

Solo se tendrán en cuenta las respuestas gramatical y ortográficamente correctas.



A. Text Analysis – 0,75 points (33 answers)

Friday night on Owey Island and it's like we've been time-warped into the Ireland of years gone by. Smoke from burning turf fills the air as the small cluster of locals potter in and out of their well-maintained houses, sharing freshly caught fish and odd jobs. Friendly dogs roam free and chickens strut about. And as the roar of the sea and rustling of the reeds harmonise with warm, convivial chatter, it's hard to believe this lively haven lay dormant for decades.

(Adapted from bbc.com, por Julie Diamond)

- Complete this information about the text briefly.** (3 points)
 - Main typology:
 - Genre:
 - Style:
- Write two words that perfectly rhyme with each of these words from the text. Marks will be awarded only if both words are correct.** (4 points)
 - turf –
 - air –
 - roar –
 - chatter –
- Provide a one-word synonym for each of the words below based on their meaning in the text.** (5 points)
 - time-warped –
 - cluster –
 - roam –
 - convivial –
 - haven –
- Explain briefly (not with an example) what these words mean in the text.** (4 points)
 - potter –
 - odd jobs –
 - strut –
 - rustling –
- Complete this information about the text** (6 points):
 - three obvious sensory-related nouns –
 - three obvious movement verbs –
 - three main themes –
- Identify the compound words in the text. For each, state its part of speech and briefly explain how it is formed.** (4 points)
- Name and explain two figures of speech in the text and their effect.** (4 points)
- What sentence structures dominate in the text? What idea is conveyed?** (3 points)

B. Use of English – 2,25 points (68 answers)

9. Find a homophone for each pair of sentences. Marks will be awarded only if both words are spelled correctly. (10 points)

- a.1 At dawn, he fastened his _____-belt and mounted his horse, bound for the battlefield.
a.2 The eagle _____ above the snow-covered peaks, its wings flapping in slow motion.
- b.1 The performer gave a respectful _____ to the audience before taking the stage.
b.2 We spotted a little bird perched on a high _____ of an oak tree, completely out of our reach.
- c.1 She was warned not to _____ into the water, but she ignored the warning.
c.2 The problems at home _____ heavily on him, stealing his sleep.
- d.1 I _____ a warning, but they paid no heed. And then, the bridge collapsed.
d.2 He was clearly self-conscious about going _____. That's why he tugged at his cap before heading our way.
- e.1 What _____ me is that I could have spent the night with her if you had told me!
e.2 _____ glided effortlessly across the lake, their polished runners whispering against the ice.

10. Fill in the gaps with one word. (15 points)

- a. When renting out a property, it is crucial to distinguish between tenant damage and normal wear and _____.
- b. A group of sheep or birds together is called a flock, but a group of animals born to an animal at the same time are called _____.
- c. The shelter was _____ and ready, but it served its purpose for the night.
- d. Although the little boy is quite disobedient with his parents, he spent the morning with me and he was as good as _____.
- e. During the storm, we listened in silence to the low, continuous _____ of distant thunder.
- f. The money came in dribs and _____, so it took us a long time to raise the amount we needed.
- g. Appearances can be quite deceptive. Beneath his _____ and mild appearance lies a cunning and calculating mind.
- h. On a trip to a farm, the little kids heard the sheep _____, a horse _____ and a _____ purr. They loved all these animal sounds!
- i. My mother kept the house so clean that there wasn't a single _____ of dust anywhere.
- j. I didn't get a _____ of sleep last night because of my noisy neighbours.
- k. After the argument, the furious boy _____ the door behind him and the noise made his parents jump.
- l. When you move out of a house, it is your responsibility to ensure proper cleaning and leave the house _____ and span.
- m. Look at that tacky souvenir your aunt brought back from Italy! What are we going to do with that white _____?"

11. Choose the correct option. (8 points)

1. The movie was so funny that we were all in _____ by the end of it.
a. the sticks b. the limelight c. the flesh d. awe e. stitches
2. When the kids told me about their misadventures I couldn't help _____.
a. chuckling b. grinning c. sniggering d. shrugging e. stammering
3. It was the first _____ meal the pilgrim had had since he started the way.
a. round b. square c. quick d. full e. compact
4. As soon as my little sister saw the big bug, she let out a loud _____.
a. whisper b. giggle c. sigh d. shriek e. mumble
5. Would you stop shouting? I'm starting to have a _____ headache.
a. splitting b. hurting c. ringing d. piercing e. burning
6. If unexpected problems _____ during your speech, just stay calm until someone can help you.
a. arouse b. arise c. raise d. rouse e. rise
7. My mum shot me a fierce _____ showing she was really angry.
a. stare b. glare c. gaze d. glance e. glimpse
8. I didn't earn a big salary in that company, but an unexpected _____ was getting free health insurance.
a. gimmick b. eyesore c. perk d. loophole e. blackout

