

TEXTOS SELECTIVIDAD . SOLUCIONES

1. 2010 an atlas of the human mind A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 c

True or False?

- 4 False. "It is an independent non-profit medical research organization."
- 5 False. "Although the Human Genome Project was completed more than five years ago and it established what the genes are, scientists don't still understand their biological functions and have little idea about which genes are used to make the brain."

Use of English

- 6 at
- 7 currently
- 8 success
- 9 unique
- 10 Look at the garden where I met your father.
- 11 The journalist asked if I/he/she/we thought scientists would decipher the mental map
The journalist asked whether I/he/she/we thought scientists would decipher the mental map
- 12 The project will be completed in 2005 by the scientists.
- 13 How long have you been studying?
How long have you been studying for?
For how long have you been studying?

2. 2010 micro-credits for the poor B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 False. "This is not a story of rich western countries helping the developing thrid-world"
- 5 False. "Now that giving loans to poor people has proven to be a success story, the whole world is being urged to develop small-scale lending initiatives as well."

Use of English

- 6 aim
- 7 enthusiastic
- 8 modestly
- 9 borrower
- 10 They awarded the Nobel Prize to M. Yunus.
- 11 Betty asked (me) when I had arrived.
- 12 had swum
- 13 I met a girl whose father is a London banker.

3. 2010 bullying at school A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "It was only in the early 1970s that it began to be made the object of systematic research".
- 5 True. "Former school bullies are more likely than other pupils to engage in serious crime later in their lives".

Use of English

- 6 broad
- 7 likely
- 8 suitable
- 9 quite
- 10 I have just been told the truth.
- 11 ... would have + V participio. Eg: ... would have been terrified. / ... would have fought against it.
- 12 How much do most employees earn?
- 13 was being laughed at

4. 2010 affordable, accessible coverage options for all B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 False. "Nowadays, fewer Americans receive health insurance coverage through their employers compared to eight years ago."
- 5 False. "Under the Obama plan, Americans will be able to maintain their current coverage".

Use of English

- 6 option
- 7 improve
- 8 lack
- 9 up
- 10 was driving
- 11 The doctor told me not to take another pill until next day.
The doctor told me not to take another pill until the following day.
- 12 She owns her own business since she has been working really hard for years.
She has been working really hard for years so that she could own her own business.
- 13 How much money do you have in your wallet?

5. 2010 can africa be saved A

Comprehension:

- 1 b/c → error: this won't happen in PEVAU, don't worry -.-' [en PEVAU pon siempre UNA SOLA OPCIÓN]
2 c

True or False?

- 4 True. "Its lakes and rivers are capable of producing 40% of the world's supply of hydroelectric power".
5 False. "Indeed, Africa is poorer now than when it first achieved independence from the colonial powers some 50 years ago."

Use of English

- 6 feed
7 furthermore
8 to
9 permanent
10 you promise to give it back to me / we sign an agreement / you provide a guarantee ...
11 The journalist asked if Africa could be saved.
The journalist asked whether Africa could be saved.
12 Billions of dollars in aid have been provided by the richest countries.
13 We give money to charity since we want to help people in Africa."

6. 2010 A doctor's vision of the future of medicine B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 False. "DNA sequencers will decode individual human genomes rapidly, accurately and inexpensively".
- 5 False. "Hopefully, this new medicine will eventually lead to a universal democratization of health care, bringing to billions of people the fundamental right of health".

Use of English

- 6 huge
- 7 check-up
- 8 friendly
- 9 manage
- 10 A new instrument has been invented by Spanish engineers.
- 11 Sarah went to the wedding reception although she was ill.
Sarah went to the wedding reception even though she was ill.
- 12 Who did the doctor give a prescription to?
To whom did the doctor give a prescription?
- 13 let me leave

7. 2010 can humans control the weather A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 True. "New satellites and high technological measuring equipment are helping scientists and researchers learn more about the weather patterns of the Earth. By mid century you can expect more accurate weather predictions."
- 5 False. "Governments all over the world are researching weather modification".

Use of English

- 6 crop
- 7 humidity
- 8 advice
- 9 proof
- 10 The doctor said to the old lady that he would not operate on her.
- 11 The name of the hospital where I had a heart operation is St Andrew's.
- 12 smoke
- 13 Scientists should be familiar with the latest technologies.

8. 2010 indian woman gives birth at age 70 B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "After she failed to have any children – something widely considered to be a stigma in India's family-orientated society".
- 5 False. "Rajo Devi has given birth in her seventies, becoming the oldest woman in doing so".

