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COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS - TAREA 1 (1 x 7 = 7 puntos)

You are going to read an article about professional video game players. Seven phrases have been removed from it. Choose the best phrase (A - J) for each gap (1 – 7). Write the letter in the corresponding box. Two of the phrases do not correspond to any of the blanks. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

PLAYING VIDEOGAMES ONLINE

For the stars of the streaming service Twitch, success means working around the clock.

One humid morning this past summer, Omeed Dariani drove his black Tesla sedan through the foothills east of San Diego, looking apprehensive. Dariani is the founder and C.E.O. of Online Performers Group, a talent-management company ____ (0) ____, who broadcast their game play and commentary live over the Internet. He is thirty-eight, with a dry, ironic wit and a nervous habit of twirling his goatee, which is rapidly going gray; his clients are, for the most part, young, boisterous, and unpredictable. That day, he was on his way to meet the streamer Roberto Garcia, who was supposed to be at home but had instead ____ (1) ____ to celebrate his girlfriend's birthday. Dariani's speedometer crept toward ninety miles per hour. "We just need to get there before he starts to drink," he said.



Garcia, known online as Towelliee, is a star broadcaster on Twitch, a streaming platform whose popularity has turned recreational gaming into an improbably viable career. Each month, a hundred million visitors watch their favorite personalities play video games on Twitch, spending an average of nearly two hours a day there. This audience is large enough to make the site one of the twenty most trafficked in the U.S. With viewership numbers that rival those of MSNBC or CNN, Twitch is less like a conventional Web site than like a kaleidoscopic television network: thousands of channels at once, broadcasting live at every hour of the day.

Shortly before noon, Dariani ____ (2) ____ and handed his keys to a valet. He strode inside, eyes scanning the acres of slot machines. Though Dariani is chummy and non-judgmental with clients, he's seen enough drunk streamers fall off balconies at industry parties to inspire an almost parental anxiety. He glanced at his phone, and then showed me an eclectically punctuated text from Garcia. "That's probably not a good sign of sobriety," he said. Yet when Garcia appeared—bearded, stout, and wearing aviator sunglasses—he was convivial but composed. "I just watched my girlfriend lose nine hundred dollars in about three minutes," he announced cheerfully.

Garcia led us up to the casino's Presidential Suite, where his girlfriend, Aracely, was waiting at the bar. When Garcia started streaming, in 2010, he'd recently been laid off from a quality-assurance job at a pharmaceutical-software company; he and Aracely ____ (3) _____. Game broadcasting was new, and the business model all but nonexistent. Still, Garcia thought that he could make it work, so he sat Aracely down to convince her. "Imagine telling your girlfriend, 'I'm going to stop looking for a job and play video games for a living'," he told me.

Game streaming, Garcia discovered, required non-stop work. The only way to attract viewers, and to prevent the ones you had from straying to other broadcasters, was to be online constantly, so he routinely ____ (4) _____. "That's what I had to do to grow the viewership," he said. His ankles swelled from sitting at his computer. His weight grew to four hundred and twenty pounds.

Garcia's specialty is the multiplayer fantasy game World of Warcraft. While he isn't its best player, he has a knack for talking entertainingly over his play: he is funny, brash, and filled with stories about his delinquent childhood in Newark. After a year of broadcasting, he had a steady audience of seven hundred, but he was still desperately broke. During a stream, he ____**(5)**____. One sent him fifteen hundred dollars—a gift that reduced Garcia to tears.

Six years later, Garcia makes several times that amount on a good day. Since 2011, he has been one of Twitch's "partners," an élite group that includes some twenty-five thousand streamers, of the 2.2 million active on the site. His streaming schedule has ____**(6)**____, though it remains arduous: sixty hours a week, no days off except occasional Saturdays. He has devoted nearly thirty thousand hours to World of Warcraft. "I'm a grinder, man," he told me.

To sponsors, Twitch offers a novel opportunity: access to a generation that resists traditional advertising media but is ____**(7)**____. Young people watch game streaming in huge numbers. "This year, Towelliee's viewers have watched five hundred and ninety-four *years* of his content," Dariani said.

Source: *The New Yorker*

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| A | asked viewers to help him hang on a little longer |
| B | become more manageable |
| C | <i>dedicated to professional video-game streamers</i> |
| D | gone to a casino outside the city |
| E | led a carefree life |
| F | pulled up in front of the Viejas Casino & Resort |
| G | scraped by on unemployment checks and her wages from Costco |
| H | steeped in video games |
| I | stopped outside a shabby betting shop |
| J | streamed for eighteen hours a day |

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COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS - TAREA 2 (1 x 7 = 7 puntos)

Read the following text and choose the option (A, B or C) that best completes each statement. Write the letter in the corresponding box on the right. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

SPLASHATORIUM

In what is being hailed as a ground-breaking discovery in the study of classical civilization, historians at Harvard University published findings Thursday that show the aqueducts were but a small part of a vast, sophisticated system of water parks that once spanned the Roman Empire.

