

PRUEBA DE CERTIFICACIÓN DE NIVEL INTERMEDIO B1

INGLÉS

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS (CTE)

CUADERNILLO DE PREGUNTAS

Duración de la prueba: 50 minutos

INSTRUCCIONES

- No abra el cuadernillo de examen hasta que se lo indique su profesor.
- **Haga todas las tareas.** Al principio de cada tarea hay un ejemplo ilustrativo con el número cero.
- Al final de la prueba entregue dentro del cuadernillo todo el papel de borrador utilizado.
- Permanezca en su asiento hasta que el profesor indique el final de la prueba.

TASK 1

Read the text and complete gaps 1-10 with a word from the list that comes after the text. Each word can only be used ONCE. There are FOUR words that you do not need to use. Number 0 has been completed as an example.

(Marking: 10 x 1 = 10 points)

THE DISRUPTORS: MAKING A BETTER FUTURE

How could a revolution in our factories change the world? Robots, artificial intelligence and 3D printing are coming to our factories. Will the new world they make be a 0 better one?

The things people make, and the way they make them, determine 1 _____ cities grow and decline, and influence how empires rise and 2 _____.

So, any disruption to the world's factories matters. And that disruption is surely coming. 3 _____ are being digitalized, filled with new sensors and new computers to make them 4 _____, more flexible and more efficient.

Robots are breaking free from the cages that surround 5 _____, learning new skills and new ways of working. And 3D printers have long promised a world where you can make 6 _____, anywhere, from a computerized design. That vision is edging closer 7 _____ reality.

These forces promise cleaner factories, producing better goods at lower prices, personalized to our individual 8 _____ and desires. Humans will be freed from 9 _____ of the dirty, repetitive and dangerous jobs that have long been a feature of factory life.

But manufacturing jobs have always had a political importance beyond their size. They are often among the best-paid jobs 10 _____ to those without university education.

Source: www.bbc.com

anything	factories	happier	many	quicker
available	fall	how	much	them
<i>better</i>	from	it	needs	to

TASK 2

Read the text and fill the gaps 1-10 with the sentences A-N from the list that comes after the text. Use each sentence ONCE. There are THREE extra sentences that you do not need to use. Number 0 has been completed as an example.

(Marking: 10 x 1 = 10 points)

ENJOY

News, openings and events you cannot miss this month at our airline destinations.

MORE THAN A VISIT

ON LAND

Dundee by design. The first V&A Museum outside London has opened in Dundee, *0 an hour and a half from* Glasgow and Edinburgh. Dedicated to Scottish design, this building with the shape of a boat and 2,460 cement panels was designed by the Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, **1 _____**, and was inspired by the cliffs of Scotland's northeast coast. He says the idea was to 'create a new living room' for the Unesco City of Design.

BY THE WATER

These art institutions near the water were all designed **2 _____**.

Museu do Amanha (Tomorrow's Museum) in Rio. Designed by Santiago Calatrava, this science museum by Guanabara Bay focuses on **3 _____**. **This month:** The *Ofisuka 2068* exhibition imagines how work might be in the future. museudoamanha.org.br

Niemeyer Centre in Avilés. With views of the port of Avilés, **4 _____** Oscar Niemeyer, hosts exhibitions, concerts, plays and films. **This month:** three exhibitions dedicated to Joaquin Sorolla run until January, 6th. niemeyercentre.org

Botín Centre in Santander. Inaugurated in front of the bay, this Renzo Piano-designed building is suspended on pillars **5 _____**. **This month:** The exhibition *Cristina Iglesias: Entrespacios*, includes 23 works by the artist from San Sebastian. Until March, 3rd. centrobotin.org

MORE THAN A STAY

Besides their industrial interiors, these three hotels **6 _____** unique amenities and experiences.