Use of English

- 6 married / marry
- 7 failure / failing
- 8 costume
- 9 for
- 10 He is being investigated by the police.
- 11 The teacher said: "don't mock your classmates" / The teacher said to us: "don't mock your classmates".
The teacher told: "don't mock your classmates" / The teacher told us: "don't mock your classmates".
- 12 How often do you travel to London?
- 13 Has been married

9. 2010 green energy industry asks for government help to meet targets A

Comprehension:

- 1** c
- 2** b

True or False?

- 4** False. “It is a huge amount of money” at a time when public finances are in the middle of a serious crisis”
- 5** True. “McCafferty also said that many private companies are planning to invest in the clean technology sectors”

Use of English

- 6** invest
- 7** trip
- 8** courage
- 9** frankly
- 10** will have travelled / will have traveled
- 11** The benefits of green energy are being analysed by governments.
- 12** S + would + V (base form) E.g: we would pollute less / we would respect our environment / there would be less contamination...
- 13** He was too exhausted to go on.

10. 2010 Social care for graduates compassionate embrace B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "You don't need any particular qualifications to go into social care as a carer".
- 5 False. "Workers in social care have a big, positive impact on the people they work with".

Use of English

- 6 look after
- 7 disability / disabilities
- 8 tough / demanding
- 9 elderly
- 10 What do social workers need?
- 11 will have finished
- 12 S + would + V (base form) E.g: would feel better / could live longer / would enjoy a healthier life...
- 13 Many graduates who decide to become social carers feel the need to do something different when they get their degree.
Many graduates who feel the need to do something different decide to become social carers when they get their degree.

11. 2010 the loch ness monster a famous creature A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 False. "Most researchers believe that a specimen of this creature could have existed in the lake at least 200 million years ago, and that very possibly any actual living Nessie could be the descendant of many generations from the original monster. "
- 5 False. "In the United Kingdom, confirming the existence of Nessie is irrelevant because the monster has a purely mythological meaning for the British people."

Use of English

- 6 [I can't find any... I think it's a mistake: it should be "evidence"]
- 7 meaningful / meaningless
- 8 nickname
- 9 look up
- 10 Nessie is believed to descend from another 200-year creature.
- 11 British people believe that Nessie exists although there is no evidence of it.
British people believe that Nessie exists even though there is no evidence of it.
British people believe that Nessie exists regardless of the fact that there is no evidence of it.
- 12 were
- 13 I am sorry to say he is ill.

12. 2010 taxi drivers' brains grow on the job B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "Three quarters of those who embark on the course abandon it."
- 5 False. "A black cab fare from Shepherd's Bush to Heathrow might cost £50, compared with £28 for a minicab."

Use of English

- 6 up
- 7 amount
- 8 growth
- 9 tiny
- 10 Taxi drivers are taught a few tricks.
 A few tricks are taught to taxi drivers.
- 11 The man asked me how could he get to the airport.
 The man asked how could he get to the airport.
- 12 Whose was the pearl?
- 13 S + would + V (base form) E.g.: I would look for a minicab / I would like to ride in a black cab ...

13. 2011 an original way to meet people A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "She looked out and said calmly: "That's my dog"".
- 5 True. "I was astonished"

Use of English

- 6 rejection
- 7 downtown
- 8 courage
- 9 sleepy / asleep
- 10 S + would + have + V participio (3^a col/-ed) E.g.: I would have taken the bus
- 11 (It was such) a long race that I couldn't finish it.
- 12 Whose boyfriend was quite funny?
- 13 My wife's car was stolen yesterday (by someone).
Yesterday my wife's car was stolen (by someone).

14. 2011 eating less meat could save lives B

Comprehension:

- 1 b / d [en PEVAU pon siempre UNA SOLA OPCIÓN]
2 d

True or False?

- 4 False. "More than 45,000 lives a year could be saved if everyone began eating meat no more than two or three times a week, health experts claim today".
5 True. "Widespread change to low-meat diets would stop 31,000 early deaths from heart disease, and 9,000 from cancer, according to new analyses of British eating habits".

Use of English

- 6 widespread
7 disease
8 better
9 take care of
10 It is unhealthy to eat red meat.
11 John is an excellent pianist who/that plays professionally.
John, who plays professionally, is an excellent pianist.
12 S + would + V (base form) E.g: we would look after our planet more / we wouldn't kill seals for fur
13 A strange noise was heard at the other side of the door (by them).

15. 2011 asking for help helps meeting people A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 True. "The people around her were more interested in taking from her than in giving back to her."
- 5 False. "Everyone wants to prove that they are self-sufficient [...] and Nora doesn't believe that is the way people should live."

