

CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL C1

IDIOMA: INGLÉS

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA
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COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

CUMPLIMENTE LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:

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(Marque con una X la respuesta que corresponda)

ASPIRANTE: Escolarizado Libre

INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR ESTA PARTE:

DURACIÓN: **100 minutos**

- Esta parte consta de tres tareas. Lea las instrucciones al principio de cada tarea y realícela según se indica.
- Las respuestas escritas a lápiz o en tinta roja no se calificarán.
- No está permitido el uso del diccionario.
- **Atención:** No escriba en los recuadros sombreados; son espacios reservados para la calificación de las tareas.

PUNTUACIÓN: / 10

**TASK ONE (11 x 1 = 11 marks)**

Read the following **TRAVEL GUIDES (A-F)**. For questions 1 – 10 write the text letter in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. (For question 3 write two letters.) The guides may be chosen more than once. Item 0 has been given as an example.

MARK

TRAVEL GUIDES**A Marrakesh**

Marrakesh leaves you with holiday photographs that demand further explanation. How did you wind up sipping tea with blacksmiths, shedding your skin – quite literally – in a hammam (bathhouse), and busting Berber dance moves in the Djemaa el-Fna? Sipping a sunset cocktail on the roof of an 18th-century riad, you think back over the day's experiences and, in your mind, try to retrace your steps. Possibly there was a donkey cart dodged or a magic shop stumbled upon among the city's 3,000 winding derbs (alleyways), but that doesn't entirely explain your iron lantern, your henna tattoo and your newfound capacity to shimmy.

B Normandy

Normandy is altogether a gentler place, dotted with lush meadows and bucolic farmland, and famed for its cheese and apples. Rather than locked in an endless tussle with a wild ocean, its coastline consists for the most part of long low dunes, lapped by the Channel. There is a grittier side to Normandy, however – the Normans were originally Viking warriors, who conquered England and terrorized much of Europe. Ever since Roman tin traders sailed down the Seine, the region has been in the historical mainstream, most recently as the scene of the 1944 Allied invasion that ended World War II.

C St. Petersburg

Why go?
To see first-hand the former Russian capital whose mysterious White Nights and winding canals inspired such literary giants as Fyodor Dostoevsky and Nikolai Gogol. Constructed from scratch out of marshland in 1703 by Peter the Great, as Russia's "Window to Europe", St Petersburg has seen more revolution, war and political intrigue in its 350 years or so than other cities witness in a millennium. When you've got your breath back, head to the legendary Hermitage art gallery.



D Amsterdam

Amsterdam, a city that oozes village charm including the best hotels, attractions, restaurants and bars.

Amsterdam somehow manages to have it all. It has the buzz of a metropolis, with few big-city drawbacks. It's small enough to walk or cycle almost anywhere you want, yet is rarely dull. Dinky gabled buildings, pretty bridges and quiet canals give it village-like charm, yet you'll also find top-ranking art museums and one of the best orchestras in the world.

Most of all, Amsterdam combines its glittering past with a wry, rough, rebellious contemporary edginess.

E Brussels

Brussels, "Capital of Europe" – it sounds modern, thrusting and perhaps a little soulless. But Brussels is none of these things. Instead it is a city on a human and eminently manageable scale in touch with its medieval origins, and tweaked by its own distinct, rough-edged character and bubbling conviviality.

Beneath its self-effacing veneer lie numerous treasures – first-rate collections of art, supreme cooking, unique beers, and master-chocolatiers.

The north European climate divides the year into four clear seasons – and all have their attractions. Spring is upbeat and green, while autumn turns the beech woods golden as the low angle of the sun gilds the skylines.

F Bath

Bath ticks pretty much all the boxes for a perfect short break. With sweeping, honey-stone Georgian crescents and terraces spread over a green and hilly bowl, it's a strong contender for England's most beautiful small city.

