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- PUNTUACIÓN: La calificación de APTO se obtendrá con el 50% de respuestas correctas.
- A cada respuesta acertada le corresponderá un punto. Las respuestas erróneas no descontarán puntos.
- Esta parte consta de dos tareas.
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- Las respuestas escritas a lápiz o en rojo no se calificarán.
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READING COMPREHENSION

TAREA 1

Read the text and choose the best option (A, B or C) to complete each sentence. When you have finished, transfer your answers to the ANSWER BOX. Only one answer is correct. Gap 0 has been done as an example

STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVING RELATIONSHIP

Everyone's relationship is unique, and people come together for many different reasons. But there are some things that good relationships have in common. Knowing the basic principles of healthy relationships helps keep them meaningful, fulfilling and exciting in both happy times and sad.

What makes a healthy love relationship? Staying involved with each other. Some relationships get stuck in peaceful coexistence, but without truly relating to each other and working together. While it may seem stable on the surface, lack of involvement and communication increases distance. When you need to talk about something important, the connection and understanding may no longer be there.

Getting through conflict. Some couples talk things out quietly, while others may raise their voices and passionately disagree. The key in a strong relationship, though, is not to be fearful of conflict. You need to be safe to express things that bother you without fear of retaliation, and be able to resolve conflict without humiliation, degradation or insisting on being right.

Keeping outside relationships and interests alive. No one can meet all of our needs, and expecting too much from someone can put a lot of unhealthy pressure on a relationship. Having friends and outside interests not only strengthens your social network, but brings new insights and stimulation to the relationship, too.

Communicating. Honest, direct communication is a key part of any relationship. When both people feel comfortable expressing their needs, fears, and desires, trust and bonds are strengthened. Nonverbal cues—body language like eye contact, leaning forward or away, or touching someone's arm—are critical to communication.

Spend quality time together. You probably have fond memories of when you were first dating your loved one. Everything may have seemed new and exciting, and you may have spent hours just chatting together or coming up with new, exciting things to try. However, as time goes by, children, demanding jobs, long commutes, different hobbies and other obligations can make it hard to find time together. It's critical for your relationship, though, to make time for yourselves. If you don't have quality time, communication and understanding start to erode.

Commit to spending quality time together on a regular basis as well as trying something new together. Couples are often more fun and playful in the early stages of a relationship. However, this playful attitude can sometimes be forgotten as life challenges or old resentments start getting in the way. Keeping a sense of humor can actually help you get through tough times, reduce stress, and work through issues more easily.

Never stop communicating. Good communication is a fundamental part of a healthy relationship. When people stop communicating well, they stop relating well, and times of change or stress can really bring out disconnect. As long as you are communicating, you can work through whatever problem you're facing.

Learn your partner's emotional cues. Each of us is a little different in how we best receive information. Some people might respond better to sight, sound, or touch. Your partner's responses may be different from yours. Take some time to learn your partner's cues, and be sure to communicate your own as well. For example, one person might find a brief massage after a stressful day a loving mode of communication—while another might just want to talk over a hot cup of tea. So much of our communication is transmitted by what we don't say. For a relationship to work well, each person has to be receptive to sending and receiving nonverbal cues.

(Adapted from <http://www.helpguide.org/articles/relationships/relationship-help.htm>)

- 0. **According to the text...**
 - A. all relationships are essentially and naturally similar.
 - B. every relationship is somehow different.**
 - C. there is no way to compare one relationship to another.

- 1. **The article is aimed at helping readers to...**
 - A. always have a joyful relationship.
 - B. make their relationship worthwhile.
 - C. reveal the meaning of bad experiences.

- 2. **Healthy relationships...**
 - A. are a direct consequence of avoiding conflict.
 - B. are based on stability and relaxed coexistence.
 - C. require active dedication and commitment.

- 3. **When it comes to dealing with conflict each member of the couple...**
 - A. could always be able to resolve it just by giving in.
 - B. must try to avoid hurting each other's feelings.
 - C. ought to agree even without feeling convinced.

- 4. **Having friends and outside interests is beneficial because it...**
 - A. boosts self-esteem and a sense of belonging.
 - B. cuts down on the need for new stimuli.
 - C. refreshes and inspires the relationship.

- 5. **Some factors that improve communication are...**
 - A. anxiety and deceitful approaches.
 - B. feeling at ease and free to speak.
 - C. physical distance whenever possible.

- 6. **There is one element of the first stages of a relationship that should be maintained. This is...**
 - A. the desire to share time and laughter.
 - B. the ease of sacrificing and compromising.
 - C. the motivation to face any future difficulty.

- 7. **Ongoing communication is a fundamental part of a healthy relationship because it...**
 - A. always enables a solution, whatever the issue.
 - B. compensates for monotonous work environments.
 - C. surely puts an end to stress and disconnection.

- 8. **In a relationship communication goes beyond words so the partners should...**
 - A. avoid words that do not match body language.
 - B. figure out the system of cues used by the other.
 - C. try to avoid non-verbal cues as they are misleading.