Use of English

- 6 phoned
- 7 realise / realised
- 8 self-sufficient
- 9 explanation
- 10 What did she start focusing on?
- 11 She told him to stay with her after the operation.
- 12 When did he promise to give up smoking?
- 13 would have met

16. 2011 emerging market giants B

Comprehension:

- 1** b
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** False. "We are in the middle of historic change in global economic power."
- 5** True. "By 2025 China will have substituted the US as the global economic superpower".

Use of English

- 6** amazing
- 7** of
- 8** powerful / powerless
- 9** charge
- 10** will have left
- 11** WOULD + HAVE + V participio (3^a col/-ed) Eg: I would have done things better / I wouldn't have done that
- 12** How did Kevin travel to Moscow?
- 13** big enough for us

17. 2011 a very special postman A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "Was addressed to another house with the same number on a different street in the neighbourhood."
- 5 True. "He feared the marriage might be in trouble."

Use of English

- 6 turned out
- 7 married
- 8 embarrassment
- 9 make up / made up
- 10 Susan asked me if they had flown to Norway the day before.
- 11 would have brought
- 12 How long have they been studying Chinese?
- 13 A mosquito has just stung me!

18. 2011 animal cruelty and interpersonal violence B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 c

True or False?

- 4 False. "To animal lovers, violence against animals is cruel and difficult to understand. To the the rest of the world, it is 'just an animal, humans matter more'."
- 5 True. "Laws must be changed to punish or rehabilitate animal abusers."

Use of English

- 6 punish
- 7 cosmetics
- 8 cruel
- 9 about / of / on [uncommon]
- 10 How many people did we convince?
- 11 The World Football Championship was won by Spain in 2010.
- 12 S + WOULD + V (forma base) Eg: I would try harder / I wouldn't be so lazy / I would call out for help ...
- 13 The doctor asked if there was anything in my past that I regretted.

19. 2011 exams come to the bedroom A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "The University of Wales is already experimenting with this technology and dozens of others will be offered the service this summer".
- 5 False. "But he warned against using it as an excuse to reduce the amount of contact time between students and their teachers".

Use of English

- 6 allow
- 7 cheat
- 8 amount
- 9 warning
- 10 to adopt
- 11 S + would + V (base form) Eg: I would get better marks
- 12 She didn't buy the new computer even though she had enough money.
She didn't buy the new computer despite the fact that she had enough money.
- 13 I wasn't chosen at the casting by the director of the show.

20. 2011 the swedish revolution in your home B

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "It was the autumn of 1987, and a major cultural phenomenon was about to take place. In the town of Warrington, a furniture store with a strange name opened its doors – Ikea had arrived in the UK".
- 5 False. "Most of us have at least one of its products at home".

Use of English

- 6 at
- 7 forgettable
- 8 choice
- 9 customer
- 10 Who founded Ikea?
- 11 ... have my house decorated with furniture from Ikea.
- 12 S + won't + V (base form) Eg: ... you won't be able to travel to NY / You won't be able to buy a sportive car
- 13 Ikea products are getting more and more popular.

21. 2011 german schools to teach online privacy A

Comprehension:

- 1 a
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "Many of Facebook's 2 millions users in Germany are young people who might post pictures of themselves and their friends drunk at parties".
- 5 False. "He also fears that teachers "may not be equipped" with the necessary tools and resources for the initiative."

Use of English

- 6 target
- 7 initiative
- 8 employee
- 9 explanation
- 10 Can you give me some more information, please?
- 11 She: "how much have you paid for this new computer?"
She: "how much did you pay for this new computer?"
- 12 have been working
- 13 Whose wallet did she find on the table?

22. 2011 newly released ufo files B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "He was so concerned about the issue that he ordered it to be kept secret for at least 50 years to prevent "mass panic"."
- 5 True. "Since the Freedom of Information Act arrived in 2005, UFOs have become the third-most popular subject for people".

Use of English

- 6 concerned
- 7 release
- 8 belief
- 9 hold on
- 10 BBC news reported that the government would release all the UFO files that had been kept secret over the previous 50 years.
- 11 When did H. G. Wells write the science fiction novel 'The War of the Worlds'?
- 12 They are making the papers public now.
- 13 S + would + V (base form) Eg: I would be very scared / I would try to escape

23. 2011 the internet and safety A

Comprehension:

- 1 b (en la opción "d" hay un error: sobre la palabra "be")
2 c

True or False?

- 4 False. "While we can never be a hundred percent free from the risks"
5 False. "Established institutions never transact online when it comes to very sensitive information"

Use of English

- 6 unsafe
- 7 pretend
- 8 establishment
- 9 actually
- 10 Experts advised us not to open any emails from unknown senders.
 Experts told us not to open any emails from unknown senders.
- 11 What do hackers use to steal millions of dollars from bank accounts?
- 12 S + would + V (base form) Eg: I would buy another one / I would get it formatted
- 13 to smoke

24. 2011 zara a spanish success story B

Comprehension:

- 1 a
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "It has never run an advertising campaign" / "The company's founder, Amancio Ortega, believes advertising is a pointless distraction".
- 5 False. "All the advertising the company needs is its shop windows, the contents of which are also decided in A Coruña".