It has a fascinating and easily accessible history, from the Roman Baths to the life and times of one-time resident Jane Austen. Its state-of-the-art Thermae Bath Spa complex, which opened in 2006, allows visitors the pleasing continuity of wallowing in the hot, mineral-rich spring-waters in much the same way they did 2,000 years ago.

Interesting, digestible museums and galleries – from the recently revamped Holburne to more quirky offerings such as the Herschel Museum of Astronomy – are many and varied, while shopping is also a major draw.

Bath's Achilles heel used to be a surprising dearth of good, inexpensive places to eat. But that is no longer the case.



MARK

TASK TWO (6 x 1.5 marks = 9 marks)

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the excerpt. Choose from the sentences A- H the one which fits each gap (1- 6) and write them on the answer sheet. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Item 0 is given as an example.

THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST by Mohsin Hamid

Excuse me, sir, but may I be of assistance? 0 _____ Do not be frightened by my beard: I am a lover of America. I noticed that you were looking for something; more than looking, in fact you seemed to be on a mission.
1 _____

How did I know you were American? No, not by the color of your skin; we have a range of complexions in this country, and yours occurs often among the people of our northwest frontier. 2 _____ A European tourist could as easily have purchased in Des Moines your suit, with its single vent, and your button-down shirt. True, your hair, short-cropped, and your expansive chest -- the chest, I would say, of a man who bench-presses regularly, and maxes out well above two-twenty-five -- are typical of a certain type of American; but then again, sportsmen and soldiers of all nationalities tend to look alike. Instead, it was your bearing that allowed me to identify you, and I do not mean that as an insult, for I see your face has hardened, but merely as an observation.

Come, tell me, what were you looking for? Surely, at this time of day, only one thing could have brought you to the district of Old Anarkali -- named, as you may be aware, after a courtesan immured for loving a prince -- and that is the quest for the perfect cup of tea. Have I guessed correctly?
3 _____ Its metal chairs are no better upholstered, its wooden tables are equally rough, and it is, like the others, open to the sky. But the quality of its tea, I assure you, is unparalleled.

4 _____ Very well, although you will benefit less from the intermittent breeze, which, when it does blow, makes these warm afternoons more pleasant. And will you not remove your jacket? So formal!
5 _____ And my experience is substantial: I spent four and a half years in your country. Where? I worked in New York, and before that attended college in New Jersey. Yes, you are right: it was Princeton! Quite a guess, I must say.

What did I think of Princeton? Well, the answer to that question requires a story. When I first arrived, I looked around me at the Gothic buildings -- younger, I later learned, than many of the mosques of this city, but made through acid treatment and ingenious stonemasonry to look older -- and thought, This is a dream come true. Princeton inspired in me the feeling that my life was a film in which I was the star and everything was possible. I have access to this beautiful campus, I thought, to professors who are titans in their fields and fellow students who are philosopher-kings in the making.



I was, I must admit, overly generous in my initial assumptions about the standard of the student body. They were almost all intelligent, and many were brilliant, but whereas I was one of only two Pakistanis in my entering class -- two from a population of over a hundred million souls, mind you - 6 _____ A thousand of your compatriots were enrolled, five hundred times as many, even though your country's population was only twice that of mine. As a result, the non-Americans among us tended on average to do better than the Americans, and in my case I reached my senior year without having received a single B.



TASK THREE (22 x 0.5 marks = 11 marks)

Read the text below. Decide which word from the word bank best fits each blank and write it in its corresponding space in the answer box provided on the answer sheet. There are three extra words you do not need to use. Item 0 is given as an example.

MARK

As the streets that 0 _____ from the Strand to the Embankment are very narrow, it is better not 1 _____ them arm-in-arm. If you persist, lawyers' clerks will have to make flying leaps into the mud; young lady typists will have to fidget behind you. In the streets of London where 2 _____ eccentricity 3 _____, and it is better not to be very tall, to wear a long blue cloak, or to beat the air with your left hand.

