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COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

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INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE ESTA PARTE

- **DURACIÓN: 50 minutos.**
- **PUNTUACIÓN:** A efectos de **certificación**, será necesario superar todas y cada una de las cinco actividades de lengua con una puntuación mínima del 50% en cada una de ellas y una calificación global final igual o superior al 65%. A efectos de **promoción**, será necesario obtener una puntuación mínima del 50% en todas y cada una de las cinco actividades de lengua.
- Las respuestas erróneas no descontarán puntos.
- Esta parte consta de TRES tareas.
- Leer las instrucciones al principio de cada tarea y realizarla según se indica.
- Las respuestas escritas a lápiz no se calificarán.
- No está permitido el uso del diccionario.
- **NO ESCRIBIR NADA EN LAS ÁREAS GRISES.**

DATOS DEL CANDIDATO

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CALIFICACIÓN:		

TASK 1

Read the text and complete each numbered space (1-8) with a sentence (A-K) from the Sentence Box. There are TWO extra sentences. Answer (0) is an example. Write your answers in the Answer Box (1 item = 0.8).

BEST SOLUTION, STOP POLLUTION



With global warming affecting our planet severely, taking measures for environmental safety is the basic need of the hour. On World Environment Day, we spoke to popular television actors on how they plan to work towards environmental safety. (0) _____:

Quite resourceful (by Dalljiet Kaur)

Every person can contribute to keeping the environment clean. I make sure I get my car checked for PUC (*Pollution Under Control*) regularly. Otherwise, on a daily basis, (1) _____. It's all about saving resources, and I do my bit in whatever little way I can.

Keep it clean (by Vahbiz Dorabjee)

I think we should contribute every single day to the environment. (2) _____. It can be attached to the seat. It helps me a lot because I can throw things in it and later dispose them in a dustbin, rather than discarding them on the road. Besides, one should be reminded of not littering around and spitting. I feel angry and disgusted seeing someone spit on the road.

Don't stick to plastic (by Vivian D'Sena)

I don't use plastic bags at all. Whenever I shop, I ensure I don't use plastic bags. (3) _____; wet and dry garbage should be separated. Also, spitting on the road should be fined. (4) _____.

Plant a tree (by Laksh)

Self-initiative is a must for every citizen. We can save the environment by starting on an individual level. We can start carpooling. (5) _____. PUC certificate for all the cars and bikes is a must to keep pollution in check. We can plant small saplings for a greener environment.

Save for the next generation (by Hasan Zaidi)

(6) _____, especially in today's era with increasing pollution in terms of vehicles, industrial pollutants, and the carbon imprints. As an individual, we need to live by example and teach the next generation. One can start with carpooling.

Start with your home (by Shweta Basu Prasad)

Treat your ecosystem like your own home. Don't litter, avoid using plastic, and grow more trees. Global warming is growing at an alarming rate. (7) _____. We are contaminating what God created, by "trying" to show respect. A city/country is beyond an individual's reach. Start with your home.

Recycle and reuse (by Aniruddh Dave)

I believe in using products that are environment friendly, especially regarding food and shopping. (8) _____, and you can use cloth bags instead of plastic bags. You can start recycling plastic products. Initiative has to be taken by every individual. Planting trees and going green is one of the most important things that needs to be done for saving the environment.

(Adapted from: tribuneindia.com)

SENTENCE BOX	
A.	Also, instead of cars, we can start cycling
B.	Environment poses a big concern
C.	HERE'S WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY
D.	I also make sure that garbage is thrown at the right place
E.	I don't eat if anything is served on plastic plates
F.	I save water by checking taps regularly and turn them off while brushing
G.	Please stop the toxic immersion of idols in the sea
H.	Recently, my mother gifted me a bin for my car
I.	Save the environment, plant a tree
J.	So, using clean energy as an alternative can help
K.	We can't be polluting our roads

ANSWER BOX									
SPACE	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SENTENCE	C								

Marks 1: _____/6.4

TASK 2

Read the text and fill in the spaces with the correct option (A, B or C) for each numbered space. Answer (0) is an example. Write your answers in the Answer Box (1 item = 0.8).