Use of English

- 6 enormous
- 7 headquarters
- 8 addiction
- 9 lonely
- 10 trying on
- 11 My brother goes out with the blond girl who works in Zara.
The blond girl who works in Zara goes out with my brother.
- 12 I haven't bought (any) make-up since three months ago.
I haven't bought (any) make-up for the last three months.
- 13 She suggested that I should buy those shoes because they fitted me perfectly.
She advised me to buy those shoes because they fitted me perfectly.
She suggested me buying those shoes because they fitted me perfectly.

25. 2012 afternoon tea a very british tradition A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 True. "The custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millenium BC in China"
- 5 True. "In the average suburban home today... Sacrilege!"

Use of English

- 6 poor
- 7 average
- 8 of
- 9 friendly
- 10 They grow tea in India.
- 11 When did tea first appear in England?
- 12 Anna, who introduced traditional afternoon tea, was the seventh Duchess of Bedford.
- Anna, who was the seventh Duchess of Bedford, introduced traditional afternoon tea.
- 13 warm enough for me to drink (it). / hoy enough for me to drink (it).

26. 2012 domino's plans to be the first fast food chain on the moon

Comprehension:

- 1** d
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** False. "We have not yet determined when the restaurant might open".
- 5** False. "Inspired by Pizza Hut's successful pizza delivery to the international space station in 2001".

Use of English

- 6** budget
- 7** like
- 8** huge
- 9** appliance
- 10** have told
- 11** How many tons of equipment will the rockets transport to the moon?
- 12** has believed their story.
- 13** We had our tuna pizza delivered yesterday.

27. 2012 immigrants A

Comprehension:

- 1** c
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** False. "That's all I know about this period of his life".
- 5** False. "There were many difficult times in these new surroundings".

Use of English

- 6** famine
- 7** furthermore
- 8** dead / deadly
- 9** lend
- 10** had taught
- 11** Have you met the girl who/that is going out with Ted? / Have you met the girl who/that Ted is going out with?
- 12** How long has she been waiting for Mark?
- 13** She wants to go for a walk even though it's snowing.

 She wants to go for a walk despite the fact that it's snowing.

 She wants to go for a walk regardless of the fact that it's snowing.

28. 2012 lie to me A

Comprehension:

- 1** b
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** False. "The system could be a powerful help for security services at airports, helping experienced immigration officers as they conduct their security interviews".
- 5** False. "Researches believe it will eventually be able to detect around 90% of those who are lying, which is similar to the performance of the polygraph".

Use of English

- 6** conscience
- 7** fear
- 8** verdict
- 9** up
- 10** A new computerized system for lie detection has been developed by scientists.
- 11** had stolen
- 12** About what was Ann terribly sorry?
- 13** 'Lie to me' was a TV series about a team of specialists who/that found out the truth by analyzing body language.

29. 2012 seeking therapy for anger B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "The tutor said that Mary would have to look for professional help or leave the course".
- 5 True. "Everybody knows that where there is stress, there is also anger".

Use of English

- 6 argument
- 7 lucky
- 8 helpful / helpless
- 9 to
- 10 had complained
- 11 They bullied me at school when I first came to the UK.
- 12 Mary said that all her life she had had a temper and she had got into fights at school at university.
- 13 How many students are bullied a week on average?

How many students a week are bullied on average?

30. 2012 Steve Jobs' commencement speech at stanford university B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "Your time is limited".
- 5 True. "Don't be trapped by dogma, which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions silence your own inner voice, heart and intuition".

Use of English

- 6 truth be told
- 7 length
- 8 deposit
- 9 at
- 10 Linda told Steve to be careful with that knife.
- 11 We can do wonderful things despite the fact that our time is limited.

We can do wonderful things regardless of the fact that our time is limited.

We can do wonderful things even though our time is limited.
- 12 When did Steve Jobs die?
- 13 If I had enough money, I would buy the new iPad.

31. 2012 the hardest language B

Comprehension:

- 1 a
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "So, generally, people seem to think... is a huge challenge".
- 5 False. "British diplomats and other embassy staff... in the world".

Use of English

- 6 appearance
- 7 relevant
- 8 characters
- 9 look after
- 10 When did Tom learn Spanish?
- 11 Her partners have always considered her as a beautiful person.
- 12 S + would + V (base form). Eg: I would buy a sportive car. / I would stop working.
- 13 reading

32. 2012 the headless horseman A

Comprehension:

- 1** d
- 2** d

True or False?

