

CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL INTERMEDIO B2

IDIOMA: INGLÉS

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA - 2024

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ORALES

CUMPLIMENTE LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:

APELLIDOS: _____

NOMBRE: _____

ASPIRANTE: Libre ☐ Escolarizado ☐ Grupo: _____
(Marque con una X la respuesta que corresponda)

INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR ESTA PARTE:

DURACIÓN: 40 minutos

- Esta parte consta de tres tareas. Escuchará cada grabación dos veces. Escuche y lea las instrucciones al principio de cada tarea y realícela según se indica.
- Sólo se admitirán respuestas en tinta negra o azul, las tareas escritas a lápiz 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**



APELLIDOS: _____ NOMBRE: _____

TASK 1 (6 x 0.4 marks = 2.4 marks)

Listen to six news stories from the BBC. Match each news story (1-6) to the most suitable phrase (A-J). There are THREE phrases that you do NOT need. Write your answers in the table provided. News story 0 is an example. Now you have 1 minute to read the task.

News stories

Phrases	
A	A charity raises money for wildlife.
B	Extreme temperatures change school timetable.
C	Fall in wildlife population.
D	Global warming affects coastal communities.
E	Government acts to reduce plastic use.
F	Heavy rain forces citizens to leave.
G	How to clean our oceans.
H	Lessons cancelled due to heat wave.
I	Unequal levels of CO2 emissions.
J	Unexpected levels of floating plastic.

Source: BBC News

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 1 HERE:							
News story	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Phrase	I						
	✓						
					MARK		



APELLIDOS: _____ NOMBRE: _____

TASK 2 (8 x 0.4 marks = 3.2 marks)

Listen to an interview with a doctor about the benefits of learning new skills. For sentences (1-8), choose the best option (a, b or c). Write your answers in the table provided. Sentence 0 is an example. Now you have 2 minutes to read the task.

Learning a new skill

0. We all want to stay healthy but we often receive ... advice.

- a) ... *contradictory*
- b) ... *quick and simple*
- c) ... *unnecessary*

1. To strengthen your body's defences...

- a) ... avoid bacteria.
- b) ... do more squats.
- c) ... take cold showers.

2. The benefits of learning a new skill...

- a) ... apply mostly to physical hobbies.
- b) ... can be measured in your brain.
- c) ... depend on your levels of boredom.

3. For these activities to be beneficial they should be...

- a) ... challenging.
- b) ... enjoyable.
- c) ... measurable.

4. A study has shown that people who... were less stressed.

- a) ... did something relaxing
- b) ... had fewer hobbies
- c) ... learnt something new



APELLIDOS: _____ NOMBRE: _____

5. 'Flow' is...

- a) ... better than meditation.
- b) ... how we process information.
- c) ... the state of being fully concentrated.

6. The effects of 'flow'...

- a) ... boost the fight or flight response.
- b) ... help us calm down.
- c) ... reduce dopamine.

7. Learning a new language...

- a) ... engages the different parts of the brain.
- b) ... is as beneficial as any other skill.
- c) ... is more difficult than other skills.

8. Studying a new language...

- a) ... can make you smarter.
- b) ... reduces brain connections.
- c) ... requires daily practice.

Source: www.bbc.co.uk

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 2 HERE:									
Sentence	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Answer	a								
	✓								
MARK									



APELLIDOS: _____ NOMBRE: _____

TASK 3 (11 x 0.4 marks = 4.4 marks)

Listen to an extract from an interview about holiday travel. Decide if the sentences (1-11) are true or false according to the interview. Write your answers, T (TRUE) or F (FALSE), in the table provided. Sentence 0 is an example. Now you have 1 minute to read the task.

Sentences	
0	<i>Holiday season is the toughest time to travel.</i>
1	Benet Wilson is a very experienced flight attendant.
2	Airlines change their prices on certain weekdays.
3	A loyalty plan with an airline gives you access to cheaper flights.
4	Sometimes the airline app has more information than the gate agents.
5	The longer the flight, the higher the voucher in overbooked flights.
6	Longer waits ensure better compensation.
7	Airlines can choose to give overbooked passengers either a refund or a voucher.
8	If you ask for unrealistic compensation you will not get it.
9	Contact the airline if you think you will miss your flight.
10	Most airlines will make you pay extra if you miss your flight.
11	Low-cost airlines have fewer flights to accommodate passengers.

Source: NPR Life kit

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 3 HERE:												
Sentence	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
T/F	T											
	✓											
MARK												

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CLAVE DE RESPUESTAS

TASK 1 (6 x 0.4 marks = 2.4 marks)

Listen to six news stories from the BBC. Match each news story (1-6) to the most suitable phrase (A-J). There are **THREE** phrases that you do **NOT** need. Write your answers in the table provided. News story 0 is an example. Now you have 1 minute to read the task.

