



## ESCUELAS OFICIALES DE IDIOMAS DE LA RIOJA

### PRUEBA DE CERTIFICACIÓN

#### INGLÉS



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### PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

INFORMACIÓN PARA EL CANDIDATO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Esta prueba consta de 3 ejercicios.</li><li>• Lea atentamente las instrucciones correspondientes a cada ejercicio.</li><li>• Cada respuesta correcta tiene un valor de 0.4 puntos.</li><li>• Debe registrar sus respuestas en <b>el lugar indicado para ello en bolígrafo azul o negro.</b></li><li>• No escriba en los cuadros sombreados destinados a la calificación de la prueba.</li><li>• Escriba con letra clara y legible, que no lleve a dobles interpretaciones.</li><li>• Las respuestas incorrectas <b>NO</b> penalizan.</li><li>• <b>Debe apagar su teléfono móvil</b> – que no podrá estar encima de la mesa – antes de que comience la prueba.</li><li>• <b>Duración de la prueba: 60 minutos.</b></li></ul>

## TEXT 1

Read the following text carefully about Queen Elizabeth II and complete each blank with the best option from the box. Each word can be used only ONCE. There are **five extra words** that you will not need. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to write your answers in the white box provided on the next page. (4 marks: 0.4 each)

CARD	<b><i>EVER</i></b>	KEEP	PLACES
CHAT	FEW	LOT	SOMEONE
COLOURS	HIDES	NOTE	TIME
DINNER	INSIDE	PERSON	WEAR

### THE SECRET BEHIND QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PURSES

Have you (0) ever thought about why Queen Elizabeth always has a bag with her? It's not just a question of fashion.



Queen Elizabeth II certainly knows to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ accessories. It is difficult to find a picture of Her Majesty without one of her *Launer* handbags. She has experimented with different (2) \_\_\_\_\_ but she typically carries a £1,550 black handbag. She has more than 200 of them!

The Queen has a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fascinating secrets about herself, she uses her purse to send secret messages to her workers.

These signals help her get out of conversations at any (4) \_\_\_\_\_ she wants. When the Queen moves her classic handbag from its normal position on her left arm to her right arm while she's talking with (5) \_\_\_\_\_, her officers know that she wants to end the conversation. Putting her bag on the floor is a sign that she needs to escape from an uncomfortable encounter as soon as possible. When she's having (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and leaves it on the table, it means that she wants to end the event in the next five minutes.

Let's just hope Her Majesty doesn't send any of these signals if we have an opportunity to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with her.

And what does the Queen (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in her bag? The royal biographer Sally Bedell Smith says that the items aren't very different from what normal women carry with them: a mirror, lipstick, a pen, reading glasses and on Sundays a £5 or £10 (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (never more) for the church collection plate.

You will never see the queen with a shoulder bag. She likes getting what is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ easily. That just proves Her Majesty knows how to be practical and fashionable.

	<b>ANSWERS</b>	
<b>0</b>	<b><i>EVER</i></b>	✓
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		
<b>10</b>		

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## TEXT 2

Read the following text about corals, and choose the correct answer (a, b or c) according to the text. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to write your answers in the white box on the right. (3.2 marks: 0.4 each)

### CORALS

Many people think corals are plants. But they're actually animals! Plants make their own food, but corals get food from their habitat. That's why experts say they're animals. Corals are related to two other colorful marine animals, jellyfish and anemones.

You may have seen coral before in a saltwater fish tank. But nothing compares to the beautiful structures it makes in the open sea. Small groups of corals are called "colonies". When many coral colonies come together, they make one of the Earth's most diverse ecosystems: the coral reef.

Coral reefs are home to about 25 percent of sea life. That's a lot, since they make up less than two percent of the ocean floor. The world's largest reef— the Great Barrier Reef — holds over 2,000 species. You'll find fish, sharks, turtles, and many more animals in its 1,200 square miles.

Today, the Great Barrier Reef is so big that it can even be seen from space! But it took about 20,000 years for it to get that large. That's because corals grow very slowly. Most types of coral grow less than one inch a year.

Speaking of growth, how is coral made, anyway? Coral actually reproduces in a couple of different ways. First, when a coral polyp gets big enough, it can split in two. This makes a second polyp that is a copy of the first one. Coral also grows when polyps send reproductive cells out into the water. These cells come together and form new polyps.

Hard (or stony) coral build coral reefs. Each new polyp has its own skeleton. When these skeletons connect to others, they form coral colonies and reefs. Soft corals don't have skeletons, but may still live in a coral reef.

If you've ever seen pictures of coral reefs, you know they have many vibrant colors. But would you believe that corals actually start out colorless? It's true! Corals get their colors from algae that live in the reef. They feed on waste from the algae's photosynthesis. They also eat small fish and plankton that they trap with their tentacles.

Coral reefs are a very important ocean ecosystem. However, Earth's reefs are in danger. Pollution and climate change threaten their future. Coral bleaching (whitening), caused by increased ocean acidity, is also a threat.

If Earth's coral reefs are wiped out, what will happen to all the animals that live in them? It could spell disaster. Experts worry that the loss of reefs could lead to extinction for much marine life.

Are you wondering how you can help save the coral reefs? Experts suggest conserving water and keeping shorelines clean. It's also important to recycle and practice responsible fishing. Coral reefs are very important to life in Earth's oceans. Many people are working hard to help them.

