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**PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS**

**TAREAS:** La prueba de Comprensión de Textos Escritos consta de TRES textos y TRES tareas.

**DURACIÓN TOTAL: 75 minutos**

**INDICACIONES:**

- TODAS las respuestas se escribirán en la **hoja de respuestas**.
- No escribir en las zonas sombreadas
- Emplear tinta permanente azul o negra. No usar lápiz.
- Corregir ~~tachando~~ el texto. No usar correctores líquidos o cintas.
- Puntuación total: **26 puntos**. "Apto"  $\geq 13$

**TASK 1 ► Read TEXT 1: "Baking Her Way". Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each item. The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A, B, C or D) on the answer sheet, in spaces 1 to 9.**

**9 points**

EXAMPLE:

A. dreams ✓	B. nightmares	C. power	D. thoughts
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1.	A. colleagues	B. employees	C. employers	D. workers
2.	A. caused	B. compared with	C. concerned	D. related to
3.	A. delighted	B. discouraged	C. offensive	D. stubborn
4.	A. greengrocer's	B. grocery store	C. retail	D. stall
5.	A. decision	B. living	C. success	D. wish
6.	A. attend	B. cover	C. keep up	D. run out
7.	A. didn't either	B. didn't just	C. not only	D. wouldn't ever
8.	A. A minority	B. Mostly	C. Particularly	D. The majority
9.	A. equivalent	B. fairly	C. promptly	D. roughly

Source: Read Works (<https://cutt.ly/uTms4ZV>)

**TASK 2. Read TEXT 2: “Young Environmentalist Helps Create Policy Change in Nepal”. Decide which EIGHT sentences below (A-R) are TRUE, according to the text. The first item is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A-R) on the answer sheet, in spaces 10 to 17.**

**8 points**

EXAMPLE: Dipika Badal is fond of the natural environment. ✓

- A. The protests Dipika organized in 2018 were mainly followed by students.
- B. There is no pollution in some areas of Nepal.
- C. Air pollution in Kathmandu is getting worse and worse.
- D. According to Yale’s index, 178 countries have better air quality than Nepal.
- E. Dipika organized people around her to join her cause.
- F. The *Pahal* movement began thanks to the help of the local government.
- G. Air pollution is one of the main causes of death in Kathmandu.
- H. Now people in Kathmandu know more about the air they breathe.
- I. The success of the three protests was reported on [www.peacefirst.org](http://www.peacefirst.org).
- J. Many people appreciated their actions while the silent protest was in progress.
- K. The Prime Minister himself got involved to make sure real change was made.
- L. Authorities have given priority to the use of electric cars from the very beginning.
- M. Dipika wants young people to engage in actions that help improve their community.
- N. Dipika shares her experience so that young people know about her interests.
- O. ‘*We’ for Change* tries to motivate everybody to achieve real change.
- P. Dipika first started at ‘*We’ for Change* as a Program Manager.
- Q. *Pahal* started its activity while Dipika was working at ‘*We’ for Change*.
- R. Dipika has recently taken a step back from her activity at *Pahal*.

Adapted from Faze (<https://cutt.ly/GYNF6y1>)

**TASK 3 ► Read TEXT 3: “Discovering Houston: This Cosmopolitan Texan City Has It All”. Choose the line (A-M) from the list below that best completes each gap. There are FOUR extra LINES that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A-M) on the answer sheet, in spaces 18 to 26.**

**9 points**

EXAMPLE: our team here had not yet made the trip ✓

- A. a thorough stroll through the Contemporary Arts Museum
- B. avoiding the city tour bus in favour of taxiing
- C. countless completed masterpieces and saw numerous artists
- D. in town, the murals can be viewed all year round
- E. learn about the city, get your bearings, and see interesting sites
- F. not to mention cuisines and cultures
- G. paths are well designed, safe, and extensive
- H. significant wealth and equally significant support of the arts
- I. that should be on your must-see list
- J. that we were able to sample and savour
- K. that will transport you to destinations of your choice
- L. to fly under the radar in the popular consciousness of travellers
- M. you'll get the chance to touch a real moon rock

Adapted from Faze (<https://cutt.ly/2TBRF5B>)

# Text 1: Baking Her Way

It takes a lot of hard work and determination to achieve big goals. Many times, people must persevere in spite of obstacles to realize their **-EXAMPLE-**. Collette Divitto is a talented baker who managed to do just that. She used her bright personality, determination, and talent to become an entrepreneur.