- 4** False. "Peter Dutchman left the tavern in Tarrytown and started walking home in the forest nearby".
- 5** True. "Since he knew that ghosts and evil spirits did not like to cross running water".

Use of English

- 6** continue
- 7** arrival
- 8** claim
- 9** horrified
- 10** should
- 11** TV networks usually put on horror movies, which most teenagers like.
- 12** Where did you meet a strange man?
- 13** S + would + V Eg: I would buy another one. / I would report it to the police.

33. 2012 the way of st james a unique experience A

Comprehension:

- 1 a
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "The main route is a path..."
- 5 False. "...an Italian girl who had a little cat's bell on her pack..."

Use of English

- 6 quiet
- 7 pilgrim
- 8 of
- 9 landscape
- 10 a noisy party that I couldn't sleep
- 11 Who did most pilgrims walk with? / With whom did most pilgrims walk?
- 12 You can collect the passport from the pilgrim's office.
- 13 to sleeping

34. 2012 we can thank the human brain for keeping our race alive all these years B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "... almost everyone on th planet tan the risk of dying in epidemics of bacterial diseases. One such disease, the "Black Death", killed an estimated 200 million people in the 14th century alone"
- 5 False. "One of his students, Dr. Cecil paine, eventually ... in human patients."

Use of English

- 6 risk
- 7 development
- 8 weak
- 9 physician / clinician
- 10 have hidden your phone.
- 11 Fleming was a physician who/that discovered that mould prevented the growth of bacteria.
- 12 going
- 13 Antibiotics are believed to have been discovered by Fleming at the beginning of the 20th century.

It is believed that antibiotics were discovered by Fleming at the beginning of the 20th century.

35. 2012 what is the mystery behind the mona lisa B

Comprehension:

1 d

2 a

True or False?

4 False. "The portrait took da Vinci four years to complete".

5 False. "He admitted to the theft"

Use of English

6 musician / musical (noun, the play)

7 stare

8 at

9 into

10 She asked him if he had gone to the museum the day before.

11 would have run away

12 This is the story of a man whose wife is losing her memory.

13 to be the feminine version of Da Vinci himself.

36. 2012 will the ebook finally replace paper A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
2 a & b (in PEvAU you are always asked to choose just one option)

True or False?

- 4 False. "You can access your eBook copy from anywhere where you have a computer and Internet connection available".
5 False. "But even the most ardent eBook fan does not expect paper books to become obsolete".

Use of English

- 6 obsolete
7 trend
8 delivery / deliverer / deliverance
9 consume / spend / use / destroy / waste / kill / endanger...
10 eBooks are being adopted by many schools.
11 People still buy traditional books even when eBooks are quite cheap.
People still buy traditional books despite the fact that eBooks are quite cheap.
People still buy traditional books in spite of the fact that eBooks are quite cheap.
Although eBooks are quite cheap, people still buy traditional books.
Though eBooks are quite cheap, people still buy traditional books.
Books are quite cheap, people still buy traditional books though.
12 She got her new book printed yesterday. ← This one's better!
Yesterday she got her new book printed.

- 13 borrow

37. 2013 are mobile phones dangerous A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
2 c

True or False?

- 4 False. "While both rely on electromagnetic radiation, the radio waves in mobile phones are lower in radio frequency

(RF)".

- 5 True. "Many years ago, people smoked freely and were not aware of the effects of cigarettes on their health".

Use of English

- 6 concern

- 7 healthy

- 8 scare

- 9 device

- 10 What do some health professionals point out?

- 11 ... the car being expensive, she bought it.

- 12 smoking

- 13 It is believed that mobile phones are dangerous to our health by scientists.
Mobile phones are believed to be dangerous to our health by scientists.

38. 2013 the day we met B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 True. "That summer was beautiful and the rain hardly appeared".
- 5 True. "We have been very fortunate".

Use of English

- 6 shy
- 7 about
- 8 set up
- 9 proposal
- 10 playing chess thirty years ago.
- 11 The Ministry of Farming organised the agricultural camps excellently.
- 12 I am looking forward to seeing you.
- 13 S + would + have + V participio (-ed/3^a columna). Eg: I wouldn't have met her. / We would have found another one.

39. 2013 atapuerca the big discovery A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 c

True or False?

- 4 False. "But the most important adaptation was the change of their brains".
- 5 True. "Several species have been reconstructed thanks to the remarkably good state of the unearthed human skulls and bones".

