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COMPRESION ESCRITA

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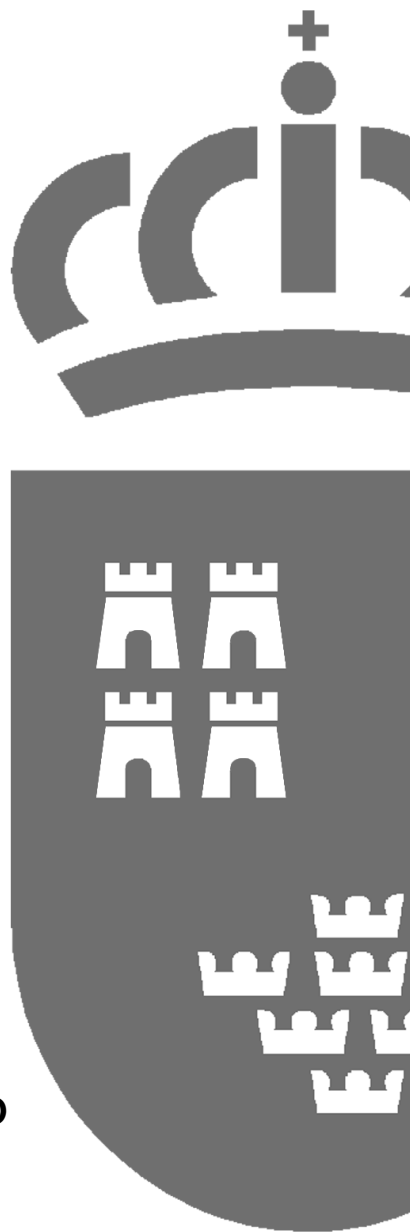
TAREAS: La prueba de Comprensión de Textos Escritos consta de tres textos y tres tareas.

DURACIÓN TOTAL: 90 minutos.

INDICACIONES:

- Las tareas se desarrollarán en los espacios indicados.
- 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: **25 puntos. "Apto" ≥ 13.**

C O R R E C T O R



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TASK A ▷ Read TEXT 1 “*Why are gender reveal parties a thing?*”. Choose the extract from the list below that best completes each gap. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

NOTE: There is **ONE** extract that does not correspond to the text.

5 points

A. But celebrating a child’s gender before it’s born is a tricky business. It sets expectations for who that child will be. It also leaves the unfortunate impression that gender is the most important thing to celebrate about that child.

B. Who would have thought watching Amazing Larry try on every underwear option on the market would be so much fun?

C. But I am here to tell you that at least one of the fires — the Sawmill Fire in Arizona, which burned 45,000 acres last spring — is the result of a much more complex problem: gender reveal parties.

D. What does bringing a new life into the world actually mean, in the end, besides lighting a fire, passing the flame of your own life on to a new generation? But I can assure you, that fire will glow whether your child is male or female or even something in between.

E. But I was still caught off guard when my older child came out to me as transgender, at age 23. The news stunned me and left me, for a little while, unable to speak. Then I put my arms around her, just as my own mother had put her arms around me, and told her that I loved her, just as my own mother had said those words to me.

F. The makers of Tannerite, meanwhile, advertise their product as “Best. Baby. Gender. Reveal. Ever.” in a goofy video set to a death-metal soundtrack that suggests that part of the fun of sharing your baby’s sex with your friends is also the chance to blow things up by using a high-power rifle as detonator.

G. Which was fun, but let’s be honest: Victoria’s Secret is no match for an Amazing Larry.

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TASK B ▷ Read TEXT 2 “11 dating app success stories from women”. Choose the heading from the list below that best completes each gap. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in the example.