12. Use an appropriate form of the words in capitals to fill in the gaps. (10 points)

Despite the ^a _____ endless challenges of online learning, the	SEEM INDUSTRY RESOURCE SHADOW FEAR KNOW RIVAL EFFECT DEBT PRAISE
^b _____ students showed impressive ^c _____, which clearly	
^d _____ future success. It is true that some struggled at first and the	
task appeared ^e _____, but the teachers eagerly ^f _____	
their ^g _____ effort, even when the strategies used often proved	
^h _____. By the end of the process, the students felt ⁱ _____	
to their tutors for their ^j _____ support and dedication.	

13. Complete each sentence with one word to form an idiom or fixed expression. The word must relate to the word given in CAPITALS at the end. (5 points)

- a. I'm afraid I don't know her mobile phone number _____. I'll tell you this afternoon after I've looked it up. **HAND**
- b. My cousin is such a _____. He loves extreme sports and taking risks. **DEVIL**
- c. The archer shot his arrows, but he didn't hit the _____ even once. **EYE**
- d. The little girl was a real _____. She has loved books ever since she started reading. **BOOK**
- e. To be a celebrity, you need to be _____ to handle a lot of criticism. **SKIN**

14. Fill in the gaps with a suitable word or phrase. (5 points)

- a. The detective questioned eight witnesses, _____ could give her any useful information. She was really disappointed.
- b. The actress was wearing dark glasses to _____ recognised.
- c. The pirates found the treasure _____ many men before them had searched in vain.
- d. Tom called the police because he kept _____ by noisy neighbours.
- e. She is so tired! She _____ to getting up so early. It will take time.

15. Rewrite the sentences using the word given, which cannot be altered in any way. The meaning should be as similar as possible to the original sentence. (5 points)

- a. I would appreciate it if you could have a look at this report. **CAST**

- b. The politician said he hadn't received any illegal donations. **DENIED** (formal)

- c. The speaker showed the students several potential health benefits. **DREW**

- d. Only the President's diplomacy prevented a serious argument in the negotiations. **IF**

- e. I thought I would be able to steal the jewels and not be caught and punished for it. **GET**

16. Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb based on one of the verbs in the box. Add the correct particles. You may need to change their tense to fit the sentence. (5 points)

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- a. She used to be my best friend, but we have _____ after she betrayed my trust.
 - b. I've been _____ at the market. They charged me twice for a single shirt.
 - c. He's getting used to _____ on his expenses to save up for a new apartment.
 - d. The negotiations seemed to go well, but everything _____ at the last minute.
 - e. The little child innocently _____ the surprise before his mum's birthday party started.
17. Finish the second sentences in such a way that they are as similar as possible to the ones before them. (5 points)
- a. Despite my sister's quirky clothes, everybody ignored her.
Nobody took _____
 - b. We had better teach them a lesson now.
It's time _____
 - c. "The neighbour's kids shouldn't have behaved so badly", said my mother.
My mother objected _____
 - d. The weather was awful. Otherwise, we would have had a picnic.
If it had _____
 - e. They thought that your brother was smuggling illegal goods across the border.
Your brother _____

C. Translations (2 points)

18. Traducción directa:

I sink down into my body as into a swamp, fenland, where only I know the footing. Treacherous ground, my own territory. I become the earth I set my ear against, for rumours of the future. Each twinge, each murmur of slight pain, ripples of sloughed-off matter, swellings and diminishings of tissue, the droolings of the flesh, these are signs, these are the things I need to know about. Each month I watch for blood, fearfully, for when it comes it means failure. I have failed once again to fulfil the expectations of others, which have become my own.

(The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood)

19. Traducción inversa:

Hace un frío insoportable pero, aun así, el bullicio de este cruce de calle pesadillesco no decae jamás; está como suele, tan abarrotado que no aciertas a saber dónde pisas. Un turismo adocenado consume boberías en las tiendas de souvenirs, se alimenta en los puestillos de esa carne condimentada con una especia que descoloca el estómago, se hace selfies ante los luminosos o se retrata con los personajes de cómic que piden agresivamente dinero en cuanto se enfoca la cámara hacia ellos. Bajo esos disfraces hay inmigrantes latinos recién llegados que provocan lástima pero también hay tipos resabiados, chulos, que han hecho de este absurdo su modo de vida y te desafían de mala manera si pretendes hacer una foto sin pagarles un dólar.

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