In a paper appearing in the *Journal of Roman Studies*, the historians write that the ancient aqueducts are all that remain of a much larger infrastructure of recreational water slides, the first sections of which were built in 312 B.C. when a Roman censor decreed all citizens of the Republic deserved access to fun-filled aquatic adventures the whole family could enjoy. Known in antiquity as the Splashatorium, the system was reportedly expanded over the course of five centuries until it stretched from modern-day Spain to Asia Minor.

"We now know the primary purpose of the aqueducts was to supply fresh water to winding wet mazes full of twists, turns, and heart-stopping drops," said the paper's lead author, Emma Dench, explaining that Romans 48 inches or taller could flop down on a centurion shield they grabbed from a pile at the top of the stairs and use it to bank along the curves of a downward-sloping network of terra-cotta pipes. "Nowhere else in the ancient world does one find such a highly developed series of splash-tacular high-speed rides."

Dench added, "It would appear the lives of Romans in this period were far wetter' n' wilder than has been previously documented."

In a recently uncovered text from the first century B.C., author and architect Vitruvius describes the remarkable feats of engineering underpinning the hundreds of miles of water slides, which were based upon the rudimentary sprinkler systems and slip-'n'-slide technologies found in the meadows of ancient Greece. His writings suggest the advancement of fun in the sun was a point of civic pride for the Romans, who diverted a small stretch of the Tiber to create history's first lazy river ride, allowing patricians and plebeians alike to drift around the city's perimeter while relaxing on a floatation device made from inflated ox bladders.

Though most of the water rides have been lost to time, an archeological excavation in northern Africa has turned up ruins of the earliest known artificial surf pool, which a contemporary account identifies as Neptune's Far-Out Flowrider. It was notable for its massive gilded statue of the sea god hanging 10 on a boogie board and catching waves "too gnarly for any mortal to tame."

According to the historians, a sketch from the 2nd century A.D. shows hundreds of nude Romans standing in lines that stretch through the city center as they wait to ascend a 150-foot-tall stone staircase. From there, many can be seen riding down an elaborate sequence of slides that zigzag through columns in the Roman forum and wind in and out of the Colosseum's arcades. Also depicted is a small replica of a trireme ship that was likely used to squirt water onto small children playing in the Forum's wading pool.

"It's a testament to the egalitarian ideals of Rome that even as Julius Caesar expanded into Gaul, he brought family-friendly water parks to those he conquered," said Christopher Jones, a scholar of imperial Rome, emphasizing that free citizens of the empire who visited the capital were given a 10% discount at the Circus Maximus, which functioned mostly as a ticketing area and souvenir shop. "It didn't matter what ethnicity you were. If you screamed with joy while shooting out of a pipe and dropping seven feet into the plunge pool below, you were a Roman."

"In fact, it has often been remarked that all log flumes led to Rome," Jones added.

Among the factors contributing to the downfall of the water park system, Jones said, were complaints about overpriced concessions, which arose when the price of a tankard of wine and leg of lamb doubled during the reign of Constantine the Great. Then in 410 A.D., records show that Visigoths poured in from the north, overcrowding the attractions and ignoring strict Roman customs about never barreling down a slide headfirst. The lifeguards, mostly teenage slaves who had been imported from the far reaches of the empire, are believed to have done little to enforce park rules following this invasion.

"In the end, the Roman water parks were undone by their own success," Dench said. "With hundreds of thousands visiting each year, sanitation standards were difficult to maintain, and eventually the number of children defecating in the pools led to widespread pandemics. Without modern chlorination, they didn't stand a chance."

Source: www.theonion.com

Example:

0. **The Roman water parks system ...**

- A** *has long been known to historians.*
- B** *has only recently come to full light.*
- C** *reached only some portions of the Empire.*

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| B | ✓ |
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1. According to the *Journal of Roman Studies*, aqueducts ...

- A** are extant witnesses to a more extensive network.
- B** had first and foremost a utilitarian purpose.
- C** were enlarged as more and more citizens were granted water rights.

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2. Shields were available to users of the water rides so that they could ...

- A** better negotiate bends and turns.
- B** soften their dive into the water.
- C** splash a lot of water on other riders.

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3. A section of the Tiber was diverted in Rome to ...

