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LEA LAS SIGUIENTES INSTRUCCIONES

A continuación va a realizar una prueba que contiene tres ejercicios de comprensión de lectura.

Los ejercicios tienen la siguiente estructura: se presentan unos textos y se especifican unas tareas que deberá realizar en relación a dichos textos. Las tareas o preguntas serán del siguiente tipo:

- Preguntas de relacionar. Se presentan una serie de textos cortos y una serie de frases. Deberá relacionar cada texto con una de las frases. Sólo hay una frase correcta para cada texto y hay dos frases extra que no se relacionan con ninguno de los textos. Deberá elegir la respuesta correcta rodeando con un círculo la letra de su opción en la HOJA DE RESPUESTAS.

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En total, deberá contestar 20 preguntas para completar esta prueba. Antes de responder a las preguntas, lea atentamente las instrucciones de cada ejercicio.

Dispone de 50 minutos para responder todas las preguntas de los ejercicios que componen la prueba.

Utilice únicamente bolígrafo azul o negro y asegúrese de que su teléfono móvil y dispositivos electrónicos estén desconectados durante toda la prueba.

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<b>2</b>	<b>A</b>	As regards	<b>B</b>	Different from	<b>C</b>	Likewise	<b>D</b>	Unlike
<b>3</b>	<b>A</b>	as well as	<b>B</b>	in addition	<b>C</b>	in spite of	<b>D</b>	too
<b>4</b>	<b>A</b>	but	<b>B</b>	for	<b>C</b>	so	<b>D</b>	such as
<b>5</b>	<b>A</b>	Contrary to	<b>B</b>	Meanwhile	<b>C</b>	Unlike	<b>D</b>	While
<b>6</b>	<b>A</b>	Even though	<b>B</b>	No matter	<b>C</b>	Regardless of	<b>D</b>	Whether