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**PRUEBA ESPECÍFICA DE CERTIFICACIÓN**  
**INGLÉS**  
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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"  $\geq 13$

**TASK 1 ► Read TEXT 1 "New Zealand Will Slowly End All Cigarette Sales". Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each item (1 - 9). The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A, B, C or D) on the answer sheet, in spaces 1 to 9.**

**9 points**

<b>EXAMPLE</b>	A. achieves	<b>B. aims ✓</b>	C. improves	D. purposes
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<b>1</b>	A. affect	B. allow	C. correspond	D. determine
<b>2</b>	A. average	B. every year	C. in between	D. large
<b>3</b>	A. Although	B. But	C. Even	D. Surprisingly
<b>4</b>	A. leading	B. least	C. most	D. must
<b>5</b>	A. cause	B. costume	C. habit	D. need
<b>6</b>	A. benefit	B. disappear	C. keep	D. reduce
<b>7</b>	A. help	B. hurt	C. pay	D. prevent
<b>8</b>	A. avoids	B. encourages	C. stops	D. supports
<b>9</b>	A. drop	B. fail	C. go	D. invest

**TASK 2 ► Read TEXT 2: “Tips for Finding the Perfect Home”. Choose the heading (A-K) that best matches each paragraph (1-8). There are THREE extra headings that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letter (A-K) on the answer sheet, in spaces 10 to 17.**

**8 points**

**EXAMPLE: Do a home inspection. ✓**

- A. Accept some things won't be as you expected.
- B. Bigger isn't always better.
- C. Buy a home with the money you have.
- D. Dream big!
- E. Imagine your family living in the house.
- F. Leave space for a growing family.
- G. Location is important.
- H. Stay in your neighborhood.
- I. Study the community.
- J. Think about changing the design.
- K. Think about what you really need.



**TASK 3 ► Read TEXT 3 “Indian woman learns to read at age 104”. Choose the line (A-L) from the list below that best completes each gap. There are THREE extra LINES that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A-L) on the answer sheet, in spaces 18 to 26.**

**9 points**

**EXAMPLE: AND IT ONLY TOOK 104 YEARS TO MAKE IT COME TRUE**

- A. BUT SOMETHING ALWAYS BOTHERED HER
- B. CLASSES WERE USUALLY CONDUCTED IN THE EVENINGS
- C. EVEN BOYS DISCONTINUED THEIR STUDIES AT NINE
- D. EXCEPT FOR VERY LITTLE VISION AND HEARING PROBLEMS
- E. FINALLY TOOK THE KERALA STATE PRIMARY LITERACY EXAM
- F. HAS BECOME AN INSPIRATION FOR ALL
- G. IN ADDITION TO HER DAILY CHORES
- H. JUST ONE YEAR AGO
- I. KUTTIYAMMA STILL TAKES LESSONS FROM HER EVERY DAY
- J. THE COURSE IS EQUIVALENT TO PRIMARY EDUCATION
- K. WHERE THEY SOLD HERBAL MEDICINE
- L. WHICH INDIAN STUDENTS NORMALLY PASS AT AGE NINE

## TEXT 1: New Zealand Will Slowly End All Cigarette Sales

Last Thursday, New Zealand announced a plan to end smoking in the country. Under the plan, the country would make it illegal for people born after 2008 to buy cigarettes. The plan - **EXAMPLE** - to stop young people from ever starting to smoke.

For years, New Zealand has been working to lower the number of people in the country who smoke. The new plan, which is expected to become a law next year, is the first of its kind in the world. It won't - **1** - people who are currently smokers. Instead, it's designed to keep people who haven't smoked from ever starting.



Starting in 2023, people under the age of 15 would be banned from buying cigarettes. After that, the age limit for buying tobacco products would be raised - **2** -. By 2050, someone would have to be at least 42 years old to buy cigarettes. In simpler terms, the move will prevent people born after 2008 from ever buying tobacco products.

Tobacco products contain a drug called nicotine. - **3** - nicotine is a poison, when people have a little bit of it, it can give them an excited feeling. Over time, nicotine changes the body so people feel like they need more of it. They may feel sick if they don't get more. They have become addicted to nicotine. This is what makes it so hard for people to stop smoking.

Smoking tobacco is very dangerous to human health. It's one of the - **4** - causes of deaths around the world. In New Zealand, about 5,000 people die every year from illnesses related to smoking.

New Zealand has been working for a long time to lower the number of people who smoke. Smoking is already a very expensive - **5** - in the country, where a pack of cigarettes costs over US\$20.

The efforts seem to be paying off. In 2008, about 18% of its people smoked. Now that number is down to about 9.4%. In the US, about 14% of people are smokers. Worldwide, roughly 20% of people smoke.

The new plan doesn't only target non-smokers. It also aims to help smokers by only allowing tobacco products with low levels of nicotine. The plan will also greatly - **6** - the number of stores allowed to sell cigarettes. Currently about 8,000 stores in New Zealand sell tobacco products. In the future, that number could shrink to 500. Some store owners worry that the new plan will - **7** - their businesses.

It may seem like countries could simply make cigarettes illegal. But often when tobacco products are banned, it - **8** - criminals to sell cigarettes illegally. Experts believe that already about 10% of the cigarettes in New Zealand are sold illegally.

