



PUNTUACIÓN QUE SE OTORGARÁ A ESTE EJERCICIO: (véanse las distintas partes del examen)

Please choose **ONE** of the options given, **A** or **B**, for each of the three blocks below (*Reading Comprehension — Use of English (Rephrasing) — Writing*). The option chosen can change from block to block, but it must be the same for all the exercises in BLOCK 1. **The marks assigned to each block and exercise are given between brackets.**

BLOCK 1. READING COMPREHENSION (5 POINTS)

OPTION A

THINKING OF VISITING A COUNTRY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD?

Have you ever seen a wallaby? Would you like to go snorkelling? Are you keen on visiting famous beaches? Australia offers a diverse range of experiences that can cater to the interests of teenagers. Australia is home to some of the most unique wildlife on the planet, including kangaroos, koalas, and wallabies. Visiting wildlife sanctuaries or national parks provides an opportunity to see these animals up close. Teenagers interested in marine life and snorkelling or diving will be fascinated by the Great Barrier Reef. It's the largest coral reef system in the world, offering stunning underwater ecosystems and diverse marine species. Australia is also renowned for its excellent surfing conditions. Teenagers who enjoy water sports can try surfing on the country's famous beaches, such as Bondi Beach in Sydney or Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast.

Exploring the rich Aboriginal culture, visiting museums, and attending festivals can provide a deeper understanding of Australia's diverse heritage. The National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne and the Australian Museum in Sydney are great places to start. Australia hosts various music festivals throughout the year, catering to different tastes. Festivals like Splendour in the Grass or Falls Festival are popular among young people. Australia's diverse landscapes provide ample opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking, camping, and exploring natural wonders such as the Blue Mountains or the Twelve Apostles, a collection of steep, vertical columns of rock off the shore of Port Campbell National Park in Victoria.

Nevertheless, remember that individual interests vary, so it's a good idea to tailor the itinerary to your specific preferences. And you will be practising your English, too.

EXERCISE A.1: Add True or False, quoting the relevant information from the text to justify your answer. (2 points)

- a) Splendour in the Grass is the name of a famous national park in Australia.
- b) Visiting the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne is a good way of exploring Australia's Aboriginal culture.

EXERCISE A.2: Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words. (2 points)

- a) Why is Australia famous for beaches and seaside activities?
- b) What are the best touristic attractions in Australia's countryside?

EXERCISE A.3: Find words or phrases in the text which mean the same as the following: (1 point)

- a) abundant, plentiful:
- b) ancestry, legacy:
- c) acclaimed, distinguished:
- d) varied:

OPTION B

RECYCLING AND THE HEALTH OF THE PLANET

Are you into recycling? Which bin should the used Tetra Pak cartons go to? Any idea? Whether you can answer this question or not, you probably know that recycling plays a crucial role in promoting the health of the planet by reducing the environmental impact of waste and conserving valuable resources. By reusing materials such as paper, glass, metal, and plastic, recycling helps conserve forests and reduce energy consumption.

Manufacturing products from recycled materials generally requires less energy than producing items from virgin materials. This energy saving contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and lowers the overall environmental footprint associated with industrial processes. The production of new materials often involves the use of

toxic chemicals, so recycling helps minimize the release of pollutants into the air, water, and soil, thereby reducing pollution. The way we manage our waste also needs to account for new waste sources. For example, as the number of electric vehicles grows in Europe, how will we recycle their batteries? Products need to be designed in a way to allow the recycling and reusing of their components.

Finally, the recycling industry creates jobs in collection, processing, and manufacturing. This economic activity contributes to local and national economies, supporting livelihoods and fostering sustainable development. It is also important to encourage individuals and communities to participate in recycling programs as a way of providing them with more sustainable lifestyles.

In summary, recycling contributes significantly to the health of the planet by conserving resources, reducing energy consumption, minimizing pollution, and promoting a more sustainable and circular approach to material use.

EXERCISE B.1: Add True or False, quoting the relevant information from the text to justify your answer. (2 points)

- a) Toxic chemicals are often involved in the production of new materials.
- b) The batteries of electric vehicles constitute an important, future source of waste.

EXERCISE B.2: Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words. (2 points)

- a) What are the main jobs associated with recycling?
- b) How does recycling reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

EXERCISE B.3: Find words or phrases in the text which mean the same as the following: (1 point)

- a) resolve, contemplate:
- b) viable, supportable:
- c) reduce, attenuate:
- d) increases:

BLOCK 2. USE OF ENGLISH (REPHRASING) (2 POINTS)

OPTION A

EXERCISE A.4: Complete the second sentence in each pair. The meaning should be the same as that of the first sentence. (2 points)

- a) The rain had stopped when we arrived in Port Campbell. By the (...)
- b) The Australian Museum in Sydney produces documentaries on Aboriginal culture. Documentaries (...)
- c) I don't like diving, so I was unable to see the Great Barrier Reef up close. If I (...)
- d) "A wallaby bit my daughter yesterday", Grace said to the police. Grace reported that (...)

OPTION B

EXERCISE B.4: Complete the second sentence in each pair. The meaning should be the same as that of the first sentence. (2 points)

- a) I didn't wait for the sales and I was unable to buy my favourite products of recycled plastic. I wish (...)
- b) Factories do not recycle batteries, so pollution will not diminish. Unless (...)
- c) People in the 19th century did not reuse paper or glass, so the health of the planet deteriorated severely. If (...)
- d) "Food waste will become a huge environmental problem", researchers from the Max Planck Society claimed a decade ago. A decade ago researchers from the Max Planck Society claimed that (...)

BLOCK 3. WRITING (3 POINTS)

OPTION A

EXERCISE A.5: Write an opinion essay about this statement: "Is it a good idea to use only public transport in and around cities?" (100-140 words). (3 points)

OPTION B

EXERCISE B.5: Write a for and against essay on the following question: "Tourism can make a city better" (100-140 words). (3 points)