FRIDAY THE 13TH



Maybe you (0) _____ to open an umbrella inside your house or walk under a ladder that's on a sidewalk. These are superstitions, or a (9) _____ that something bad will happen even if there's no reason to think that it will. One big superstition in the United States is that Friday the 13th is an unlucky day.

Happening up to three times a year depending on the calendar, the day seems to make people more careful or avoid things they usually aren't (10) _____ to do. In fact, experts think so many people skip work on Friday the 13th that businesses can lose hundreds of millions of dollars!

Of course, no one can prove that more misfortune takes place on Friday the 13th. We just (11) _____ it more if bad things happen on that day. But if Friday the 13th is only a superstition, why do people actually believe in it? No one knows for sure, but experts have some (12) _____.

Origin story

It's hard to know exactly when Friday the 13th became thought of as unlucky, but it comes from the Christian religion. For example, in the Bible, Judas—a person who is said to have betrayed Jesus—was the 13th guest at the Last Supper. Also in the Bible, many unfortunate things happened on Fridays. So, it (13) _____ sense that people who read the Bible got nervous around Friday the 13th.

It's also possible that 13 is considered "cursed" because it's the number after 12, which many people see as a number that completes things. Think about it—12 months are in a year, 12 inches in a foot, 12 pairs of ribs in a body, etc. So, it's possible the number 13 makes people (14) _____ because it causes them to think about the unknown—beyond the number 12.

Around the world

In other countries, Friday the 13th isn't unlucky. For instance, in Spain, Tuesday the 13th is considered the day to dread. And in Italy, people fear the 17th day of any month. Why? Because the Roman numeral XVII (17) can be (15) _____ to spell "VIXI," which means "my life is over" in Latin. But, like in the United States, no one can prove that more terrible things occur on those days, either.

Back to reality

People who are super afraid on Friday the 13th might (16) _____ called triskaidekaphobia, which is a fear of the number 13. (Any extreme or irrational fear of something is called a phobia). The word comes from ancient Greek and translates to "fear of the number 13."

For most people, being afraid of Friday the 13th is just a superstition, something that we can have fun (17) _____ to fear because we know, well, there's really nothing to fear. But if you want to cross your fingers just in case, that's fine too!

(Adapted from: kids.nationalgeographic.com)

EXPRESSIONS

0.	A. allow B. prevent C. <u>refuse</u>	12.	A. clues B. evidence C. proof	15.	A. mixed up B. organized C. rearranged
9.	A. belief B. thought C. trust	13.	A. got B. had C. made	16.	A. believe in something B. have a condition C. have a feeling
10.	A. afraid B. expected C. thrilled	14.	A. aware B. curious C. uneasy	17.	A. imagining B. pretending C. supposing
11.	A. pretend to forget B. tend to notice C. try to understand				

ANSWER BOX

SPACE	0	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ANSWER	C									

Marks 2: _____/7.2

TASK 3

Read the following text. Match the statements below (A-K) to the section of the text (18-25) that they refer to. There are **TWO** extra statements. Write your answers in the Answer Box. Statement (0) is an example. (1 item = 0.8).

HOW TO BE A TRAVELLER AND NOT A TOURIST



0. Unlike a tourist. A traveller is someone who wants to experience another culture and avoid “tourist traps” and other less authentic experiences. To embrace the traveller in you, focus on the culture of the country or city you’re visiting and connect with locals for advice and new friendships.

18. Focus on Culture. Study your travel destination before leaving. Knowing the history and culture of where you’re going will help you connect with the locals, be more travel-conscious, and improve your experience overall. Start researching by reading guidebooks and

then look into local newspapers and documentaries if possible.