News story	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Phrase	I	B	D	E	F	C	J
Corrección	✓						

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6
Puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4

TASK 2 (8 x 0.4 marks = 3.2 marks)

Listen to an interview with a doctor about the benefits of learning new skills. For sentences (1-8), choose the best option (a, b or c). Write your answers in the table provided. Sentence 0 is an example. Now you have 1 minute 30 seconds to read the task.

Sentence	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Answer	a	c	b	a	c	c	b	a	a
Corrección	✓								

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4	2.8	3.2

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Sentence	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
T/F	T	F	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F	T
Corrección	✓											

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	4	4.4

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Transcripción de textos

TAREA 1

News stories

EXTRACT 0: Climate change is a global problem that will require a global solution, but not all countries carry equal responsibilities. The world's biggest emitters can make the biggest difference because over half of CO2 emissions come from 4 territories. China, the US, India and Europe. The EU's 27 Member States, along with the UK, produced more than 7% of all CO2 and for the latest in this series, let's consider what the EU is doing about that.

EXTRACT 1: Temperatures in some areas of Spain are expected to hit or remain around 43 degrees Celsius this week as a sweltering heat wave continues to hang over the country. The soaring temperatures have caused the authorities to put many areas of the country on alert due to the risk of wildfires. Marco Bell reports. In the region of Extremadura more than a 100 schools have reduced their hours due to the heat wave so that children can go home at midday.

EXTRACT 2: In the north of Greenland, people have lived and thrived in one of the world's toughest environments. For local communities, climate change feels close to home as Adrienne Murray reports from the Arctic coastal town of Ilulissat. In many ways, Arctic life has become easier. It's possible to fish year round and Ilulissat is booming. However, this month Greenland's ice sheet saw unseasonable melting, a group of climate scientists warned that major sea level rise is inevitable.

EXTRACT 3: Almost wherever you go in the world, it seems you can find throw away plastic water bottles. Most of them only ever get used once before becoming a major environmental problem. Now Scotland, which was host to last year's COP 26 Climate conference, is changing the law to tackle the problem. From June it will ban single use plastics, not just bottles, but also cutlery and fast food containers made from polystyrene. Hundreds of millions of items of polluting plastic that can only be used once are about to be banned for good.

EXTRACT 4: Several communities have been ordered to evacuate, including some in the state capital Melbourne. Floods have swamped roads, forced school closures and cut power to 3000 houses and businesses. Hundreds of properties have been inundated with rescue teams racing to reach those in urgent need to leave. In some areas, the only way to get around is by boat.

EXTRACT 5: There's a desperate plea for global support, governments, businesses and the public must take action to reverse the destruction of biodiversity. Sean Dilley reports. The charity's latest Living Planet Report warns that global wildlife populations have fallen by nearly 70% in around 50 years. The most impacted species live here in Latin America and the Amazon, where deforestation is destroying trees and the species who rely on them to sustain life.

EXTRACT 6: The problem of plastic pollution in the seas is well known, but new research has suggested that there could be many more tiny particles of the waste floating just beneath the surface of the Atlantic Ocean than scientists had realised. The findings, based on an analysis of samples and on computer modelling, highlight the largely invisible scale of the pollution clogging the world's second largest ocean.

Source: BBC News

TAREA 2

Learning new skills

We'd all like some quick and simple ways to improve our health, but we're bombarded with often conflicting advice. So if you were going to do just one thing to improve your mental and physical well-being, what should it be? Maybe a few squats to enhance your brain or more bacteria to improve your mood? Or even a cold shower to boost your immune system. I'm doctor Michael Mosley and this is 'Just One Thing' where we'll explore one thing you can start doing tomorrow to improve your health or life in ways you might not expect.

During the first lock down, many of us decided to pick up new hobbies like drawing, knitting or making sourdough bread. If you did, then you will be delighted to know that there are benefits to learning something new that go beyond simply staving off boredom. There is evidence that learning new skills will give your brain a really good workout in ways that are measurable. Not all new hobbies are equally beneficial. If you really want to keep your brain in good shape, you need to do something that's a bit more demanding than baking biscuits.

Taking up a new hobby or learning a new skill can be hugely beneficial both for the way you feel and the way you think. When you're stressed, taking on something new may be the last thing you want to do, but studies have shown that learning something new can actually reduce your stress levels. In fact, in one study where participants were asked to learn something new or do something relaxing, it turned out it was the group who were asked to learn something new who saw the biggest reductions in levels of stress. Doing something that absorbs you and gets you concentrating in the present moment can have similar benefits to practising mindfulness. This is called 'flow'. Our nervous system is only capable of processing a limited amount of information at a time. So when you're fully absorbed in something, it effectively kind of pauses the outside world. And the effects of 'flow' are similar to those of meditation, calming the fight or flight response that keeps our bodies in a constant state of stress. And if that wasn't enough when you're doing your hobby you enjoy, your brain releases a chemical called dopamine, our natural antidepressant. And it's not just your mental health. Learning something new can change the way you think as well as how you

feel. Learning a new skill is an excellent workout for your brain. It forges new brain pathways which help grow new brain connections, literally boosting your brainpower.