The Pilgrim in London. This hotel in Paddington combines tradition (the 19th century parquet floors were used for the beds) with contemporary British design. **Origin coffee:** The team at Workshop Coffee **7 _____** for the best coffee producers in South and Central America. thepilgrim.com

25 hours Hotel Das Tour in Düsseldorf. Das Tour combines German engineering with French Art. Attractions **8 _____** for exploring the area are included. **Panoramic views:** The Paris Club restaurant specialises in contemporary French cuisine on the 16th floor, and the 17th floor bar is perfect for lively events. 25hours-hotels.com

Sir Adam Hotel in Amsterdam. Located in the super cool Amsterdam Noord area, its rooms **9 _____**, are decorated with local artwork. To get relaxed, you can choose your pillow from a menu and play a record on the room turntable. **Local ambassadors:** The Sir Explore service offers activities **10 _____**, such as a shopping tour and a talk about bikes by a local producer.

Source: Ronda Iberia's magazine

- A. above the ground
- B. accompanied by city residents
- ~~C. an hour and a half~~
- D. by world class architects
- E. early religious medieval art
- F. how human beings will live over the next century
- G. in the middle of the ocean
- H. Spain's only construction by
- I. spend several months every year looking
- J. stand out for offering
- K. such as a flower shop and a fleet of minis
- L. which have views of the river
- M. while building cathedrals
- N. who also designed Tokyo's 2020 Olympic stadium

MUESTRA

TASK 3

Read the text below and choose the option (a, b, or c) that fits best. Number 0 has been completed as an example.

(Marking: 5 x 1= 5 points)

How Necessary is a College Education?

Today, more and more students are feeling the pressure to do well in school so they can continue their education in college. They're constantly told that their future is dependent on doing well, as with a college degree they can get a good job and do well in later life. However, is this true for today's students? This essay looks to find out whether they'd be better off going straight into work instead.

No one can deny that going to college is a valuable experience. Putting academic studies aside, it teaches students a huge amount about living alone for the first time, in a safe setting. For example, a student needs to learn how to stay within a budget, live with people other than their family, and manage their time effectively. There's no better time to learn this than while in college, while mistakes can be made safely.

There's also no argument that some careers need people to attend college first. Doctors and teachers, for example, need to attend college to gain the knowledge they'll need to carry out their everyday roles. College also offers the chance to go out and practice working in those roles. That means students have relevant experience to put on their resumes when they come to apply for jobs.

However, it's not hard to see why some prospective students are turning away from the college experience. The biggest and most worrying problem is that of cost. College is prohibitively expensive for a lot of otherwise promising students. The cost of the education itself is steep enough, but there are other costs too. The costs of accommodation, food and other necessities for living mean that it just isn't possible to attend college. Some students can take on jobs as they study to pay their way through, but it's not possible for everyone.

It's also becoming the case that college degrees are becoming less valuable out in the real world. Thanks to years of schools encouraging students to go on to college, there's a glut of working people now who all have degrees. A hirer that's looking through applications won't be able to pick out a candidate based on their degree alone anymore. It's more likely that they're looking for life experiences, or concrete examples that the applicant has the skills they're looking for.

It seems that college is still a valuable experience for anyone who attends, but for different reasons in today's age. The experience of living away from home is crucial for many students. However, it may be more beneficial to go out into the working world rather than getting a degree, as they may be able to progress faster in their chosen field.

Source: *simplegrad.com*

0. The essay tries to find out whether ...

- a. a college education has ever guaranteed a good job.
- b. students feel the pressure to do well in school and go on to college.
- c. students should go straight into work rather than get a college degree.

1. According to the writer,

- a. college must be a safe place to learn about living alone.
- b. it's difficult to learn about living alone while studying.
- c. the best time to learn about living alone is while in college.

2. It is true that ...

- a. all students should have relevant experience before they can apply for a job.
- b. it is debatable that college is important for doctors and teachers.
- c. some careers need people to get a college degree to gain relevant experience.

3. Nowadays...

- a. a lot of promising students can afford college costs if they work.
- b. college is too expensive for many potential students.
- c. taking on jobs while studying is possible for all students.

4. In the modern working world,

- a. academic experiences and skills are crucial for hirers nowadays.
- b. college degrees are becoming less valuable.
- c. hirers still look for degrees rather than skills and life experiences.

5. In today's age,

- a. college is still a valuable experience but working might enable faster progress.
- b. students will do better in life if they go straight into the working world.
- c. the reasons for going to college have changed very little.