

BLOQUE A (Comprensión lectora)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D).

- **A1.** According to the text, the thieves...

Respuesta correcta: **(d) failed to escape with all the jewels.** (En el texto se menciona que durante el escape se les cayó la corona de la Emperatriz Eugenia).

- **A2.** According to the text, the thief who stole the Mona Lisa...

Respuesta correcta: **(b) was the Louvre's first major thief.** (El texto indica que el robo de la Mona Lisa fue el "único precedente real").

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ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.

- **A3.** The Louvre thieves remained hidden in the city centre after the theft.

Respuesta: **FALSE.** Justificación: *"Within eight minutes, a gang of thieves sped away from the heart of the French capital with some of the nation's most valuable treasures."*

- **A4.** The value of the French crown jewels can depreciate once they are dismantled.

Respuesta: **TRUE.** Justificación: *"The final price of the stolen jewels may be smaller, but it would still be considerable."*

- **A5.** The museum staff had been expecting a theft for some time.

Respuesta: **FALSE.** Justificación: *"Never for a moment did we think there was such a risk; nobody can be prepared for that."*

- **A6.** The French government has faced widespread criticism over the theft.

Respuesta: **TRUE.** Justificación: *"...which has been generally regarded as a source of embarrassment for the French government."*

FIND IN THE TEXT:

- **A7.1.** ONE SYNONYM FOR: "exhibit" (verb).
Respuesta: **display** (o *displayed*)
- **A7.2.** ONE OPPOSITE FOR: "loose" (adjective).
Respuesta: **tight**

FIND IN THE TEXT:

- **A8.1.** ONE WORD MEANING: "a small, enclosed space used for storing things."
Respuesta: **closet**
- **A8.2.** ONE WORD MEANING: "to cover something in material, usually in order to protect it."
Respuesta: **wrap/wrapped**

BLOQUE B (Uso de la lengua)

OPTION 1. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES WITHOUT CHANGING THE ORIGINAL MEANING

- **B1.** **That's** the most interesting documentary I have ever seen.
- **B2.** **Whereas** my parents enjoy watching movies in the sitting room, I like to stream them in bed. (*También es válida la inversión del orden de las cláusulas*).
- **B3.** (FOND) My neighbour is not very **fond** of parties.
- **B4.** (MANY) Security knows how **many** people are inside the building at every time.
- **B5.** (WHICH) The advertising firm **which** Tim founded has recently gone bankrupt. (*O alternativamente: Tim founded an advertising firm which has recently gone bankrupt*).
- **B6.** "Would you like to dance, Nigel?" Clara asked (him). (*O alternativamente: "Would you like to dance with me?" Clara asked Nigel*).

OPTION 2. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES WITHOUT CHANGING THE ORIGINAL MEANING

- **B7. Some influencers** are known to buy their Instagram followers.
- **B8. (WISH) I wish** I could afford to travel abroad next summer.
- **B9. All** you need for a good hike is Google Maps and some snacks. (*Se admite tanto "is" como "are"*).
- **B10. (HAVING) The couple are having** the baby looked after while they are out for the evening.
- **B11. (MUST) Joe must** have stayed up gaming all night, because he looks very tired.
- **B12. As long** as you do yoga, you can reduce stress significantly.

BLOQUE C (Redacción)

C1. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MUSIC OR ART IN YOUR LIFE? EXPLAIN.

Music plays an absolutely essential role in my daily life, acting as both a source of comfort and a powerful motivational tool. From the moment I wake up until I go to bed, there is always a soundtrack accompanying my routine.

To begin with, listening to music helps me concentrate while studying. Classical or instrumental tracks create a peaceful environment that allows me to focus fully on my tasks without being distracted by background noise. Furthermore, music is my go-to remedy for stress. Whenever I feel overwhelmed by exams or personal issues, putting on my favourite playlist instantly improves my mood and helps me disconnect from my worries.

Moreover, music connects me with others. Going to concerts or simply sharing song recommendations with friends fosters a strong sense of belonging. In conclusion, music is not merely a form of entertainment for me; it is a vital part of my emotional well-being and a constant companion in every aspect of my life.

C2. WHAT KIND OF TV SERIES DO YOU LIKE BEST? GIVE REASONS.

Among the vast variety of television genres available today, my absolute favourite kind of TV series is science fiction. There are several reasons why I find this genre so captivating compared to others.

First and foremost, science fiction series offer an incredible escape from reality. Shows like *Stranger Things* or *Black Mirror* transport viewers to imaginative worlds, allowing us to disconnect from our daily routines and stressful academic responsibilities. The creativity involved in designing futuristic technologies or parallel universes never ceases to amaze me.

Furthermore, the best sci-fi shows do more than just entertain; they provoke deep thought. They frequently explore complex philosophical and ethical questions about humanity's future, the impact of artificial intelligence, and the consequences of our current actions. This intellectual stimulation makes watching them a highly rewarding experience.

In conclusion, I prefer science fiction series because they brilliantly combine thrilling entertainment with profound social commentary. They not only keep me on the edge of my seat but also encourage me to reflect on the world around us.