Learning any new skill can do this, whether it is drawing or knitting. But one of the best things you can do for your brain is learn a new language. Language learning engages an extensive brain network and juggling between different sounds, words, concepts, and grammatical and social rules enhances blood flow and connections across the entire brain. Studies have shown it literally changes your brain, boosting both the number of nerve cells and the connections between them. It can even improve your intelligence, but only, unfortunately, if you practise your new language for at least five hours a week.

Source: www.bbc.co.uk

TAREA 3

Tips to make holiday travel less stressful

SEGARRA: So are you traveling this week? If you are, I mean, honestly, it might be a little rough.

BENET WILSON: I have learned from years of travel, the absolute worst time to travel is during the holidays.

SEGARRA: Benet Wilson is a freelance aviation journalist in San Antonio. Wilson travels a lot - takes about 35 to 50 flights a year. And she's got some tips for you on what to do when you're traveling for the holidays and everything that could go wrong goes wrong. OK. First things first, some people haven't booked flights yet for the holidays. What is the cheapest time to do that?

WILSON: Sooner rather than later. The ideal days to buy tickets are usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays because changes are made on fares - Tuesdays and Wednesdays seem to be that sweet spot for getting the best fares.

SEGARRA: Do you have any advice on whether it's best to establish some kind of loyalty plan with one airline or just to fly with whichever is cheapest for the holidays?

WILSON: Well, for me, I prefer to have status with at least one airline because, most importantly, when there is an issue I can call a special hotline to get my issues resolved. If you don't have status, you can be on the phone for hours, depending on what's going on.

SEGARRA: OK. I want to pivot now to the day of and some of the mishaps that can come up when you're traveling for the holidays. What do you do if, you know, it starts snowing and your flight is delayed?

WILSON: OK. As soon as you find out, I always tell people to make sure they have the airline app on their phone because you get information on there sometimes quicker than the gate agents will get. So look at the app, and then they will offer you the chance to reschedule your flight. Whatever you do, do not stand in the long line. Either use the app or just call the airline directly. Some airlines will proactively rebook you. But if it's something that doesn't work for you, you should definitely call.

SEGARRA: OK. What do you do if your plane is overbooked?

WILSON: This is that time of year. Overbooking, they're always going to ask for volunteers first. And then as a volunteer you will get a voucher if you've got the flexibility. The more crowded the planes are, the higher that voucher is going to be. So you can negotiate that. You can say, well, if I'm going on this flight, I would like a first-class seat or at least premium economy. You ask for food vouchers - 25 bucks, 30 bucks, you know. If it is a long layover, you can ask for access to the airline lounge, which is very nice. It's very comfortable - great seats, food, drink, everything you would want to be comfortable until your flight departs. But if

you are involuntarily bumped, you do have some rights. No. 1, you can get your money back. You do not have to take a voucher. And they have to accommodate you on the next available flight. It's kind of a pain, but, you know, you do have rights if you're being kicked off. And you're much more likely to be bumped if you paid less for your ticket or you don't have status with the airline.

SEGARRA: So what language would you use as you're trying to negotiate these things?

WILSON: I would say, OK, I'm here to volunteer to be bumped. And they've set a price - let's say they've said 500. But I think 500's a little low. Could we go up to 750 or maybe even a thousand? All they can do is say no. My grandmother says closed mouths don't get fed. So if you don't ask the question, you're not going to get it.

SEGARRA: Now I'm going to try it - never tried something like that.

WILSON: All they can do is say no.

SEGARRA: What should you do if you miss your flight? What are your options?

WILSON: If you miss your flight during the holidays, you are going to have to throw yourself on the mercy of the gate agent or the ticket agent. This is not the time of year that you want to miss a flight, but stuff happens, and airlines are pretty forgiving about it. You know, if you are in the car and you know you're going to miss your flight, get on the phone. Call the airline while you're still driving so you can get other accommodations. If you get there and you know that - oh, I thought I was going to make it, but I didn't - go to the ticket counter and just explain the situation, and they will try to accommodate you as much as possible.

SEGARRA: So I was wondering, if you do miss your flight, are you going to have to pay for a whole other flight?

WILSON: It really depends on the airline. Some will raise the price, but they really - I will say, they really do try to accommodate you as much as possible. Now, if you are on a low-fare carrier, it's going to be a little tougher because, you know, they don't have the big schedules like the major airlines do. And, you know, one delay or cancellation can really affect everything going down the line. So, you know, just keep that in mind, and make sure that you can be flexible.

Source: NPR Life kit