19. Learn some linguistic basics. Knowing how to say "Hello," "Thanks," "Where is the bathroom?" and "One beer please," in the local language will not only improve your experience, but also help you bond with the locals. By learning some language basics, you’re also showing the locals that you appreciate and value their culture. Greeting and asking someone "Do you speak English?" in the local language before switching to English will make the person appreciate you more.

20. Be spontaneous. Keep your planning to a minimum so you can go with the flow and follow local recommendations. Plans are for tourists, change of plans are for travelers.

21. Dress to fit in. Your clothes are one of the first things a local is going to notice about you, so make sure you’re starting off on the right foot. Sometimes, dressing to fit in can become a safety concern. Research your travel destination and pack appropriately. Make sure you’re respecting a country’s culture or widespread religious beliefs with the clothing you wear there.

22. Skip the big-city hotel. Opt for bed and breakfast options or small countryside hotels. These smaller-scale options are often more personalized and authentic. Ask the hotel owner or manager what they would do with a day off and experience a day in the life of a local! Try renting an Airbnb or couchsurfing for an even closer connection to the local culture.

23. Don’t do things just because they’re a city’s "must-see"

There will inevitably be a "must-see" or "must-do" item in any city or country you visit; resist the urge to go or do these experiences just because you feel like you’ll "miss out" if you don’t. However, if you truly want to experience something "touristy," don’t hold yourself back either! Being a traveller is about being true to yourself and your desires.

24. Take the train. When you take the train, you’re encouraged to look at the scenery and appreciate your surroundings. Even better, locals often opt for trains instead of buses or planes, so make your way over to the food cart and start making some friends! You never know, someone you meet on the train might totally change your plans!

25. Drive if you can. Driving doesn’t require booking tickets in advance. Stay away from highways. Highways are a great way to get where you need to go fast, but you can learn so much more about the lay of the land, the geography of the place you’re visiting, and about local life if you stick to small roads. Ask for directions, and don’t be afraid to get lost! Sometimes the best discoveries are the unexpected ones.

(Adapted from: wikihow.health)

STATEMENTS	
A.	A TRAVELLER DESCRIBED.
B.	Dress to feel safe.
C.	Eliminate the pressure; it's your trip.
D.	Impress the locals.
E.	Learn about the past for a better experience.
F.	Make at least one plan.
G.	Mix with the natives.
H.	Stay flexible.
I.	Study so you know what to wear.
J.	Try a more typical routine.
K.	What a wonderful mistake!

ANSWER BOX

SECTION	0	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
STATEMENT	A								

Marks 3: _____/6.4

TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TOTAL MARK
			_____/20

TASK 1
BEST SOLUTION, STOP POLLUTION

ANSWER BOX

QUESTION	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ANSWER	C	F	H	D	K	A	B	G	E

Sentences I and J are not used.

TEXT

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Don't stick to plastic (by Vivian D'Sena)

I don't use plastic bags at all. Whenever I shop, I ensure I don't use plastic bags. **I also make sure that garbage is thrown at the right place (D) (3)**. Wet and dry garbage should be separated and spitting on the road should be fined. **We can't be polluting our roads (K) (4)**.

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(Adapted from: tribuneindia.com/news/archive/lifestyle/best-solution-stop-pollution-417498, 505 words)

TASK 2
FRIDAY THE 13TH

ANSWER BOX

SPACE	0	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ANSWER	C	A	A	B	A	C	C	C	B	B

TEXT

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TASK 3
HOW TO BE A TRAVELLER AND NOT A TOURIST

ANSWER BOX									
SECTION	0	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
STATEMENT	A	E	D	H	I	J	C	G	K

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TEXT

0. Unlike a tourist. A traveller is someone who wants to experience another culture and avoid “tourist traps” and other less authentic experiences (A). To embrace the traveller in you, focus on the culture of the country or city you’re visiting and connect with locals for advice and new friendships.

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(Adapted from: [wikihow.health/Be-a-Traveler-and-Not-a-Tourist](https://www.wikihow.com/Be-a-Traveler-and-Not-a-Tourist), 553 words)