10 points

HEADINGS:

A. (EXAMPLE) The unexpected guest who stays a little longer.

- B. Frankness always pays off.
- C. Doing things the old-fashioned way.
- D. A tool for last-minute chance-takers.
- E. A slice of committed love.
- F. Always rejoice in a bit of camaraderie.
- G. The constant shadow of love.
- H. Soberly in love.
- I. Fortunately not getting cold feet in the end.
- J. A tasty offering.
- K. No need to keep Tinder local.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SCORE: ____ / 10
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TASK C ▷ Read TEXT 3 “Awkward and stoic, we Brits are terrible at dealing with death -but in Mexico and Iran the grief is shared”. For items 1-10, choose the best option (A, B, C or D). Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

10 points

EXAMPLE :

0.	a. gleeful	b. ravenous	c. garrulous	d. self-effacing
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1.	a. crestfallen	b. dispirited	c. unbridled	d. pensive
2.	a. purposefully	b. largely	c. unearthly	d. hardly
3.	a. dutiful	b. intrusive	c. customary	d. natural
4.	a. alienate	b. ostracize	c. patronize	d. avoid
5.	a. estranged	b. auspicious	c. raucous	d. cantankerous
6.	a. plushy	b. impregnable	c. diffident	d. irreverent
7.	a. wail	b. barf	c. pant	d. peep
8.	a. since	b. no matter that	c. however much	d. regardless
9.	a. act out	b. give off	c. make out	d. come across
10.	a. pick on	b. drop by	c. step up	d. hit it off

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Text 1: Why are gender reveal parties a thing?

WHY ARE GENDER REVEAL PARTIES A THING?

Jennifer Finney Boylan

I know you've been wondering what on earth has been causing the outbreak of wildfires in 2018, a year that has set records not just in California (which has experienced the largest blaze on record) but also in Scandinavia, where in July a fire broke out for the first time north of the Arctic Circle.

President Trump visited California in the wake of this deadly fire season and offered neither solace nor sympathy, let alone any awareness of the role climate change may have played. Instead, he allowed as how one of the issues was California's failure to "rake the forest floor." Online this observation has been mocked as #RakeNews.

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Back on April 23, 2017, a man named Dennis Dickey and his wife, Rita, gathered their friends in the desert south of Tucson to unveil the sex of their forthcoming baby. The festivities included detonating an explosive called Tannerite that puffs blue or pink smoke. You know, the way one does. Mr. Dickey shot the explosive with a high-power rifle, and in short order there was a column of blue smoke rising in the Arizona desert.

Unfortunately, also rising in the desert were flickering flames from the dry brush that the Tannerite had likewise ignited. Thanks to a video released by the Forest Service last month, you can watch the whole thing unfold on YouTube. The video ends with someone shouting, "Start packing up! Start packing up!" The resulting fire raged for over six days and took more than 800 firefighting personnel to contain.

All of this trouble could have been avoided if there was no such thing as a gender reveal party. If, like me, you've been out of the loop, gender reveal parties are a thing, and by a thing, I mean a robustly advancing sector of the "party industry." One retailer, Party City, sells a million gender reveal party items a year.

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There are other clever ways of revealing your baby's gender. If you have a few hours free, you can find online videos of parents shooting off blue or pink water from fire hoses to announce the joyful news or slicing open a cake filled with colored marbling. One family invited friends over and had their pet alligator bite open a colored balloon. I like that one, but as I watched it I had reason afresh to consider the state of Florida a place that the more I learn about it, the less I understand. I remember when the obstetrician revealed the genders of our own children, back in the day, and I recall well the sense of wonder the news brought us. Knowing the sex of our child felt as if we had cut in half the number of possible futures our family might find itself in. There's a way in which, in the heart of pregnancy, that was very comforting.

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And sometimes it's just plain wrong. As a late-transitioning transgender person, I've experienced both sides of a lot of this world. I have been both a best man and a matron of honor (and I can tell you that being a matron of honor is a lot more fun; being best man felt a little bit like being a security guard at a very sketchy nightclub). I've attended bachelor parties as well as bridal showers. (In this instance, I'd give the nod to bachelor parties, although that may be only because the one I went to in my boy days featured a guy named Amazing Larry riding a unicycle while juggling bowling pins and wearing a leotard.) At the bridal shower, my girlfriends and I mostly said ooh and ahh as we opened up boxes of high-end lingerie.

