

CERTIFICADO DE NIVEL INTERMEDIO B2

IDIOMA: INGLÉS

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA - 2023

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

CUMPLIMENTE LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:

APELLIDOS: _____
NOMBRE: _____
ASPIRANTE: Libre <input type="checkbox"/> Escolarizado <input type="checkbox"/> Grupo: _____

INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR ESTA PARTE:

DURACIÓN: 70 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.
- El uso del cualquier dispositivo electrónico queda prohibido durante toda la prueba. El móvil tendrá que permanecer apagado y guardado.
- **Atención:** No escriba en los recuadros sombreados; son espacios reservados para la calificación de las tareas.

PUNTUACIÓN: / 10



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TASK 1 (6 x 0.4 marks = 2.4 marks)

Read the following texts about the biggest regrets in life. Match each text (1-6) with the most appropriate heading (A-J). There are THREE headings you do NOT need. Write your answers in the table provided. Text 0 is an example.

Truth be told, we all have regrets

Text 0

We never seem to forget - or forgive ourselves - for not speaking up against the bullies. We wish we had been more confident. And by the way most of us have also met up with a bully in our work life. We remember that one time we wish we'd told him off - even if it cost us our job. We usually take some small solace in hearing that that bully later on made some unfortunate career stumble.

Text 1

How do you balance meeting that short-term deadline and sitting down for dinner with your beloved ones? There are always worries. "Will I earn that promotion?" I need to increase my value and it's not a big deal if I stay late this one time. I'll make it up with the family this weekend." But the "making up" never seems to happen. Days turn to months and then years and then decades.

Text 2

A big regret for most of us is questioning whether we are not enough or unworthy. Why did we allow the concerns of others to weigh so heavily on us instead of trusting our own beliefs? Maybe we didn't think we were worth having what we wanted. Maybe we just thought poorly of ourselves. Later on, we wish we could have been more determined.

Text 3

Many people don't know how to have fun. We go through life very serious. We miss out on half (or maybe all) the fun in life that way. Do something a little silly today. Crack a joke with the bus driver - even if he ends up looking at you weirdly. Do a little dance. You'll probably smile, on the inside if not the outside. Now keep doing that, day after day.

Text 4

I've spoken with lots of folks who didn't take a degree. When I met them, they were already well-known at their job. And there are many examples I can think of where their jobs were very senior and they were very well-respected. However, if the education topic ever came up in private conversation, almost universally, you could tell they regretted not getting their degree. It made them insecure, almost like they worried they were going to be "found out."

Text 5

As a country, we need more engineers, scientists, and other "hard" science folks and most of us have taken on a practical job over the one we really wanted. But, at the end of the day, you've got to live your life, not the government's. Although there are many roads that lead to Rome, you're probably better off just starting immediately in the area that you love.

Text 6

It's not *quality of time* that's important, it's *quantity of time*. We comfort ourselves knowing that we're going to stay late at the office again with the idea that we'll make it up by taking our son to a football match on the weekend. 'As long as I spend some quality time with him,' we think, 'it will all balance out.' It probably won't.

Adapted from: www.forbes.com



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HEADINGS	
A	<i>Standing up to threats.</i>
B	A better-paid job at the expense of family.
C	Applying for that dream job.
D	Cheer up and brighten your day.
E	Get involved and think about the others.
F	I wish I had gone to university.
G	More is what matters.
H	Not having enough confidence in myself.
I	Trust that voice in the back of your head.
J	Wrong career choice, is it ever late?

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 1 HERE:							
Texts	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Headings	A						
	✓						
						MARK	



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TASK 2 (9 x 0.4 marks = 3.6 marks)

Read the text below. Fill in each gap (1-9) with the most suitable word from the WORD BANK provided. There are THREE extra words you do NOT need. Write your answers in the table provided. Item 0 is an example.

Here's why you look better in mirrors than you do in pictures

Usually the greatest 0 after a wild night of partying isn't what you said that you might regret but how you'll look in your friends' tagged photos. 1 you left the house looking like a 10, those awkward group selfies make you feel more like a 5 and you begin to wonder, "Why do I look different in pictures?" It's a weird phenomenon that, thanks to selfies, is making people question their own mirrors. Are pictures the real you or is it your reflection? Have mirrors been lying to us the whole time?

We're familiar with the face that 2 back at us while we brush our teeth in the morning but the mirror isn't really the real us. It's a reflection, so it shows how we look like in reverse. Because we're so used to seeing the reverse version of ourselves, how we look in pictures can be somehow unpleasant. And 3 you're blessed with a perfectly symmetrical face, the photo version of yourself can be even more upsetting.

We see ourselves in the mirror all the time - you brush your teeth, you shave, you put on makeup, Looking at yourself in the mirror becomes a firm impression. Basically, it's a behaviour that says people 4 favourably to things they're most familiar with. So, when you see a flipped version of yourself, you immediately hate it or even find it grotesque because it's the opposite of what you're used to.

So if your reflection isn't the real you, does that mean your ugly selfies are your true self? Although mirrors show a flipped version of yourself that tones down the harshness of your asymmetries, the myth that "pictures never lie" isn't true 5. After all, most people take more than one selfie before they find their most flattering one, and usually it takes a combination of angles, lighting, and duck lips before landing one that's Instagram-worthy. But the problem might not be your angles; because of the proximity of your face to the camera, the lens can 6 certain features, making them look larger than they are in real life. Pictures also only provide a 2-D version of ourselves. Depending on your features, if you have a soft, round face, photos can flatten your features and further change the real you.

