. THE PASCAL FAMILY HAD NO CHANCE
- J. TIME SOON RAN OUT
- K. WAS ABLE TO GET INTO CONTACT WITH PARK RANGERS
- L. WAS REUNITED WITH HER BEAR

TEXT 1: Digital Assistants

A digital assistant (sometimes called a “virtual assistant”) is a computer service that - **EXAMPLE** - a personal helper. Some examples of services like this are Alexa, Siri, Google Assistant, and Cortana.

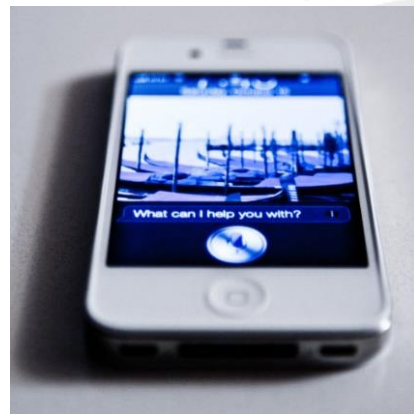
Users ask questions or make requests on devices - **1** - phones, tablets, or “smart speakers”. Smart speakers are tiny computers with microphones that “listen” all the time, - **2** - instructions. Amazon’s Echo, Google’s Google Home, and Apple’s HomePod are examples of smart speakers.

The services work like this: usually, the devices have to be “- **3** -” by a person saying their name or pressing a button.

Then the device records what a person says, and sends the recording to a computer - **4** - . The computer tries to figure out what the person is asking for, and then it tries to help. For example, the person might ask the device to answer a question or to play a song.

People can also use these systems to make calls, send texts, or to look at websites. Some people even use these assistants to control the lighting, - **5** -, or alarm systems of their homes.

Almost half of the adults in the US have used an assistant - **6** -. Most people use them through their phones. But 1 in 6 adults in the US also has a “smart speaker” in the house.



Source: News for Kids
(<https://tinyurl.com/2p882b9d>)

TEXT 2: How to be happy

Making some changes in our lives can help us lift our spirits in our day-to-day life. Here are some ways to be happy:



EXAMPLE

According to recent studies, with only 7 minutes a day of some type of sport, we can already achieve our goal of increasing our levels of well-being and, therefore, happiness.

7.

There is nothing like an exotic dinner on a Friday night. And besides satisfying your hunger, a curry can make you feel more confident and happier. A survey found ordering your favourite Indian dish can raise your happiness level by 83%. One journal also found that an ingredient in curry, curcumin, increased happiness and memory – so you will remember the good times too.

8.

Friends, family and social contact are perhaps the most important thing to reach satisfaction and happiness in life, at least for most people. Studies show that having five trusted people to discuss important issues with, will make you 60% more likely to say you are "very happy."

9.

Relationships can often go wrong if we just let it flow without worrying about it as if we were on autopilot. Celebrating the good things in life, letting others know that we care, that we are interested in their lives, and being proactive in the relationship, will help feelings not decline and get lost forever.

Studies show that people like to talk about themselves, be heard, and above all be understood. So, let's do it more often: mutual dedication will bring benefits for both of you.

10.

A study showed that spending 20 minutes outdoors in good weather, in addition to increasing our optimism, helps improve our thinking and working memory. Near the sea, in a warm and sunny environment, is the perfect place for most people. In fact, it was observed that the participants felt much happier outdoors in any natural environment than in urban ones. Even temperature has an effect on our happiness, so it will be good to consider the weather forecast before leaving home.

11.

Scientists have found that being kind produces a considerable increase in our well-being. What's more, spending money on activities with other people such as going to dinner in a group, to concerts, to the movies, etc. helps increase our happiness, unlike spending money on material things like clothes or expensive watches. Spending money on other people, either because they need it or because we want to give them a gift, makes us happier than buying things for ourselves.

12.

Smiling can make us feel better, especially when accompanied by positive thoughts. However, sometimes you may not feel like smiling. If that is the case, you can trick your mind into thinking that you are happy just by forcing a smile. Scientists made volunteers hold a pen in their mouths to fake a smile. Results showed that the volunteers felt happier because their brains couldn't tell the difference.

13.

Doing something fun will bring us greater well-being and a feeling of happiness, but research has shown that simply planning trips or other activities for the future often helps you feel just as good. Planning a party or a nice dinner can have the same beneficial effect as later carrying out such plans with friends. Getting excited about going away or looking through hotel web pages increases happiness considerably, a study found.

14.

Getting a word of admiration can be just as encouraging as receiving cash. In a study, scientists gave 45 volunteers an ordinary task that they had to complete. Researchers then discovered that those people who received positive comments after doing the exercise would work better the following day than those who got extra money.

15.

No one likes being the centre of a joke but making a fool of yourself could make you happier. People who can make fun of their own appearance, personality or behaviour tend to be more content, a study found.

16.

Being busy can be a positive thing, but it does not mean planning the day in a way that we do not have a moment of rest or boredom. Working too much, obligations and rushing are a one-way street toward stress and unhappiness. Studies say that occupation in balance with free time is the key. For this reason, we must focus on achieving a productive life, but without rushing.

Source: PEC Commission

TEXT 3: Teddy bear lost at Glacier National Park

Naomi and her parents, Ben and Addie Pascal, were walking the Hidden Lake Trail in Montana's Glacier National Park in October 2020 - **EXAMPLE** -, "Teddy," according to a Facebook post from the park. And Teddy was not just any bear. Teddy was the first gift Naomi's parents gave to her before her adoption. - **17** -, and she was still living at an orphanage in Ethiopia at the time.

"She had Teddy before she ever met us," Ben Pascal said in an interview with NPR.

Ben and Addie Pascal had high hopes for the bear turning up in the days following the hike, - **18** -. And because they went on the hike near the end of the season, days before major snow was expected, - **19** -. Despite checking constantly with rangers and the lost and found*, Teddy's whereabouts remained a mystery, and - **20** - but to return home to Wyoming without their bear.

It wasn't until a random encounter the following year, in October 2021, - **21** -. A friend of the family who was visiting the park happened to see Teddy sitting on the dashboard of a park ranger's truck, according to the Glacier National Park post.

"They weren't even looking for Teddy at that point. They just happened upon *him*," Pascal said.

As it turns out, Ranger Tom Mazzarisi, who monitors actual bear activity, had come across the teddy bear earlier that year after the snow melted. He was unaware of its backstory, but still felt compelled not to throw it out. Instead, he kept the bear - **22** - in his truck as an unofficial mascot, the park said. The family friend who spotted Teddy - **23** -, who then made sure they were able to get the bear sent back home again.

On Oct. 6, nearly a year after Teddy was lost, Naomi, now 6 years old, - **24** -. And unsurprisingly, Naomi was ecstatic to have her friend back, her father told NPR.

" - **25** -. So happy. She just repeated like three times, 'Teddy! Teddy! Teddy!' " he said.

Naomi and Teddy's story was shared on the Glacier National Park Facebook page last month and has since garnered more than 12,000 likes. It's the kind of attention Ben Pascal - **26** -, but also something he came to understand. It's a "beautiful story," he said.

"I think there's a deep connection that people have to stuffed animals and how meaningful they are to us."

**lost and found: the place where lost items that have been found are kept until they are collected.*



Source: NPR News
(<https://tinyurl.com/2dzkr6ty>)