One afternoon in the beginning of October when the traffic was becoming brisk a tall man strode along 4 _____ with a lady on his arm. 5 _____ struck upon their backs. The small, agitated figures--for 6 _____ with this couple most people looked small--decorated with fountain pens, and burdened with dispatch-boxes, had 7 _____ to keep, and drew a weekly salary, so that there was some reason for the 8 _____ which was bestowed upon Mr. Ambrose's height and upon Mrs. Ambrose's cloak. But some enchantment had put both man and woman 9 _____ malice and unpopularity. In his guess one might guess from the moving lips that it was thought; and in hers from the eyes fixed stonily 10 _____ of her at a level above the eyes of most that it was sorrow. It was only by scorning all she met that she 11 _____ and the friction of people brushing past her was evidently painful. After watching the traffic on the Embankment for a minute or two with a stoical gaze she twitched her husband's sleeve, and they crossed between the swift discharge of motor cars. 12 _____ on the further side, she gently 13 _____ from his, allowing her mouth at the same time to relax, to tremble; then 14 _____ rolled down, and leaning her elbows on the balustrade, she shielded her face 15 _____. Mr. Ambrose attempted 16 _____; he patted her shoulder; but she showed 17 _____ admitting him, and feeling it awkward to stand beside a grief that was greater than his, he crossed his arms behind him, and took a turn along the pavement.

The embankment juts out in angles here and there, like pulpits; 18 _____, however, small boys occupy them, dangling string, 19 _____ pebbles, or launching wads of paper for a cruise. With their sharp eye for eccentricity, they were inclined to think Mr. Ambrose awful; but the quickest witted boys cried "Bluebeard!" 20 _____. In case they should proceed 21 _____ his wife, Mr. Ambrose flourished his stick at them, upon which they decided 22 _____, and four instead of one cried "Bluebeard!" in chorus.

From: Virginia Woolf: The Voyage Out



TASK FOUR (9 x 1 marks = 9 marks)

Read the following text. For each question 1-9 choose the best option A, B, C or D and write the corresponding letters in the white boxes provided on the answer sheet. Item 0 has been done as an example.

MARK

WATERSTONES AND AMAZON

Strange bedfellows

A print bookseller tries to survive in a digital age

Consumer engages in anachronistic behaviour

JAMES DAUNT, the managing director of Waterstones, once described Amazon as a “ruthless moneymaking devil”. On May 21st he announced a Faustian pact with the online retailer. Mr Daunt will not only sell Amazon's Kindle e-reader in his stores, but will also streamline the process by which customers can buy Amazon's e-books while they browse the shelves. The aim, he says, is to improve the Waterstones shopping experience.

Critics think he is mad, comparing the move to Sainsbury's inviting Tesco to set up shop within its branches. Earlier noises about a partnership between Waterstones and Barnes & Noble, an American bookstore chain with a rival e-reader, could have created competition for Amazon. This deal, by contrast, seems to strengthen the internet giant. Amazon has already cornered some 90% of British e-book sales, according to Enders Analysis, which tracks the industry. Waterstones' plan threatens to send yet more customers towards e-books and Amazon, reinforcing its stranglehold on the market.

Publishers are especially aggrieved. Class-action lawsuits in America and Europe have challenged their ability to set the price of e-books. If they lose the cases, Amazon will be able to edge out the competition, both digital and print, by offering deep discounts.

But Mr Daunt, who took charge of Waterstones last July, defends the deal by explaining that while readers like e-books, they also like bookshops, particularly those with well-curated choices, helpful staff, Wi-Fi and a café. He laments that Waterstones moved too slowly to launch its own e-reader, but insists it is now wise to accommodate the device most people prefer. Customers still buy print books, he adds. Daunt Books, the line of London shops he founded, is doing well out of charging undiscounted prices for a boutique bibliophilic experience (albeit in a few posh, book-loving corners).

