

# CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL INTERMEDIO B2 DE INGLÉS

## CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA PARA POBLACIÓN ESCOLAR - CURSO 2023/24

### COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

CUMPLIMENTE LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:

APELLIDOS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

CENTRO ESCOLAR: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR ESTA PRUEBA:

#### DURACIÓN: 70 minutos

- Esta prueba consta de tres tareas. Lea las instrucciones al principio de cada tarea y realícelas 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

**TASK 1 (6 x 0.4 marks = 2.4 marks)**

Read these texts about haunted places to be found around the world and match each text (1-6) to the most appropriate heading (A-J). There are THREE headings you do NOT need. Write your answers in the table provided. Text 0 is an example.

**MARK**

## Some of the most haunted places in the world

**TEXT 0**

*Edinburgh Castle, a 12th-century fortress in Scotland, has seen a lot of history over the years. Many different experiences have been reported, including unexplained music echoing through the halls. Some guests believe the music is from the ghost of a piper who died in the castle. You can tour the castle on your next trip to Scotland's capital city.*

**TEXT 1**

Ever since it was completed in 1888, Fairmont Banff Springs hotel in Canada has been associated with paranormal activity. One of the most famous legends is of the *Ghost Bride*, a woman who reportedly awaits people in the hotel ballroom. The postcard-perfect hotel still welcomes guests to the heart of Banff National Park.

**TEXT 2**

Over 24 acres of gardens make Tao Dan Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, look like a paradise, but at night, locals have reported that the space takes on a different feel. Rumours say that the ghost of a young man who was killed in an attack still wanders the park, looking for his lost love.

**TEXT 3**

Two hundred miles from Delhi, India, the abandoned fortress of Bhangarh sticks out in the middle of the desert. Legend has it that a conjurer cast a curse on the area after being rejected by a local princess. Guests can still visit the fort's impressive ruins today.

**TEXT 4**

A short trip from Venice, the beautiful island of Poveglia was once a quarantine zone for people suffering from the plague. In addition, the island was used as an insane asylum in the early 20th century. Ghost hunters claim this spot is a hotbed of paranormal activity, but visits are currently prohibited.

**TEXT 5**

Built in the 12th-century, Ancient Ram Inn in Wotton-under-Edge, England, is one of the oldest in the Western world. It is believed to have once been a pagan burial ground, and boasts that it is haunted by more than 20 spirits, including ghost children and a pagan high priestess. Fearless travellers can book a ghost hunt at the inn in hopes of experiencing the spirits themselves.

**TEXT 6**

Wolfsegg Castle in Germany is apparently haunted by a woman who scares off any visitors who pass. She is rumoured to be the ghost of Klara von Helfenstein, who was reportedly murdered by her jealous husband. The castle is open for visitors on weekends and holidays from May through mid-October.

Adapted from [www.travelandleisure.com](http://www.travelandleisure.com)



Headings	
<b>A</b>	Intrepid visitors can visit an old-time graveyard.
<b>B</b>	Book your tour of the abandoned madhouse, if you dare.
<b>C</b>	Ghosts of all ages roaming around the old hospital.
<b>D</b>	Abandoned ruins haunted by resentful wizard.
<b>E</b>	Ghost in love walking around gardens.
<b>F</b>	<del>Notes heard from the afterlife.</del>
<b>G</b>	Once reserved for the mentally diseased.
<b>H</b>	Haunted accommodation since its opening.
<b>I</b>	Unfortunate wife keeps people away.
<b>J</b>	Unjustly murdered husband seeks revenge.

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 1 HERE							
Text	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Heading	<i>F</i>						
Correction	✓						

**TASK 2 (9 x 0.4 marks = 3.6 marks)**

Read this text about how to do better at school. Fill in each gap (1-9) with the most suitable word from the WORD BANK provided. There are THREE extra words you do NOT need. Write your answers in the table provided. Item 0 is an example.

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### 4-tip guide to a successful school year

A new school year always brings about a new experience in every sense of life. This experience also may or may not be pleasant at 0 times, and when you're struggling with handling everything at once, you start to look for methods to lighten your 1. This article will list some tips and methods that you can utilize this school year to make it the most fruitful and smooth sailing, and that will help you 2 work towards meeting the goals you set in school and in life.

It's easier said than done, but cutting 3 procrastination from your life will alleviate many of the problems you have as a result of school and other activities in your life. Commence by paying more attention in class, asking for more teacher help, and fastening your school work completion time. By doing all of these, you'll be able to understand the curriculum 4 carrying out your assignments and making time for other activities.

Whether it be in class, at home, or anywhere else, make sure you reduce your phone usage. Phones, more often than not, are an excellent 5 of distraction and can get you caught up in other affairs while dealing with something at hand. By all means, make sure you have your phone with you, but reserve it primarily for emergencies or necessary communication. Cutting your phone off from the time designated to do your activities and responsibilities is 6 to most efficiently completing what you need to do.