Would you like to explore a coral reef one day? We hope you get to! Maybe you'll even find a whole new species of plant or animal there! There's no other place on Earth quite as colorful and diverse as a coral reef.

0. Corals

- a. *get their food from other animals.*
- b. **obtain food in their surroundings.**
- c. *produce their own food.*

①
<b>B</b>
✓

1. Corals

- a. can hardly ever grow in water tanks.
- b. form communities in the open ocean waters.
- c. get their beautiful shape from the salt in the water.

①

2. The Great Barrier Reef

- a. cannot really be seen from space.
- b. contains twenty-five per cent of sea plants.
- c. has developed along thousands of years.

②

3. Corals

- a. can reproduce in different ways.
- b. proliferate very slowly on the seashore.
- c. reproduce once a year.

③

4. Corals

- a. need to have a skeleton to survive.
- b. use their skeleton to join one another.
- c. with no skeleton leave the coral reef.

④

5. When corals are born, they

- a. are opaque.
- b. feed from red algae.
- c. have no color.

⑤

6. Because of pollution, corals are

- a. increasing the acidity of sea water.
- b. losing their original colors.
- c. quickly disappearing.

⑥

7. If corals disappear,

- a. other species will also disappear.
- b. some sea animals will have to feed only on algae.
- c. some seashores could be destroyed.

⑦

8. Life on coral reefs can be preserved by

- a. fishing in the open sea.
- b. keeping plastics away from sea water.
- c. maintaining littorals clean.

⑧

### TEXT 3

Read the following text about a Spanish family and decide which of the options (A - J) is the most appropriate to fill in each gap. Each option can be used only ONCE. There are **two extra options** which do not match any gaps. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to write your answers in the white box on the next page. (2.8 marks: 0.4 each)

#### MEET THE SPANISH FAMILY TRAVELING THE WORLD IN A TRUCK

After many trips together and a lot of thought, 38-year-old Martya Bruyel and 42-year-old Daniel Gimeno decided to leave everything behind and travel the world in a truck with their three small children, who are aged one, three and six. They have left behind school, their apartment and (0) \_\_\_\_\_ **G** \_\_\_\_\_, but also Madrid's traffic, pollution and noise.

In the first part of their trip, which began in December, the family will spend two years traveling across the Americas, all the way from Patagonia to Alaska. After that, they plan to travel throughout Asia for two years and then around Africa for another two. However, these exciting adventures do have their complications. The family has had to learn (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and work out what to do when the children become agitated, explains Bruyel on a video call from a parking lot south of Chile, while the children wave in the background. "We try to give the children a routine within which every day is different," she says.

After waking up and eating breakfast, Tao and Dhara, the eldest children, are home schooled by Bruyel, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, while Gimeno looks after the youngest. Bruyel is currently following the textbooks that her children began in September in Madrid. Starting next year, Tao will be enrolled in the Education Ministry's online distance education program (CIDEAD) and will have to study the regulated content so he can be examined online. But his parents value more the kind of education that isn't found in textbooks, (3) \_\_\_\_\_. "I obviously passed natural science," says Tao.

Although they have an itinerary, Bruyel understands that it's not easy to plan such a long and ambitious trip. "We want to learn how people live in other countries," she says, explaining that they have proposed shooting a documentary series as a way to finance their adventures, (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Since the family's truck arrived in Uruguay at the end of 2018, they have been driving south to reach the end of the continent. The family spent Christmas in the Sierra de la Ventana, a village in Argentina, where the children painted images on the truck to help Santa Claus (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and Three King's Day in the province of Río Negro, in the Patagonia region of Argentinian. Bruyel's birthday was spent in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. After Christmas they drove north to the Perito Moreno Glacier in Argentina and into Patagonia on the Chilean side.

Before starting their international adventure, "Los Mundo" (The Worlds), as the family is called on social media, went on a few trips to practice traveling with the children. In 2017, they visited Thailand and Vietnam with the two children they had at the time, and last year they traveled around Morocco in a van that they also slept in. It was in Vietnam where (6) \_\_\_\_\_. "We saw our children playing with Vietnamese children and we recognized their ability to communicate through the game they had created," says Bruyel.

The internet, although not always available, has allowed (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Tao and Dhara frequently write to their classmates and Bruyel and Gimeno periodically send videos back to their parents, who never understood their decision to travel. "My parents fought almost until the last day," says Bruyel. The next time the grandparents will see their grandchildren will be in the summer. And it won't be in Spain, it'll be in Peru.





# KEY

## COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS B1 SEPTIEMBRE 2020

TEXT 1: THE SECRET BEHIND QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PURSES (4 marks: 0.4 each)

	ANSWERS
0	EVER
1	WEAR
2	COLOURS
3	FEW
4	TIME
5	SOMEONE
6	DINNER
7	CHAT
8	KEEP
9	NOTE
10	INSIDE

TEXT 2: CORALS (3.2 marks: 0.4 each)

	ANSWERS
0	B
1	B
2	C
3	A
4	B
5	C
6	B
7	A
8	C

TEXT 3: MEET THE SPANISH FAMILY TRAVELING THE WORLD (2.8 marks: 0.4 each)

	ANSWERS
0	G
1	A
2	J
3	D
4	H
5	B
6	E
7	F