ANSWER BOX

Sentence	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SCORE
Answer	B									X
Examiner	✓									/ 8

TAREA 2

Read the following texts in which nine people describe their job experiences. Match each of them with the appropriate heading below. There are 2 headings that you do not need. 0 has been done as an example.

JOB EXPERIENCES

HEADING: 0 -- PROVE WHAT YOU CAN DO RATHER THAN WHAT HAVE DONE

- A. Instead of focusing on what I had done professionally in the past, I focused on what I wanted to do in the future. I started a blog and decided to share my ideas with not just prospective employers, but the rest of the world. Writing on a regular basis will increase your communication skills, an important characteristic to have in any industry.

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- B. I worked as a secretary in Seoul Korea on an Army Post. I met interesting, world-famous people and had a cat-bird seat into diplomacy. While the secretarial work was not difficult, living in a Third World country was a deep learning experience for a young woman from rural Wyoming. It was one of the most valuable opportunities of my life. If you can, never turn down a chance for something new and exciting. It may be somewhat outside your comfort zone, but the lessons learned can change you and help for the rest of your life. It certainly did for me.

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- C. The job I really wanted was a research assistant. I brought a copy of my resume, a recommendation from a professor and my summer class schedule so I could confirm when I was available. I also researched the projects the department was working on so they would know I was familiar with their work. I think being prepared with the information they needed, along with being able to articulate why I wanted the job, helped me get the offer. I was hired on the spot!

HEADING: _____

- D. I was fresh out of school and had very little experience, and in the middle of the Recession, I landed a job at an Architecture office. I flipped through several offices and called them up. I introduced myself and told them my situation and asked if they were hiring. I took notes on who I called and also who I had got responses from. I had got a few leads, and the one that I liked the most actually asked for an interview. I got hired and have been working since for a year now. I advise you to keep a record of your job search. Don't be shy and keep high expectations.

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- E. I found employment and currently serve as the Director of Marketing. I learned about the foundation of *MyWorkster.com* through a gym conversation a few years back. The founder worked out at the same gym as me. After overhearing some discussions of which I remained on the outside, I approached him, expressing my interest. Nearly three years later *MyWorkster* is here and growing fast. If you meet two people with the same overall quality, not only will you choose the person you know, but you would also do it before you learn whether or not they are more qualified. So get out there and meet people and opportunities will most certainly find their way into your grasp.

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- G. After going on numerous interviews and job fairs, I realized that I acted too eager to please and too peppy. I went to the interview in my suit, with skirt, looking professional, making eye contact, smiling and answering all the questions with honesty. I thought for certain I'd get the job for Crane's Beach House in Delray. She, in fact, told me I made the top ten of her list and she did not call me back, so I called and she hired someone else.

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- H. I had been unemployed since I was 19 and I couldn't find a job anywhere! I didn't know why! In the past I had been hired because I was related to an employee, for convenience because I lived near the store and temporarily because I joined unemployment work searches. Therefore, I decided I had to do something about it so I went to my local unemployment offices and kept putting in applications at all the places around the corner from my house. I applied at places that were familiar with me and... I also used my mom to get me a job.

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HEADINGS

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1. ACTING ANXIOUS WON'T HELP
2. AVAILABLE 24/7. OTHER CANDIDATES MAY BE WAITING!
3. CV ONE MINUTE. A JOB THE NEXT
4. FAMILY AS THE LAST RESOURCE IN JOB HUNTING
5. FROM MY BIRTHPLACE TO THE WORLD OUT THERE
6. RECORD YOUR INTERVIEWS AND KEEP THEM
7. SOCIALISING: ANOTHER STEP IN THE CAREER LADDER
8. STAY FOCUSED AND AIM HIGH
9. WORKING AS A DIPLOMAT CHANGED MY LIFE
10. YOUR VERY BEST ON DISPLAY

ANSWER BOX

Text	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	SCORE
Headings	0									X
Examiner	✓									/ 8

TAREA 1	TAREA 2	PUNTUACIÓN TOTAL
		/ 16

TAREA 1:
STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVING RELATIONSHIP

ANSWER BOX

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

TEXT (*STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVING RELATIONSHIP*)

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WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY LOVE RELATIONSHIP? (Sentence 2) Staying involved with each other. Some relationships get stuck in peaceful coexistence, but without truly relating to each other and working together. While it may seem stable on the surface, **lack of involvement and communication increases distance.** When you need to talk about something important, the connection and understanding may no longer be there.

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KEEPING OUTSIDE RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERESTS ALIVE. No one can meet all of our needs, and expecting too much from someone can put a lot of unhealthy pressure on a relationship. Having friends and outside interests **(Sentence 4) not only strengthens your social network, but brings new insights and stimulation to the relationship, too.**

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ANSWER BOX

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HEADINGS	0	5	3	8	7	2	1	4	10

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