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As a transgender person I thought my eyes were pretty wide open when it came to gender issues. I tried to avoid defining either of my children based on their sex and encouraged them to find their own path, wherever it might lead.

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Would a moment like this have come about if I'd greeted the news of my child's gender, back in 1994, with an exploding Tannerite device ignited with a shotgun?

Possibly. But I'm hoping that in spite of all the mistakes I'm sure I made as a parent over the years, letting my child know that I would always love her, no matter her gender, was not one of them.

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There are a lot of things to celebrate about a new baby. Gender isn't one of them.

Instead, we should celebrate our child's humanity — with all of its complex, contradictory potential — with openheartedness and with love.

Adapted from: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/03/opinion/gender-reveal-party.html>

Text 2: 11 dating app success stories from women

11 DATING APP SUCCESS STORIES FROM WOMEN

- 1 -. The OKCupid risk: "This super-hot and interesting guy appeared on my Broadcast feed—something OKCupid used to do where you could put out a 'let's go on a date right now' live message. I'd never used that feature, but I figured I might as well give it a try. It was a sort of do-or-die moment because I wasn't having a ton of luck, and I took a risk I wasn't entirely comfortable with. But after messaging a bit, I saw that he was cool, super nice, and made me feel really comfortable. We decided to meet for burgers, and we hit it off immediately. We've been together for four years." -*Val*, 31

- 2 -. The one you can count on: "After a few short messages discussing classic punk bands, I decided to meet up with this guy in one of his favorite bars. Two beers later—that he insisted on paying for—we hopped over to an empty bar covered in old band stickers. We sat in the back corner and took turns playing songs on the jukebox and buying rounds of drinks for each other. After a few sleepovers, we came to the conclusion that we weren't ready to be in a relationship, but that we enjoyed each other's company. We're still friends and regularly meet up to grab a drink or dinner. Oh, and he still insists on buying the first round." -*Shauna*, 23.

- 3 -. The study abroad fling: "I used Tinder when I was studying abroad in Ireland one semester. I actually met a guy who went to the same school as me, but without Tinder, we never would've crossed paths! We hit it off right away, and now we've been dating for almost six months." -*Mary*, 21

- 4 -. The knight in shining armor: "A month after going on a seriously bad Tinder date (the guy was cheating on his girlfriend with me—cute), I met up with a different Tinder guy at a local bar. I was completely wasted, brought my friends with me, and made a total fool out of myself. My friends thought he was 30 and didn't know I'd met him on Tinder. But he looked past my drunkenness and took me on an actual date the next night. We hit it off, my friends loved him, and the rest was history—more than two years later, we're as happy as ever." -*Ellen*, 22

- 5 -. The one that just worked: "I met my current boyfriend on Tinder and it was a very normal dating experience. First date coffee, second date dinner, third date drinks, and we were officially together within a month. We've been together a year and a half and just moved in together!" -*Bernadette*, 26

- 6 -. The blossoming friendship: "The first time I met up with someone from Tinder, I turned it into more of a friend thing. I brought along my roommate and hung out with The Guy and one of his buddies. The four of us spent all night talking, and it was super great. Things didn't work out with The Guy, but my roommate and I still hang out with his friend on the reg." -*Yours truly*, 22

- 7 -. The pleasant surprise: "I signed up for OKCupid on a whim back in college, before Tinder was even a thing. It became this social activity with my friends, and we'd always discuss our latest hook-ups and crushes on the app. What I didn't expect was to meet a guy I adored, who is now my boyfriend of several years. I almost canceled our first date at the last minute, and now I'm SO glad I didn't. We probably never would have crossed paths if we hadn't been matched online, and it's so crazy to imagine never having met him!" -*Claire*, 23

- 8 -. The one that ended in marriage: "After a few years of being on and off OKCupid and dating a lot of guys who weren't really right for me, I decided I'd give it another shot. But the difference this time was I deleted all the answers to the questions and started again, and tried REALLY HARD to be as honest as possible with what I wanted and what I was looking for. Threesomes? Actually no, thank you. It made me squirm to be so honest because I worried that no one would actually want to date me. Anyway, the second person I went on a date with after my profile honesty refresh is now my husband, and we've been together for four years." - *Carolyn, 30*