Use of English

- 6 ancestor
- 7 relation / relative
- 8 from
- 9 unclear
- 10 He asked if Michael had tried to call him the day before.
- 11 a special dress designed (by her).
- 12 drive
- 13 How often are you going to take French lessons?

40. 2013 customs and manners in foreign countries B

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "There are several things you should not do when you travel as they are considered bad taste; for example, taking photographs of people without asking their permission."
- 5 False. "However, some gestures have totally different meanings in other countries."

Use of English

- 6 problem
- 7 guest
- 8 of
- 9 rude / impolite
- 10 They have found a solution to the problem.
- 11 How many new students are there in my/your class?
- 12 My girlfriend, whose name is Alisha, comes from Singapore.
- 13 cheap enough

41. 2013 halloween more than an american tradition A

Comprehension:

- 1** c
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** True. "The custom of trick-or-treating is believed to have originated not with the Irish Celts"
- 5** True. "The Irish used turnips originally".

Use of English

- 6** fun
- 7** famine
- 8** worried
- 9** ghost
- 10** better
- 11** Irish immigrants brought the custom of Halloween to America in the 1840's.
- 12** You had better spend more time with your children this year.
- 13** Where does the Jack-o-Lantern custom probably come from?

42. 2013 the woman who changed the course of british royal history B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 d

True or False?

- 4 True. "She and her mother depended on the charity (...) obsession with being rich.
- 5 False. "None of the royal family attended".

Use of English

- 6 blond

- 7 reasonable

- 8 attend

- 9 on

- 10 It was believed that Wallis was worried about royal etiquette.

Wallis was believed to have been worried about royal etiquette.

- 11 The Prince fell in love with her even though she was not young or beautiful.

The Prince fell in love with her although she was not young or beautiful.

The Prince fell in love with her despite the fact that she was not young or beautiful.

The Prince fell in love with her in spite of the fact that she was not young or beautiful.

- 12 When did her father die?

- 13 Wallis, who was very poor as a child, wanted o have a life of luxury.

Wallis, who wanted o have a life of luxury, was very poor as a child.

43. 2013 hearing dogs A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 True. "these specially trained dogs could improve children's behaviour and lead to better academic performance".
- 5 True. "families usually keep them".

Use of English

- 6 strength
- 7 hearing
- 8 connection
- 9 answer
- 10 Hearing dogs, which are trained to alert children, also help them to improve behaviour. [No vale "THAT"]
Hearing dogs, which help children to improve behaviour, are also trained to alert them. [No vale "THAT"]
- 11 Nobody paid the plumber when he finished.
We/They didn't pay the the plumber when he finished.
- 12 Have improved / Have been improved
- 13 WOULD + V en forma "base". Ej: they would live much better / they would feel more confident / they wouldn't have so much anxiety

44. 2013 are bucket lists a good idea B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 False. "an expression [...] of unclear origins, but which quite likely relates to the bucket kicked away at a hanging."
- 5 True. "Bill Clinton, Jane Fonda and Cameron Diaz have spoken of having a list".

Use of English

- 6 specific
- 7 goal, goals
- 8 worthwhile
- 9 assume
- 10 How long have you been waiting for me?
- 11 apologise
- 12 ... her portrait painted by the best artist in the country.
- 13 What did Mr. Dean's secretary tell her?

45. 2013 the funeral A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "Brian's unexpected death had left many questions unanswered".
- 5 False. "All that reminded him of the widows and mothers he used to see cry on the evening news, those from Palestine and other conflict zones".

Use of English

- 6 purity
- 7 widow [por cierto, "viudo" = "widower"]
- 8 sorrowful, gloomy, depressed, melancholic, downhearted, blue, grieved, troubled...
- 9 up
- 10 ... a fast athlete/runner that he won easily.
- 11 Who(m) did he always hate?
- 12 will have disappeared / should have disappeared / could have disappeared
- 13 What do you want me to say? [No vale ninguna otra, porque si "say" lleva un Objeto Indirecto detrás tiene que ser con "to", y faltaría un "to"].

46. 2013 history of football B

Comprehension:

- 1 d
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "Laws failed to slow the popularity of football".
- 5 False. "It was only by 1801 that it was agreed that teams should have an equal number of players".

Use of English

- 6 quiet
- 7 trend
- 8 on
- 9 reception
- 10 [S+would+have+3^acol/-(e)d] → ... they wouldn't have lost the game / ... we would have become world champions
- 11 How often does he go to the gym?
- 12 Is he too old to play football?
- 13 go

47. 2013 the Ig Nobel awards honouring improbable research A

Comprehension:

- 1** c
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** True. "He was honoured alongside Rouslan Krechetnikov's team, who carried out research into why you usually drop coffee when walking around with a cup".
- 5** True. "He had no idea, of course, of the attention his work would get."