- A** let people glide downriver.
- B** make the river flow more smoothly.
- C** prevent occasional flooding.

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4. Remnants of what seems to have been ... were recently unearthed in northern Africa.

- A** a recreational facility
- B** surfing gear
- C** the representation of a deity

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5. In a certain 2nd century sketch, one can see people queuing up to ...

- A** dive into a swimming pool.
- B** enter the Colosseum's indoor pool.
- C** reach the top of a water ride.

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6. Christopher Jones says that the building of water parks in Gaul was a sign of how Rome sought to ...

- A** give everybody across the empire the same rights and opportunities.
- B** make the newly-conquered peoples meek and submissive.
- C** spread free entertainment as a means of defusing ethnic tensions.

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7. The Roman water parks system was doomed because in the end ...

- A** it was way too arduous to uphold regulations.
- B** nobody cared about sanitation standards any longer.
- C** people shied away from them as sanitation standards declined.

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COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS - TAREA 3 (0,5 x 12 = 6 puntos)

Read the following text and choose the option (A, B or C) that best fits in gaps 1 to 12. Write the letter in the corresponding box on the right. Question 0 has been completed as an example.

O.K., YOU CAN GET A DOG

You've been asking for a (0) now, and we know this is something that you really, really want, so we're agreeing to it, but there are going to be some rules, O.K.? This is going to be *your* dog, not Mommy's and Daddy's, (1) you will be taking care of him. And taking care of another living being is a big responsibility.

Dogs need food and water every day, and it's going to be your job to make sure he's always got enough of both. It's also going to be your job to give him baths to keep him nice and clean, and to walk him twice a day. If he poops on the sidewalk, you're going to have to pick up the poop and put it in a little bag and throw it out. I know that might sound (2) , but it's all part of owning a dog.

Pets sometimes get sick; that's just a (3) . If your dog does, you'll have to take him to the vet – on your bike or in a cab, it's up to you. It's not going to be on your mother and me to worry about how you get him there. If he gets sicker and goes to Doggy Heaven, that will be very sad. Losing a pet is difficult. So is burying one, and again this is something you'll be doing. And also saying a few nice words about him – thoughts, memories, that sort of thing. That's called a eulogy. Your pet, your eulogy.

If it (4) that his grave happens to be on a mystical native American burial ground that causes him – or a vaguely familiar version of him that's possessed by a demon – to be resurrected (I know we may sound like a broken record here), it's going to be your job to make sure he's got enough food and water. Dead or undead, that's still not our (5) . You need to understand, heading into this, that you can't just come running to us complaining your dog's eyes are red and glowing and that he's (6) at you while you sleep, because this was your decision.

Similarly, if he kills a deer and (7) it to our yard to send a message of what he's capable of, it's going to be your responsibility to remove that dear carcass, piece by piece if you have to. Your pet, your deer.

If he steps things up, so to speak, and takes the life of a human, perhaps a neighbour or a delivery person, you should know that, as his owner, you might be legally implicated in that person's death. If you try to cover up that death by hiding the body and, (8) , bury it in the same mystical graveyard, prompting it to reanimate and (9) on the living, then, just as with the bathing and the feeding and the walking, that's gonna be on you.

Screaming and crying because a blood-soaked zombie mailman is trying to bust through your bedroom is going to fall (10) . Your pet, your blood-soaked zombie mailman.

If, God forbid, the zombie mailman kills you, will we be upset? Of course we will. You're our child. And our child didn't take her pet-ownership duties seriously enough to (11) this sort of thing.

At that point, if we choose to bury *you* in the magic graveyard and allow you to be brought back from the dead, we'll need to make one thing absolutely clear beforehand. Just because your human life ends doesn't mean your human responsibilities end with it. Homework is homework, whether you're covered in worms or not. And, if the dog's still kicking around, food/walks/bath – you know the (12) .

So the answer is yes, you can get a dog. Or just stick with your goldfish. Your call.

Source: www.newyorker.com

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 B what implies
 C which means
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2. **A** iffy
 B yucky
 C yummy
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3. **A** done thing
 B fact of life
 C hard act
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4. **A** comes along
 B shows up
 C turns out
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5. **A** concern
 B field
 C interest
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6. **A** dozing
 B staring
 C wondering
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7. **A** drags
 B uproots
 C withdraws
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8. **A** by the way
 B in your haste
 C on second thought
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9. **A** appease
 B open up
 C unleash
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10. **A** behind our backs
 B on deaf ears
 C out of our sight
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11. **A** anticipate
 B forego
 C reckon
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12. **A** act
 B drill
 C pace
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