Collette Divitto was born in Boston. Like many others, after graduating from college, she wanted to get a job. She went to many job interviews, but she kept getting rejected. Many **-1-** said she was “not the right fit.” Divitto believed she was being rejected so often because she was born with Down syndrome.



Down syndrome is a genetic disorder **-2-** a person's chromosomes. Chromosomes are rod-like structures in our cells that carry our genes. Genes hold the codes that determine our physical features, like our height or how we smile. Most people have 23 pairs of chromosomes in each cell. People with Down syndrome have a full or partial extra copy of one of those chromosomes in all or some of their cells. As a result, they often have intellectual or physical disabilities.

Facing many job rejections, Divitto felt **-3-** and hurt. She felt she wanted to open her own business and be her own boss. She thought about her hobbies and passions. Divitto knew she loved baking. She would always create delicious recipes to share with her family and friends. One of these recipes was for a chocolate chip cookie rolled in cinnamon sugar. Her mom tasted the cookies and urged her to write down the recipe to make them again. Divitto began baking and selling her cinnamon chocolate cookies locally, calling her business “Collettey's Cookies.” She took her cookies to a local **-4-** named Golden Goose Market, and she asked the market to sell her cookies. Immediately after tasting the cookies, the market decided to sell Divitto's cookies. Golden Goose Market became Divitto's first client.

Eventually, a television station shared the story of Divitto's cookie business. Her story went viral! People loved hearing about her journey and how she pushed through rejection to find meaningful work and make a **-5-**. Soon, more news stations shared her story. Suddenly, Divitto had thousands of cookie orders coming in from all over the country, so Golden Goose Market offered her a bigger kitchen to complete the orders. Divitto had to hire more people to **-6-** with the demand. Even today, Collettey's Cookies continues to thrive!

Divitto **-7-** create Collettey's Cookies to sell delicious baked goods. She has a larger mission to expand her business so that she can hire as many people with disabilities as possible. Currently, many of her employees have disabilities. Divitto also wants non-disabled business owners to see the strengths and talents of people with disabilities. **-8-** of people with disabilities who can work cannot find paying jobs. In 2020, the U.S. government reported that about 82% of people with disabilities who could work were not able to find paying jobs. Even when people with disabilities do get jobs, they are often paid less than the minimum wage. Divitto wants to change these statistics and laws. She wants to make sure people with disabilities get jobs that pay **-9-**.

Divitto turned her passion for baking into a thriving business that helps empower people in her community. What a success story!

Source: Read Works (<https://cutt.ly/uTms4ZV>)

## Text 2: Young Environmentalist Helps Create Policy Change in Nepal

Passionate about environmentalism, women's rights, and youth empowerment, Dipika Badal, 22, is transforming communities around her and has already begun making long-lasting meaningful change throughout her local community in Kathmandu, Nepal. In 2018, Dipika organized silent, peaceful protests powered by 150 students and over 1000 local commuters, which has helped spur her government towards environmental policy changes.



"Nepal is a beautiful country, and I'm not just saying that because it's the place that I was born, it really is very beautiful," she says. "There's fresh air and greenery and beautiful forestry, but in the big cities, it's just not the same." For the nearly one million people of Kathmandu, the capital city where Dipika was raised, pollution is an ever-growing problem. Ranked 177 out of 178 countries on Yale's 2014 Environmental Performance Index, Kathmandu's air quality has become somewhat of a national emergency. Sensing the urgency, Dipika swung into action, mobilizing her friends, family, and community.

Utilizing the power of social media, in 2018, Dipika launched *Pahal: Justice for Peace*, a movement that encouraged the local government to take initiative towards improving the air quality of Kathmandu. As one of the city's most prevalent problems, air pollution accounts for the majority of chronic diseases, respiratory illnesses, allergies, eye infections, and lung cancers—making it one of Kathmandu's most notorious and most silent serial killers. With a government that didn't appear to be taking the issue seriously, Dipika saw a need for change. Coordinating over 150 youth, Dipika organized three silent protests that helped raise awareness about the pollution and ignited hope for a greener Nepal.