Use of English

- 6** challenge
- 7** lost
- 8** look
- 9** genuine
- 10** were (en selectividad/PEvAU no debemos poner "was" aunque en realidad se use)
- 11** This is the place where Shakespeare was born.
- 12** Whose novel did she criticize?
- 13** I promised not to offend him.

48. 2013 time is worth more than money B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 True. "People are able to access help or services that they may not otherwise be able to afford".
- 5 False. "Everyone who wants to become a member is interviewed and must provide references".

Use of English

- 6 capabilities, capacities, skills
- 7 provide
- 8 reliable, unreliable
- 9 afford
- 10 Whom does it bring together? ("Who does it bring together?" vale también en una conversación informal, pero yo pondría "whom" porque estamos preguntando por el objeto ["a quién"] de la frase, no por el sujeto ["quién"])
- 11 The director said that they didn't worry if people spent too much money.
- 12 S + would + V (forma base) = I would say they are not at home at the moment / I would introduce myself ...
- 13 Clients share their own abilities and knowledge due to the fact that they want to help and be helped.
Clients share their own abilities and knowledge given that they want to help and be helped.
Clients share their own abilities and knowledge since they want to help and be helped.
Clients share their own abilities and knowledge as they want to help and be helped.

49. 2014 education mamas A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 c/d

True or False?

- 4 False. "From the beginning until they enter university 12 years later, students will go through a series of examinations."
- 5 True. "Seventy-two per cent of Japanese mothers do not work outside their homes so that they can look after their children."

Use of English

- 6 trauma
- 7 enter
- 8 absent
- 9 advisable
- 10 Please take me to the shopping centre where your mother works.
- 11 Why did she leave?
- 12 going
- 13 "would have + participio": she could have died / she would have been in trouble ...

50. 2014 eliminating trans fats A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 c

True or False?

- 4 True. "We all need some fat in our diet".
- 5 False. "In Europe, food manufacturers have started using a voluntary labelling system at the consumer's request".

Use of English

- 6 inexpensive
- 7 with / on [mejor poner solo una, y en este caso mejor "with" (la frase tiene un significado más lógico con "on")]
- 8 amount
- 9 label
- 10 to have
- 11 It is dangerous to eat so much trans fat.
- 12 How often does he eat out in restaurants?
- 13 Mike said that he didn't care if doughnuts were unhealthy.

51. 2014 malala B

Comprehension:

- 1 c/d
- 2 a

True or False?

- 4 False. "I am just one girl out of thousands of people who have been injured or killed by terrorists".
- 5 True. "I am here to speak for the right to education for every child, even for the sons and daughters of the Taliban".

Use of English

- 6 compulsory
- 7 remember ("remind" no vale porque precisa un objeto indirecto: remind somebody of something)
- 8 weapon
- 9 from
- 10 A reporter asked the boy why the Taliban were against education.
- 11 Somebody was cooking dinner when we arrived.
They/People were cooking dinner when we arrived.
- 12 What are extremists afraid of?
- 13 There are millions of children in developing countries who/that have the same right to education as the rest of us.

52. 2014 married at eleven A

Comprehension:

- 1** c
- 2** b

True or False?

- 4** False. "Some children decided to throw themselves into the sea, and they are dead now."
- 5** True. "Nada's uncle, Abdel, said it was the second time he protected his niece from being married at such a young age".

Use of English

- 6** remain
- 7** escaped
- 8** groom
- 9** from
- 10** Nada asked if they didn't have any compassion.
- 11** They force children to get married at an early age all over the world.
- 12** What did you/I do to prevent that marriage?
- 13** Nada, who lives in Yemen, must also have an opportunity to live her own life.

53. 2014 cash rains down from the sky B

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 True. "He also said he saw people swimming to grab notes that had landed in the water."
- 5 False. "No one got any pictures of the event because they were too busy finding free money".

Use of English

- 6 gift
- 7 flight
- 8 of
- 9 crowd
- 10 What did he sprint for with about 50 other people? / For what did he sprint with about 50 other people?
- 11 have hidden some of the money.
- 12 It is useless to wait for the bus.
- 13 People/They believe that Leonard Mull was crazy.

54. 2014 teenager designs platform to clean seas A

Comprehension:

- 1 b
- 2 c

True or False?

- 4 True. "... while allowing fish and plankton to pass through undamaged".
- 5 False. "The existing methods for cleaning sea water are not very useful and they cost governments and organisations millions of dollars every year".

