

CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL INTERMEDIO B2 DE INGLÉS

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA PARA POBLACIÓN
ESCOLAR - CURSO 2021/22

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

CUMPLIMENTE LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:

APELLIDOS: _____

NOMBRE: _____

CENTRO ESCOLAR: _____

INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR ESTA PARTE:

DURACIÓN: **75 minutos**

- Esta parte consta de tres tareas. Lea las instrucciones al principio de cada tarea y realícela según se indica.
- Las respuestas escritas a lápiz o en tinta roja no se calificarán.
- No está permitido el uso del diccionario.
- El uso de cualquier dispositivo electrónico queda prohibido durante toda la prueba. El móvil tendrá que permanecer apagado y guardado.
- **Atención:** No escriba en los recuadros sombreados; son espacios reservados para la calificación de las tareas.

PUNTUACIÓN: / 10



TASK 1 (6 X 0.4 = 2.4 points)

Read the following short messages. Choose the recipients (B-I) which best matches the messages (1-6). Write the corresponding letter (B-I) in the answer grid provided below.

There are two recipients which you do not need. 0 is given as an example. Write your answers in the answer grid provided.

MARK

SHORT MESSAGES

Message 0: Someone who has a process on hold

Hey James, we noticed that you added products to your cart but didn't check out. If you complete your purchase by 12/11/2021, use offer code SAVE10 at checkout to save an extra 10%.

Message 1: _____

Hi there! Thanks for your interest in careers at FSU! Please click the link below to begin your application. <https://fsu.career.com>

Message 2: _____

Hi Sandra, how are you enjoying your coffee table? Did you get a chance to decorate it? We think you'll love this decorating tips article. Check here to get inspired: <http://homeware.com/how-to-decorate>

Message 3: _____

Hello Nicolas! Glad to have you with us! Get rewarded for free! Collect your free baggage after your purchase. Show this msg. Valid 7 days.

Message 4: _____

Hi Madeline. This is John from Zipwhip Insurance. This is just a friendly reminder to our appointment at 7pm today. Please be sure to fill out all the paperwork I emailed you prior to our meeting as well. Thanks!

Message 5: _____

Welcome to Braze! We are excited to have you on board. Check out our documentation to get started. <https://www.braze.com/docs/>

Message 6: _____

Hi Matt! Tomorrow's your birthday and we wanted to be the first one to wish you the best! Use code 8DIY9FT at checkout for a price reduction!

zipwhip.com / sendpulse.com / eztexting.com / lucidpress.com



	HEADING
A.	Someone who has a process on hold.
B.	Someone who has been given a free birthday present.
C.	Someone who needs to fill in some paperwork.
D.	Someone interested in continuing with studies.
E.	Someone who has got a gift.
F.	Someone who is asked to get informed beforehand.
G.	Someone keen on DIY projects.
H.	Someone who is looking for a job.
I.	Someone who has gotten a discount.

Message	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Recipient	A						
Correction	✓						



TASK 2 (9 X 0.4 = 3.6 points)

You are going to read a text about the dangers of exotic pets. Fill in the gaps with a phrase from the phrase bank. There are THREE phrases in the grid that you do not need to use. Item 0 is given as an example.

Write your answers in the answer grid provided.

MARK

DANGERS OF OWNING AN EXOTIC PET

Cats and dogs are the 0 household pets. People grow up 1 and learning responsibility from them. However, some people may find interest in a variety of uncommon pets or exotic animals. Exotic pets are animals kept within the household that are generally thought to live as a wild species. Because they're not meant for domestication, these animals can be quite dangerous.

Firstly, they don't adjust well to captivity. Some exotic animals are used to 2 and roam large areas where they can run and play. When they are brought in as pets, people don't have the same amount of room to give them. Rather than accommodating the animal, exotic pet owners try to change the animal's habitat. To do this they put them in confinement or barren enclosures, sometimes 3 to help restrict them. They will try to make the exotic animals submissive by beating, declawing, and removing teeth. All these treatments can anger the animals which may lead to them 4.

Secondly, unpredictability. Every exotic pet is unpredictable in its own way. When working with monkeys, you never know when they may bite you. This can lead to potential health risks when it comes to diseases. Lions, tigers, leopards, etc. have ability to attack 5. They can catch you by surprise, leaving you unprotected and out of luck. Even if they are detained in cages, there have been multiple cases of them escaping and prowling the community. Reptiles are also known for 6, allowing for them to bite others with their potentially poisonous venom, or strangle them to death.

Besides physical injuries from bites, exotic animals can carry zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases are those that generally live in animals, but can be transferred to humans. They can be dangerous because there usually aren't very many known treatments for these diseases.

Besides, they are hard to properly care for. They need 7 and diets, and those needs need to be maintained. If anything is neglected, the animal will suffer.

In the end, many exotic pet owners decide they can't handle 8 with these wild pets. They turn to zoos and sanctuaries to give them a new home. The problem is these places can't juggle the amount of new animals coming in. This results in them 9 or left in horrible conditions. Consider the dangers for you, your family, and the public when purchasing an exotic pet.

<https://www.globelifeinsurance.com/article/dangers-of-owning-an-exotic-pet>



PHRASE BANK				
Being euthanised	Being free	Being nurtured	Even chaining	Forming bonds
Getting aggressive	Keeping up	<i>Most popular</i>	Restraining people	Sneakily escaping
Special lodging	Unsteady housing	Unsuspecting people		

0. <i>Most popular</i>	✓						
1.		2.		3.		4.	
5.		6.		7.		8.	
9.							



TASK 3 (10 X 0.4 = 4 points)

Read the following text and decide if the sentences are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). Sentence 0 is an example.