If you're struggling with learning something taught at your school and need extra help, then commence 7 it! Inquire teachers and peers about tutoring opportunities and after-school or before-school help to most efficiently complete and understand the work you're given. Taking initiative with your education and 8 value on it is the most crucial part of achieving a better academic and scholastic standing.

Make study plans and meet up with friends in 9 place is ideal to share your knowledge on the subject and help each other out in understanding it. Set a time limit for studying and do something safe and fun after to clear your mind and enjoy being with friends.

*Adapted from [www.theteenmagazine.com](http://www.theteenmagazine.com)*



WORD BANK				
key	load	looking	out	placing
progressively	rarely	seeking	source	whatever
which	while	<b>varying</b>		

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 2 HERE					
0. <b>varying</b>	✓	1.		2.	
3.		4.		5.	
6.		7.		8.	
9.					

**TASK 3 (10 x 0.4 marks = 4 marks)**

Read this extract from a novel and decide if these sentences (1-10) are true or false. Write T (TRUE) or F (FALSE) in the table provided. Sentence 0 is an example.

**MARK**

## Don't hate the player

NOBODY ACTUALLY LIKED Emmett Franklin, but his birthday party was the most well-attended event on the fourth-grade social calendar. It didn't matter that Emmett was kind of an idiot or that he only ever hung out with Connor D. and Matt P. at school. What mattered was that every year, his parents got more than generous for an entire Saturday afternoon at the Hillford Mall Arcade, which meant everyone who showed up got two fat rolls of coins for the games and all the pizza they could eat for what might be the greatest five hours of their young lives.

Jake Hooper knew he was only invited to Emmett's birthday because their class had a rule that party invitations had to be given to every student in his homeroom. Even if he felt a bit uneasy showing up somewhere he wasn't wanted, the possibility of finally beating the high score on Knights of Darkness was too delicious to pass up. His mom was delighted he'd been invited and encouraged him to make some friends at the party, but the moment Jake stepped onto the arcade's sticky carpet, his eye met the big blue machine in the back—the one that would soon display HIGH SCORE: JCH on a colorful screen for everyone in the mall to see.

That machine was his ticket to glory. A ticket to glory that was, as Jake would soon discover, meant for someone else. He could tell from the back of her head that she didn't go to his school. Jake always sat in the back of the classroom and had gotten unusually good at telling people apart by their hairdos. This girl had big curly hair like no one in Mrs. Ripton's class. She might have been in a different class or gone to a different school, but either way she was at the party, outside of the "everyone gets an invite" rule.

Emmett must have liked her. If Emmett liked her, Jake was sure he didn't. But Jake Hooper wasn't a quitter. Games were his thing, maybe the only thing he was serious about. His classmates called him weird and loud, and his teachers wrote on his report card that he was "distractible," but Jake felt better about all of that when he played games. He liked the ones where he got to be a hero, kicking down bad guys and overpowering crowds of undead with a blast of fire magic. He also liked it when he got to play with his friends, who lived in other places but teamed up with him for crypt raids and group challenges. It was better, Jake thought, to win when other people could share it.

That was why Jake panicked when he got closer to the Knights of Darkness machine. He couldn't see the girl's face as she played, but he could tell she was concentrating hard on smashing through the creatures that rushed out to attack her from the castle on the side of the screen. Thanks to his new glasses, Jake saw from a short distance that her kill count was getting dangerously close to his own personal best.

*Adapted from the novel Don't Hate the Player, by Alexis Nedd (2021)*



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0.	<i>Emmett's birthday party was a clear reflection of his popularity.</i>	<i>F</i>	✓
1.	Emmett would hardly ever spend time with Connor and Matt at school.		
2.	Jake was unaware of why he had been invited to Emmett's party.		
3.	Jake's will to play exceeded his hesitation to attend the event.		
4.	It was a while after arriving that Jake spotted the Knights of Darkness machine.		
5.	Jake's victory expectations were going to be met soon.		
6.	Jake had developed a special skill thanks to his strategic position in class.		
7.	Gaming compensated the criticism Jake got at school.		
8.	Jake and his friends met to play together as a team.		
9.	Jake got scared when he saw the girl's face.		
10.	Despite her good performance the girl seemed unlikely to beat Jake's score.		

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**CLAVE DE RESPUESTAS**

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Heading	F	H	E	D	G	A	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. <i>varying</i>	✓	1. load		2. progressively	
3. out		4. while		5. source	
6. key		7. seeking		8. placing	
9. whatever					

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



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6.	Jake had developed a special skill thanks to his strategic position in class.	T	
7.	Gaming compensated the criticism Jake got at school.	T	
8.	Jake and his friends met to play together as a team.	T	
9.	Jake got scared when he saw the girl's face.	F	
10.	Despite her good performance the girl seemed unlikely to beat Jake's score.	F	

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