No country has ever tried an age limit-raising plan like New Zealand's before. But the government says studies show that cigarette sales to young people - **9** - when the age limit is raised.

The new plan doesn't target vaping products. The government thinks vaping may help some smokers quit. But health experts point out that vaping is still dangerous. Vaping products contain nicotine and other chemicals which can cause cancer.

Source: News for Kids  
(<https://tinyurl.com/mvc8xv65>)

## TEXT 2: Tips for Finding the Perfect Home

Buying a home can be stressful and exciting all at the same time. It's quite the adventure! We recently purchased our second home and I found a few tips very helpful while searching for the perfect home for my family.

**Here are my top tips for finding the perfect home:**

**EXAMPLE:** The home inspector will look at everything in a home and give you a non-bias\* opinion. They will also tell you the true value of the home you are looking at. It's better to spend a couple hundred dollars doing a home inspection than finding out the house had several problems.

**10.** Write down on a piece of paper all of the things you must have in your new home, things that would be nice to have and things that don't really matter.

**11.** Make sure to get pre-approved for a loan before going out to look at houses. It will make the buying process much easier and you will know which houses to look at.

**12.** While we all dream of having a huge mansion, it's good to think about what will be best for your family. Figure out how many rooms you need to fit your family comfortably and look in that range.

**13.** Many homes you will look at may not be in the best condition, but think about the potential of the house. Would painting and new wood floors turn it into your dream house? How about a kitchen or bathroom remodel? There are many easy fix-ups such as adding new light fixtures and painting that can turn your house into the perfect home.

**14.** Check the surrounding area of the home. Drive around the 2-mile radius to see what is around your home. Make sure it is in an area you feel comfortable with. Find out what school district you'll be in. Even if you don't have kids, you may want to think about the school district you live in for resale. You may also want to take the commute to your work and see how long it will take you.

**15.** Research property values in the area. Stalk\*\* your neighborhood and find out what it's like at all times of the day. Is it a family-friendly neighborhood? You could even knock on the neighbors' doors before buying. I have done that.

**16.** When you walk into the home, can you picture your family living there? Does it have a good feeling? Picture your family living in each room and see how you feel.

**17.** Realize that most houses aren't perfect to begin with. Even if you are building your dream home, there are always things that could have been different. Be flexible. Once you move in and add your own style it will soon become your dream home.

So let's hear it... What tips do you have for finding the perfect home?

\*non-bias: neutral, impartial.

\*\*stalk: to watch somebody over a long period of time.

*Adapted from Homes.com  
(<https://tinyurl.com/mvhdnrbn>)*

## TEXT 3: Indian woman learns to read at age 104

Kuttiyamma had a dream – **EXAMPLE**.

The Kerala, India woman, born into a low-caste family in the village of Thiruvanchoor, always wanted to learn to read but, with no education available, could never learn how.



But now, **- 18 -**, which include cooking for her family, Kuttiyama waits for the paperboy to deliver the local newspaper so she can devour the news.

“I hailed from Kerala’s backward Ezhava community and was born in the midst of poverty, education for women family members was unthinkable at that time,” Kuttiyama told The Guardian. “**- 19 -**. My parents were landless agricultural laborers.”

During her childhood she cooked, washed dresses and kept the hut for her 11 siblings.

She married at 16, and had five children. The family had a small shop, **- 20 -**. And she continued to spend her days cooking and doing housework. Kuttiyama said she was happy enough at home, **- 21-**.

She wanted to learn to read so she could keep up with the world —.

“I was always curious about what was happening around the world,” she said. “On many occasions I regretted my inability to read newspapers and I used to plead with the younger generations at home to read out newspapers to me. I always wanted to write my name and address.”

**- 22 -**, a neighbor noticed how much attention Kuttiyama gave to her grandchildren’s education.

It just so happens the neighbor, Rehana John, is a literacy trainer. The 34-year-old gave Kuttiyama some books, and they began meeting nightly, reviewing the material together.

“**- 23 -**, she was a perfect and sometimes naughty student who made my teaching feel meaningful,” John told The Guardian. “She always has her textbook, notebooks and pens ready before I reach her home. In addition, she will keep extra of the delicacies she has cooked at home to give me.”

“She is my mother now. We are sharing a rare kind of camaraderie and relationship.”

Kuttiyama studied for months in the evenings and **- 24 -** last month, the oldest woman ever to take it. Her scores were sky high: 89 percent in literacy and 100 percent in mathematics.

“Age is no barrier for knowledge. With utmost respect and love, I wish Kuttiyamma and all other new learners the best,” the state education minister tweeted about her results.

But Kuttiyama isn’t finished.

Her plans include acing the fourth standard exam, **- 25 -**. This means she will have to write papers in Malayalam and English and study the environment and more mathematics.

“I don’t think English is alien and a hard nut to crack,” said Kuttiyamma. “I will try to achieve 100 percent marks in the equivalency examination for all papers.”

Her teacher said that **- 26 -** and refuses to let other family members take over her household chores. “Her passion and commitment are exceptional,” John said.

*Adapted from: New York Post  
(<https://tinyurl.com/2p86faew>)*