The plan is expected to take effect in the autumn, after a refurbishment of Waterstones' nearly 300 outlets is complete. The company will take a cut from Amazon purchases made within the shop's Wi-Fi zone, but it will get nothing from off-site transactions, or from shoppers with 3G devices (which do not require Wi-Fi).



Worrying though it is, the deal may push publishers to abandon digital-rights management (DRM), notes MatteoBerlucchi, head of Anobii, a literary social-networking site. DRM software, designed to curb piracy, makes it difficult to transfer e-books between devices. Its effect is to lock consumers into one company's digital ecosystem, making it impossible for Kindle users to buy e-books from the existing Waterstones platform, for example. The Kindle's hegemony may push publishers to neutralise its power by removing DRM, as the music industry did a few years ago.

Though e-book sales are rising, Mr Daunt is gambling that they will level off at around a third or even half of the market. He can take heart from the music industry, says Benedict Evans at Enders Analysis. Though music is “the perfect digital medium”, there is still a decent, albeit declining, market for CDs—more than 86m albums were sold in Britain in 2011. “Books will be even more resilient,” he says. Publishers and sellers hope so.

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HOJA DE RESPUESTAS.

TASK ONE (11 x 1 = 11 marks)
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MARK

WHICH TRAVEL GUIDE...

	Question numbers	Text letters	
0. compares the city with others in terms of the magnitude of its historical events?	0	C	√
1. suggests an unpleasant relationship with the history of the place?	1		
2. talks about revealing an unknown talent/ ability in the traveller?	2		
3. offers specifically detailed architectural references?	3		
4. states that changes in Nature in that place are an attraction itself?	4		
5. shows a clear synthesis between the past and the present of the place?	5		
6. invites the traveller to a museum lately refurbished?	6		
7. underlines the modest character of the city?	7		
8. stresses the superb cuisine?	8		
9. gives the idea of a place with an outstanding friendliness.	9		
10. puts the place in a privileged position in relation to others in the country.	10		



TASK TWO (6 x 1.5 marks = 9 marks)

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MARK

	Excerpt sentences	Gap number	
0	Ah, I see I have alarmed you.	0	√
A	You prefer that seat, with your back so close to the wall?		
B	And since I am both a native of this city and a speaker of your language, I thought I might offer you my services.		
C	The Americans faced much less daunting odds in the selection process.		
D	Nor was it your dress that gave you away.		
E	For I am more worldly than you expect; better travelled and better educated.		
F	In return we were expected to contribute our talents to your society.		
G	Then allow me, sir, to suggest my favorite among many establishments. Yes, this is the one.		
H	Now that is not typical of Americans, at least not in my experience.		

**TASK THREE (22 x 0.5 marks = 11 marks)**

Read the text below. Decide which word from the word bank best fits each blank and write it in its corresponding space in the answer box provided on the answer sheet. There are three extra words you do not need to use. Item 0 is given as an example.

MARK

WORD BANK

hold	beauty goes unregarded	instead of preachers	consolation	the edge of the pavement
kept herself from tears	angry glances	when they crossed	pay its price	unfriendly stare
appointments	beyond the reach of	withdrew her arm	straight in front	as he passed
that he was grotesque merely	when they were safe	from the curious	dropping	to walk down
to tease	no signs of	in comparison	must pay the penalty	

ANSWER BOX

0. lead	1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
20.	21.	22.		



TASK FOUR (9 x 1 marks = 9 marks)

Read the following text. For each question 1-9 choose the best option A, B, C or D and write the corresponding letters in the white boxes provided on the answer sheet. Item 0 has been done as an example.

MARK		

WATERSTONES AND AMAZON

0. Waterstones and Amazon are...

- a) bookshops searching a digital solution to their financial problems.
- b) two bookshops struggling in an e-reader world.
- c) two competitive bookstores with presence in the USA.
- d) the most famous bookshops in Britain together with Barnes and Noble.