- 9 -. The guy who just gets it: "Once I was on Tinder when a match messaged me, 'I will feed u until ur in a food coma every time.' This sounded like an absolute dream for me—someone who very passionately loves food. Nothing happened besides that, but the moment was magical in and of itself. And if that wasn't enough, his first name was Best." -*Alex, 24*

- 10 -. The pizza-built romance: "I actually met my current boyfriend on Tinder, and we've been dating for about a year and a half now. I'd had Tinder for a while but only actually went on three dates total. Jordan was the third and we instantly connected over our undying love of pizza. We got deep dish at Lou's for our first date and walked around the city in the middle of February. When we met, we both hadn't ever been in a relationship longer than a month. But after a few weeks in he told me after our first date he deleted the app from his phone because he knew he didn't want to date anyone else." -*Sara, 24*

- 11 -. The guy who was there the whole time: "I met my current BF on Tinder. We went to the same college, he worked out at the gym I worked at, he ate at the dining hall I also worked at (so I tell him I was cooking for him before he even knew it), and we worked one block from each other in Manhattan. BUT we never met until our first date at a speakeasy after talking on Tinder. Now we live together." -*Danielle, 26*

Adapted from <https://www.self.com/story/11-dating-app-success-stories-that-will-make-you-seriously-appreciate-tinder>

Text 3: Awkward and stoic, we Brits are terrible at dealing with death - but in Mexico and Iran the grief is shared

AWKWARD AND STOIC, WE BRITS ARE TERRIBLE AT DEALING WITH DEATH - BUT IN MEXICO AND IRAN THE GRIEF IS SHARED

Shappi Khorsandi

Christmas is unmistakably coming, and adverts are filling children's heads up with **- 0 -** anticipation of owning more stuff and eating anything spiced-fruit-filled. If you have already had quite enough of **- 1 -** joy thank-you-very-much, then you're in for a thoroughly sobering treat, because we need to talk about grief.

Grief and mourning in this country are often treated as very private things, perhaps **- 2 -** because death itself is treated as a very private thing. On a day-to-day basis, we don't live with an awareness of the grief that people all around us are carrying, so when someone that we care about suffers a loss, we can find ourselves straining to hit the right emotional notes even as we frantically scramble to remind ourselves how the old song goes. When that loss becomes old news, it can feel almost **- 3 -** to check how they are, or perhaps we don't ask for fear of rocking the boat. In the worst cases of stiff upper lip, we might even **- 4 -** the grieving friend or acquaintance through sheer awkwardness.

There are, of course, other ways to deal with grief. While we were preparing to celebrate Halloween a month ago, Mexico was gearing up for its annual Día de Muertos ("Day of the Dead") – a brightly coloured and often **- 5 -** celebration of lost loved ones. Some people sleep in graveyards. Others dress themselves up as the deceased, or write **- 6 -** epitaphs for the living. There are parades. There's dancing. Tequila may or may not be involved.

In my birth-country, Iran, the close family of someone who's died will receive visits from friends, extended family, and mere acquaintances in the days after the death, to participate in the Azadari, or collective grieving ritual. Guests might choose to sit quietly in a circle, weep gently, or **- 7 -** from the depths of their very souls, leaving the family free to make endless tea as they whisper in the kitchen:

"Do you know that man in the beige suit?"

"No. Do you?"

"No. Here – give him some halva."

Conversation about the dead is encouraged, **- 8 -** time has passed. Stories are shared without anyone glancing down to nod earnestly at their shoes.

This may sound quite alien to those who prefer to **- 9 -** their love and care for the immediate family of the deceased by providing them with a sort of selfless, phlegmatic stability, but from another perspective it allows those closest to the loss to act as the comforter, not just the comforted, allowing them some time to process the shock and loss by offering hospitality to passing men in beige suits and others who **- 10 -** to pay their respects.

Adapted from:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/death-bereavement-national-grief-awareness-day-mexico-iran-day-of-the-dead-a8660541.html>