Use of English

- 6 floating
- 7 stink
- 8 advantage
- 9 efficiency
- 10 What has Boyan invented?
- 11 The seas are polluted with plastic rubbish which/that humans produce.
- 12 Boyan Slat said that he was going to earn a lot of money with that device.
- 13 would + V en forma base. Eg: oceans would be cleaner / there would be less pollution / we would have clean seas

55. 2014 hollywood's connections with nazi germany B

Comprehension:

1 a

2 a

True or False?

4 False. "Mankiewicz, who also wrote the script for the legendary Citizen Kane – for some, the greatest movie ever made".

5 True. "According to Urwand, the Nazi German consul told studio executives that if any studio made this picture, then all of the Hollywood studios would be banned from the German market".

Use of English

6 prevent

7 beauty

8 baker

9 evil

10 How often does Paul go to the movies?

11 You shouldn't tell anybody the secret.

12 to take

13 Only doctors should prescribe those medicines.
Doctors only should prescribe those medicines.

56. 2014 the boyhood of pablo picasso B

Comprehension:

1 d (¡se escribe "pigeons"!)

2 b

True or False?

4 False. "When he was small he spent hours alone making delightful drawings of animals and people".

5 False. "He knew a great deal about the technique of painting and he taught it all to Pablo".

Use of English

6 pleasant (se dice /plésant/, no /pli:sant/, aunque "please" se diga /pli:s/)

7 long

8 wander

9 up

10 What does this new magazine specialize in?

11 ... cheap enough for our museum to buy. / ... affordable enough for our museum to buy.

12 Susan told her son to put on his scarf if he was going out.

13 One of Picasso's first drawings is being offered by the gallery owners to their clients.

One of Picasso's first drawings is being offered to their clients by the gallery owners.

Their clients are being offered one of Picasso's first drawings by the gallery owners. ← Suena rara... mejor ↓

The clients of the gallery are being offered one of Picasso's first drawings by the (gallery) owners.

57. 2014 the connected classroom A

Comprehension:

- 1** b
- 2** c

True or False?

- 4** False. "Students in the programme obtained much better results than their classmates who learned algebra via traditional instruction from the same teacher."
- 5** True. "Student achievement increased in other subjects as well."

Use of English

- 6** instructing
- 7** performance
- 8** spot
- 9** encourage
- 10** What persists today in most schools?
- 11** The teacher had asked the kids to turn off their mobile phones.
- 12** to
- 13** would + V (base) → I would have been able to call you / I would have used its flashlight / I wouldn't have got lost.

58. 2014 the jack the ripper case finally solved B

Comprehension:

1 d

2 d

True or False?

4 True. "There were other similar killings before and after the ones attributed to him, both in his country and abroad in America and Germany."

5 False. "The widely appropriated image of Jack as a well-dressed gentleman is probably nothing but an "urban myth"."

Use of English

6 investigation

7 in

8 appearance

9 criminal

10 What is Jack supposed to be responsible for?

11 ... been living in the new apartment for three years now.

12 to smoke

13 All the women who were killed were prostitutes.

All the prostitutes who were killed were women. [← Rare]

59. 2014 titanic B

Comprehension:

- 1 b/c
- 2 a/c (?)

True or False?

- 4 False. "They were roughly the same size."
- 5 False. "On her first voyage she collided with an iceberg, sank, and many lives were lost by drowning."

Use of English

- 6 terrifying
- 7 to drown / drowning
- 8 speed
- 9 imaginative / imaginable / imagined
- 10 She: "I am going to live in a nice boat next year".
- 11 She didn't get seasick although she went to New York by boat.
She didn't get seasick even though she went to New York by boat.
She didn't get seasick in spite of the fact that she went to New York by boat.
She didn't get seasick despite the fact that she went to New York by boat.
- 12 Last month, I read a novel entitled "Futility", which I enjoyed a lot. [← Esta es la más natural.]
Last month, I read a novel, which I enjoyed a lot, entitled "Futility".
Last month, I read a novel, which I enjoyed a lot, which was entitled "Futility".
- 13 S + WOULD + V (forma base): I would get seasick / it would take longer for me to arrive / I would save a lot of money
I wouldn't enjoy the trip so much / We could meet at the harbor/harbour.

60. 2014 why do we enjoy misteries so much A

Comprehension:

- 1 c
- 2 b

True or False?

- 4 True. "The reader must put together the clues, and if you do this step ahead of the detective, you feel really proud."
- 5 False. "But you know that justice prevails. Good will defeat evil."

Use of English

- 6 chance
- 7 pride
- 8 into
- 9 clue
- 10 Agatha Christie, whose husband was an archaeologist, was the best selling mystery writer of all time.
- 11 ... your friends comes before ten, he will miss the train.
- 12 How many books did Agatha Christie write?
- 13 I was being accused of the robbery (by people).