PRUEBAS DE CERTIFICACIÓN



INGLÉS / B2

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS SESIÓN ORDINARIA 2024

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TASK 1

Read the following text and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for each question (1-8). Question (0) is an example. Write your answers in the ANSWER BOX (1 item = 0.8).

CLIMATE CHANGE: FIRST CHILDREN'S CLIMATE TRIAL IN US HISTORY TO BE HELD



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Meanwhile, a group of children in Portugal are waiting for their case against to be heard in the European Court of Human Rights. Their case argues that governments in 33 European countries - including the UK - have not done enough to prevent the impact of climate change. More and more children are using the legal system to hold governments to account and there have been successes. The Netherlands, Colombia, and Germany are just some of the places where children and young people won their cases and new climate targets were brought in.

Why are these young people suing Montana? In the documents, there are details on how each of the 16 young people have been affected. Rikki Held, 21, says that climate change caused the river on her family's ranch to dry up, climate change caused more problems with disease and their farm suffered economically. She also says it has affected her health and wellbeing. The youngest of the group, Nate, was just two when the legal action started, he is now five years old. In the papers it says he suffers from breathing problems which his parents claim is due to climate change increasing Montana's wildfire season. Other children were said to have health problems due to wildfires and were not able to play outside for months in the summer due to the smoke.

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(Adapted from bbc.co.uk)

¹ sue- to take legal action against a person or organization.

² mount-to gradually increase.

³ lawsuit- a court case; a problem taken to a law court by an ordinary person or an organization.

0. A young group of people in Montana ...

A. are in the process of going to court.

- B. have already sued the US government.
- **C.** will sue the state in the future.

1. The young people want to show how...

- **A.** climate change affects them personally.
- **B.** Montana is acting like other US states.
- **C.** the US is responsible for air pollution.

2. The 16 children and young adults...

- **A.** are being supported by the energy industry.
- **B.** feel the state should deal with youth legal issues.
- C. think their personal freedoms are at risk.

3. According to Our Children's Trust ...

- A. climate destruction cannot be reversed.
- **B.** it is important for young people to take action.
- **C.** young people should try to change the constitution.

4. In a European case, people feel that governments in several countries...

- **A.** knew their actions contributed to climate change.
- **B.** need to accept the blame for their inactivity.
- **C.** should be forced to pass more protective laws.

5. The cases won by other young people have ...

- A. forced governments to change their policies.
- **B.** inspired the children and young adults in Montana.
- C. resulted in a drastic reduction of carbon emissions.

6. Rikki Held claims that due to climate change ...

- A. her parents suffered from a disease.
- B. her town suffered economically.
- C. there was a severe lack of water.

7. Montana authorities feel that the aim of using children is to ...

- A. influence public opinion.
- **B.** stop certain energy initiatives.
- **C.** focus on exploiting natural resources.

8. In the future, Montana is looking to ...

- A. change how it uses its natural resources.
- **B.** explore ways to import more oil and gas.
- **C.** invest in renewable energy sources.

ANSWER BOX									
QUESTION	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ANSWER	A								

Marks 1: ____/6.4

TASK 2

Read the text and complete each numbered space (9-16) with the SENTENCE (A-K) that fits best from the sentence bank. There are <u>TWO</u> extra sentences. Answer (0) is an example. Write your answers in the ANSWER BOX (1 item = 0.8).

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Not everyone was pleased. When Reshi posted about the book on Twitter, a debate started. Some people praised him for his ingenuity. **(11)** _____. The problem, they said, was not just the poor quality of the artwork (for instance, in one drawing, hands look like claws). **(12)** _____.

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(14) _____. Will people pay them for their work if it can be done cheaper using AI?

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"As somebody who makes my money and finds my joy in writing, it's deeply troubling to see people seeking cheap alternatives to actual human writing," journalist Abraham Josephine Riesman says.

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(Adapted from: timeforkids.com)

CONSEJERÍA DE EDUCACIÓN, CULTURA Y DEPORTES

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SENT	ENCE BANK
A.	A chatbot is a computer program that uses artificial intelligence (AI)
В.	Anyone can use these AI tools
C.	At a comedy club, an AI- powered robot delivered jokes
D.	But artists were critical
E.	He created illustrations using another AI program, Midjourney
F.	However, the image wasn't very realistic
G.	It uses algorithms to find patterns in those images and create new ones
Н.	It was the way the art was made
I.	Many artists and writers are nervous about their future
J.	Reshi says there should be protections for artists and authors
К.	They could earn a lot of money as a result

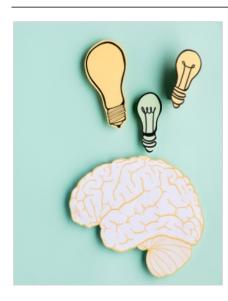
ANSWER BOX

GAP	0	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SENTENCE	Α								

Marks 2: ____/6.4

TASK 3

Read the texts. Match each heading (A-M) with the text (17-25) that it refers to. There are <u>THREE</u> extra statements that you will not use. Answer (0) is an example. Write your answers in the ANSWER BOX (1 item = 0.8).



HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY

You want to recommend a good book you just finished, or a movie you finally saw. All of a sudden, you can't remember the title! Luckily, there are plenty of options available when it comes to jogging your short-term memory, improving your long-term memory, and tricking your mind into remembering important details. Here are some:

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HEA	DINGS
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ANSWER BOX

EXTRACT	0	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
HEADING	м									

Marks 3: ____/7.2

TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TOTAL MARK
			/20

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ANSWER	Α	Α	С	В	В	Α	С	В	Α

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GAP	0	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SENTENCE	Α	E	В	D	н	G	I	С	J

DISTRACTORS: F, K

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TASK 3 HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY

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HEADING	м	F	к	I	с	Α	G	В	J	E

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