Write your answer next to the sentences in the table.

MARK

THE SIMPSONS

Now on its 31st season, *The Simpsons* has become the longest running animated sitcom⁽¹⁾ in history. Originally starting in 1989, *The Simpsons* boasts a track record of 676 episodes and one movie. The cultural impact of this show in my eyes is inarguable.

Due to its longevity, *The Simpsons* has been both benefited and been harmed by the passage of time. In one respect, the show has managed to truly develop its characters into realistic (although satirical) depictions of American life. On the other hand, the show has declined in popularity over its decades-long run — there was an average of 4 million viewers in Season 27 as compared to 10 million in Season 17. *The Simpsons* simply just isn't as good as it once was. The main cast members even agreed to a pay cut to \$300,000 per-episode from \$400,000 in 2011, due to the show's declining ratings. Regardless, *The Simpsons* has had a direct influence on the American experience whether that be in pop-culture, Americana, or television. It's inarguable that *The Simpsons* has had its say, so to speak.

Some of the show's cultural impact is less tangible. The show's catchphrases and one-liners create a shared cultural knowledge among fans. And its success as a prime-time animated show led directly to the creation of others of its kind, like *Family Guy*, *American Dad*, and *Futurama*, and less directly to an explosion of witty animated shows aimed at adults. Take a moment to imagine a pop culture landscape without *The Simpsons* and you'll understand its impact. The show convinced America (and the world) that animation could be for adults and still be commercially lucrative at primetime. This opened the door for the likes of *Beavis & Butt-head*, *South Park* and countless imitators - and also set the tone for a new kind of self-aware, hyper-referential form of comedy that has influenced everything from *The Office* to *The Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report*.

As *Family Guy* creator Seth MacFarlane puts it, "*The Simpsons* created an audience for primetime animation that had not been there for many, many years. As far as I'm concerned, they basically re-invented the wheel. They created what is in many ways -you could classify it as a wholly new medium."

Powered by a razor-sharp, witty writing team, including future *Late Night* host Conan O'Brien, *The Simpsons* often turned its spotlight on the absurdities and shortcomings of the sitcom format, skilfully breaking the bounds of those same limitations in the process. But *The Simpsons* influence stretches beyond the confines of TV. The show's commercial success, and the multibillion-dollar merchandise empire that grew up around it, had a huge effect on the popularity of then-emerging Fox network, whose trajectory would surely have been different without the presence of everyone's favourite dysfunctional family. The show has spawned a hugely successful movie, a double-platinum album, a theme park ride, and countless video games, books, comics, fan sites and academic papers, walking the line between mainstream and subversive; kid-friendly and adult humour, and high and low culture all the while.

Although *The Simpsons* is loved by many, it is evident that the show has seen its better days. As Matt Groening, the creator of *The Simpsons* once said: "The problem with doing a sitcom which has lasted more than 300 episodes is you're trying not to repeat yourself, you're trying to surprise the audience, and you're trying to keep everybody who works on the show surprised. As a result, the show has gone off in some very peculiar directions." Despite the continuing decline of *The Simpsons* there seems to be no end in sight as Fox has already renewed *The Simpsons* for an unprecedented 31st and 32nd seasons. The renewal takes the hit animated series to yet another



record 713 episodes. Despite all of this, The Simpsons will always be remembered as a hallmark of American culture.

<https://www.woosterschool.org/page.cfm?p=1180&newsid=2992>

⁽¹⁾ **Sitcom**: it's the short form of **situation comedy**, a television or radio series made up of independent episodes showing the comic adventures of a group of characters.

	Sentence	TRUE/FALSE	Correction
0.	<i>The Simpsons has been running for more time than other sitcoms.</i>	FALSE	✓
1.	The show has inspired a feature film.		
2.	The Simpsons has been negatively affected by its popularity.		
3.	The sitcom shows a realistic depiction of today's society.		
4.	The show's viewers have been growing in number for decades.		
5.	The show introduced new expressions in everyday conversations.		
6.	Some show-runners credit the impact of the show.		
7.	<i>The Simpsons</i> reinforced the weaknesses of sitcoms.		
8.	The show's success was of use for the prosperity of Fox network.		
9.	The show struggles in its attempt to amaze the audience nowadays.		
10.	There won't be a 31 st and a 32 nd season for <i>The Simpsons</i> .		

CLAVE DE RESPUESTAS – COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS NIVEL INTERMEDIO B2 DE INGLÉS – PCEI PARA POBLACIÓN ESCOLAR – CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA - CURSO 2021/22

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Write your answers in the answer grid provided.

MARK

Message	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Recipient	A	H	G	E	C	F	I
Correction	✓						

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6
Puntuación	0,4	0,8	1,2	1,6	2	2,4

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0. Most popular	✓				
1. Forming bonds		2. Being free		3. Even chaining	4. Getting aggressive
5. Unsuspecting people		6. Sneakily escaping		7. Special lodging	8. Keeping up
9. Being euthanized					

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Puntuación	0,4	0,8	1,2	1,6	2	2,4	2,8	3,2	3,6

**TASK 3 (10 X 0.4 = 4 points)**

Read the following text and decide if the sentences are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). Sentence 0 is an example.

Write your answer next to the sentences in the table.

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7.	<i>The Simpsons</i> reinforced the weaknesses of sitcoms.	FALSE	
8.	The show's success was of use for the prosperity of Fox network.	TRUE	
9.	The show struggles in its attempt to amaze the audience nowadays.	TRUE	
10.	There won't be a 31 st and a 32 nd season for <i>The Simpsons</i> .	FALSE	

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Puntuación	0,4	0,8	1,2	1,6	2	2,4	2,8	3,2	3,6	4