Reporting on the progress of the third silent protest on [www.peacefirst.org](http://www.peacefirst.org), Dipika wrote, "The silent protest was conducted for 2 hours. This was the most successful protest among all three as we were able to gain attention of almost 1000 local commuters." She adds, "During the event, many people after seeing our effort came to us and thanked us for our initiative. An interesting moment that happened during the event was when one young boy came to us and asked us if he could join it too. We welcomed him with a happy heart and continued our protest."

Garnering national acclaim, Dipika and her *Pahal* initiative drew the attention of the Minister of Environment, who utilized the information and passion provided to ensure that real tangible change was made. Starting with the installation of monitoring stations and progressing with priority towards electric vehicles, the government now maintains a commitment towards a greener Nepal.

With a core focus on helping those around her create meaningful change in their community, Dipika encourages youth to get involved at every level. "I myself started as a volunteer", Dipika humbly shares. "I got to know about my interests, explore a little, and network with a lot of young people."

In 2016, as a young volunteer at '*We* for Change', a youth-led organization focused on encouraging young people to give back and make tangible change, she was offered the chance to progress within the organization and she jumped at the offer. "I got the opportunity to work as a core member of the organization," she shared, which led to the position of Program Manager. It was during her time at '*We*' that Dipika launched *Pahal*. Now, as their President, Dipika continues to lead by example, not only inspiring those around her, but actively leading the way through her own powerful initiatives.

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# Text 3: Discovering Houston: This Cosmopolitan Texan City Has It All

The great state of Texas loomed large as a potential travel destination for years but - **EXAMPLE** -. That changed when we visited Houston, America's fourth largest city.

Despite having so much to offer as a tourist destination, Houston somehow seems - **18** -, both domestic and international. It shouldn't. Even travelling chef/TV host Anthony Bourdain had overlooked Houston for 15 years and while we were there the foodie crowd was buzzing in anticipation of a soon-to-air episode on Houston culture and cuisine.



Houston has something for everyone: the shopper, the bar hopper, the foodie, the artist, the sports enthusiast, the culture hound, even the nature lover. Here are just a few of the diverse experiences, - **19** -, that Houston holds in store for you.

## To Start, Take It All In

When travelling, I usually try not to stand out as an obvious tourist. That had included - **20** - and, more often, walking around. This time, however, having arrived early in town with virtually no sense of what to expect or where to go, when the option of a midday tour atop a London-style red double-decker presented itself we (literally) jumped aboard. Particularly because it was a warm, sunny day in late October that needed to be enjoyed.

The wide-ranging guided tour around Houston was an exceptional experience I recommend to newcomers and plan to do more of them myself in the future when visiting a new city. The trick is to take this tour on the first day of your visit, - **21** -. You can then make plans to go back and properly visit those that really caught your attention.

## Enjoy A Little Space

Houston, as in "Houston, we have a problem", is home to the manned space mission operations for NASA, as well as the mission control for such flights. The *Space Centre Houston*, NASA's visitor centre, is an amazing attraction - **22** -. For the history buff, science nut or dreamer, this is powerful stuff and really gets you thinking on an interstellar level.

## Biking On The Bayou

We spent a wonderful couple of hours out on rented bikes with *Bayou City Bike Tours* one afternoon (great to work off some of the food we'd been over-enjoying) discovering the bayou system and parks of Houston, particularly the massive *Buffalo Bayou Park*. The bike - **23** -. Our guide was a colourful well-worn fellow with a wealth of knowledge on Houstonian history, both distant and more recent.

## Graffiti As Beautiful Art

We were very fortunate to be in town as things were getting into gear for the second edition of the *Houston Urban Experience (HUE) Mural Festival*. Artists from all around the world were in town to transform walls and sides of buildings into one of the biggest art displays in the world. We toured - **24** - working on graffiti that were still in various stages of completion.



### **Lots of Museums, And Good Ones Too**

One of our afternoons was dedicated to discovering the many museums Houston can be proud of. The various oil booms of the last century have brought - 25 - from private and public sources. We gave several museums a quick but good run through, and wonderfully some were free to the public.

### **And Lots of Great Food And Drink**

A review of Houston wouldn't be complete without a look at the truly diverse culinary - 26 -. Houston benefits from well-established ethnic communities such as Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese, African and particularly the Mexican community.

A return trip is definitely in order, as the vibrant Houston food scene and its nightlife are definitely worthy of entire articles.

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