Everyone knows what it's like to pose for an awkward photo, like a driver's license or a passport. The photos never turn out looking nice, and they 7 look like our natural smiles. When you're looking at yourself in the mirror, you're relaxed, confident, you act naturally and you are more 8 to smile. If someone shouting "Say cheese!" at you makes you feel self-conscious about your un-photogenic reputation, obviously you're going to tense up and have a photo that looks odd



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compared to the version you see in the mirror. It's best to relax when taking pictures and try to focus on something else. That tense, forced awkwardness will always translate to a bad photo. It's possible you're less attractive than you think. But no matter how many factors you want to 9 for your lousy pictures, it all points to psychology. Perhaps the reason you look different in pictures is because the version of yourself you like best is a creation of your imagination.

Adapted from: www.upworthy.com

WORD BANK				
also	although	blame	distort	despite
either	fear	hardly	harm	likely
react	stares	unless		

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 2 HERE:				
0. <i>fear</i>	✓			
1.		2.		3.
4.		5.		6.
7.		8.		9.
				MARK



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TASK 3 (10 x 0.4 marks = 4 marks)

Read this extract from a novel and decide which of these sentences (1-10) are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Write T (TRUE) or F (FALSE) in the table provided. Sentence 0 is an example.

Jonathan

In the same way that thousand-mile journeys start with the first step, so life-changing events can begin to arise in the most unexpected ways.

And yet they shouldn't have been unexpected, because the moment I woke up that morning, I had a feeling that something important was going to happen. For one thing a wind was rattling at the window of my bedroom sending the curtains flying. When I got up to close the window, I saw the clouds, skating across a June sky of deepest blue, and the sea was a marvellous dark aquamarine, speckled with white horses. A most exciting sort of day.

Below, in the farmyard, Mary's Brown Leghorn chickens pecked between the cobblestones for scraps of grain, and the wind caught their feathers again and again, and their cackles and squawks sounded outraged.

The farm is called "Polmeor" and it belongs to my brother-in-law, Marcus Stevens. Marcus married my sister Mary ten years ago and they have 70 cows, 16 pigs, 3 dogs, a flock of hens, a couple of evil-tempered geese and 3 children. The children, in their turn, have an aged donkey called Dearest, used as a pack horse to carry, in a couple of pannier baskets, bathing and picnic things down the cliffs to the beach. As likely as not, on the way home, one of the emptied panniers might also contain a leg-weary toddler on the climb up the valley from the cliff.

We were three sisters, all five years apart. Mary, and then Lally and then me. Our parents lived in Surrey, and in the summer holidays, we were taken either to the Lake District or Wales, or even, once or twice, to Spain. But after Mary married Marcus, Lally and I never wanted to go anywhere but Cornwall. Luckily the farmhouse is large and endless, and my brother-in-law, the most generous and hospitable of men.

And as for Mary, she welcomed us with open arms, for the three children came in quick succession, and extra and willing pairs of hands were more than welcome. You might think that hanging out lines of nappies, peeling great buckets of potatoes for the midday farm dinner, feeding hens and shelling peas isn't most people's idea of a summer holiday, but "Polmeor" is a magic place where even the most mundane tasks take on a joy of their own.

That day, Mary took the Land Rover into Porthkerris with a grocery list three pages long. I was left to put a load of sheets through the washing machine, tidy up the breakfast dishes, and make a shepherd's pie for lunch. I had everything done and the table laid, and was out in the garden pegging the sheets on the line, when Mary returned. I heard a dog barking and doors slamming when the front door opened and Mary came across the grass towards me, carrying two glasses of cider in her hands.

"What's this?" I asked. "Drinking before lunch?"

"I need it, I'm exhausted." She didn't look exhausted. She looked gorgeous, suntanned and blonde, like a Viking, I always thought. She had long hair in a pigtail now, and she wore faded jeans and a



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coral pink T-shirt, and it was hard to believe that she was 30 and the mother of three children. I am dark-haired, and Lally is dark too, we are unmistakably related, but Mary is unique

Mary said, “I’ve got news for you. I saw Mrs Crispin in the fruit shop—she was buying oranges. And she wants us all to go and have a drink with her tomorrow evening, because—wait for it—she’s got Jonathan Locksley staying.”

Adapted from: An excerpt from the novel, A Place Like Home, by Rosemunde Pilchard

SENTENCES	
0	<i>People are aware of when important events are going to arise.</i>
1	On that day, the weather was telling the writer that something unforeseen was on the horizon.
2	Although it was breezy, the author could see that the sea was relatively calm.
3	It seemed that it was going to be just another ordinary day.
4	The writer’s brother-in-law earns a living by running a farm.
5	The horse belonging to the children always had to carry them back after going to the beach.
6	As kids, their parents would usually take them on holiday abroad.
7	After Mary got married, her sisters always wanted to holiday in Cornwall with her.
8	Mary was glad about her sisters taking care of the children.
9	The writer sometimes thought that staying on the farm was a little boring at times.
10	When Mary arrived from Porthkerris, the writer had finished all the chores.

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO TASK 3 HERE:											
Sentences	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
T/F	T										
	✓										
									MARK		

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CLAVE DE RESPUESTAS

TASK 1 (6 x 0.4 marks = 2.4 marks)

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Headings	A	B	H	D	F	J	G
Corrección	✓						

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6
puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4

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0. <i>fear</i>	✓								
1. <i>although</i>		2. <i>stares</i>		3. <i>unless</i>		4. <i>react</i>			
5. <i>either</i>		6. <i>distort</i>		7. <i>hardly</i>		8. <i>likely</i>			
9. <i>blame</i>									

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6

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T/F	F	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
Corrección	✓										

N.º respuestas correctas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
puntuación	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	4