1. One of the things Mr. Daunt wanted was...

- a) to make the process of buying books more effective.
- b) to reduce the time buyers spent on buying e-books based on Waterstones experience.
- c) to sell Amazon's Kindle e-reader and improve Waterstones sales.
- d) to set Waterstones experience as an example to improve Kindle sales.

2. According to the text, Daunt's idea seems not to be very satisfactory as...

- a) it seems to have a shop within the biggest internet shop.
- b) it seems to threaten Amazon customers.
- c) the deal might increase Amazon's market.
- d) there is another e-reader rival.

3. Amazon...

- a) is expected to reduce book pricing if there is no agreement among publishers.
- b) will control the market both in America and Europe even despite its competitors.
- c) will definitely have the power once publishers set the price of e-books.
- d) will offer big discounts in their products depending on court rulings.

0	B	√
1		
2		
3		



4. The article states that the managing director of Waterstones...

- a) believes e-readers will continue buying print-books if the shops offer good specialized items.
- b) defends Kindle and bookshops.
- c) defends people who like using e-readers as well as well-curated bookshops.
- d) thinks that providing bookstores with Wi-Fi and a café will increase the sales.

5. Waterstones Director thinks ...

- a) e-readers will stop buying books.
- b) it is an excellent idea to satisfy people's preferences about e-books.
- c) that as print-books are still being bought, it was a mistake to launch the e-reader.
- d) Waterstones should have put into market its e-reader device earlier.

6. From the text we understand that Mr. Daunt ...

- a) is a publisher with a strange sense of business to sell books.
- b) is looking for a solution to bookshops in a digital age.
- c) is the director of Waterstones, Barner & Nobles and the founder of another bookshop chain.
- d) was always opposed to Amazon.

7. The text states that Mr. Daunt's idea...

- a) will be good if the company takes a cut from shoppers.
- b) will happen when Waterstones bookshops are provided with Wi-Fi.
- c) will take place once Waterstones finishes selling all discount books.
- d) will take place once Waterstones finishes with the renovation of its shops.

8. DRM software...

- a) might push publishers to abandon the deal.
- b) neutralizes the devices as the music industry has done.
- c) prevents people from copying e-books.
- d) will make it easier for Kindle users to buy books easily from Waterstones platforms.

9. Although e-book sales are growing fast,

- a) the CD market is declining fast.
- b) the publishers and sellers expect them to stabilize the market.
- c) they will reach the CD market at least 50%.
- d) they will never reach the standards of CDs.

4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		

CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL C1

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Marks: 40 (40 / 4 = 10) (x / 4 = x)

TASK 1

WHICH TRAVEL GUIDES...?

(Marks: 11 x 1 = 11)

Question numbers	Text letters
0	C
1	B
2	A
3	D
	F
4	E
5	D
6	F
7	E
8	E
9	E
10	F

TASK 2

THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST by MOHSIN HAMID (Marks: 6 x 1.5 = 9)

	Gap number
0	0
A	4
B	1
C	6
D	2
E	--
F	--
G	3
H	5

TASK THREE: Virginia Woolf – The Voyage Out (Marks: 22 x 0.5 = 11)

ANSWER BOX

0. lead	1. to walk down	2. beauty goes unregarded	3. must pay the penalty	4. the edge of the pavement
5. angry glances	6. in comparison	7. appointments	8. unfriendly stare	9. beyond the reach of
10. straight in front	11. kept herself from tears	12. when they were safe	13. withdrew her arm	14. tears
15. from the curious	16. consolation	17. no signs of	18. instead of preachers	19. dropping
20. as he passed	21. to tease	22. that he was grotesque merely		

TASK FOUR: Waterstones and Amazon (Marks: 9 x 1= 9)

0	B
1	C
2	C
3	D
4	A
5	D
6	B
7	D
8	C
9	B