



INGLÉS II

Después de leer atentamente el examen, combine las preguntas de la siguiente forma:

- Elija uno de los textos y responda EN INGLÉS a las preguntas 1, 2, 3, 4 y 5 del texto elegido.
- Responda EN INGLÉS una pregunta a elegir entre las preguntas 6.A y 6.B.
- Responda EN INGLÉS una pregunta a elegir entre las preguntas 7.A y 7.B.

TIEMPO Y CALIFICACIÓN: 90 minutos. Las preguntas 1ª, 2ª, 3ª, 4ª, 5ª y 6ª se calificarán con un máximo de 1 punto. La pregunta 7ª se calificará con un máximo de 4 puntos.

El estudiante deberá indicar la agrupación de preguntas que responderá. La selección de preguntas deberá realizarse conforme a las instrucciones planteadas, no siendo válido seleccionar preguntas que sumen más de 10 puntos, ni agrupaciones de preguntas que no coincidan con las indicadas, lo que puede conllevar la anulación de alguna pregunta que se salga de las instrucciones.

TEXTO A: Plastic money

In general, debit cards and credit cards are known as plastic money. Plastic money has, no doubt, made our daily life easier. It has definitely replaced cash transactions to a great extent all over the world and has emerged as an essential form of ready money. It has made it too easy for us to buy things we normally could not afford and it is important to understand the pros and cons of it. One obvious advantage of plastic money is that it reduces the need to carry cash. Many jobs imply spending a lot of money, so busy working executives now do not have to carry loads of cash for their expenses (travel, hotel, food, etc.), they simply need a credit card with them. Besides that, credit cards give you the freedom to obtain credit and pay at a later date; this kind of benefit is not available without plastic money (if you do not have enough cash, the purchase cannot simply be made). Finally, credit and debit cards can be used easily for making online payments (for example, making payments on online shops), transfers of money and various other transactions. However, plastic money has a number of negative aspects to consider. Plastic money cannot be used and you must pay in cash if, for instance, you want to buy a newspaper in the street or give an offering in a religious temple; these are cash-only situations. On the other hand, plastic money is also not completely safe: when we are making an online purchase through a form of plastic money, there is a certain degree of risk involved as we share our bank details on the internet which is not always a safe place. There are certain malicious websites on the internet, thus it is very important to be careful when you share an important financial detail online. It can definitely not be denied that plastic money has made life easier by providing various advantages over the use of cash. But at the same time there are several disadvantages which cannot be overlooked. Thus, it can be concluded that it is the responsibility of the individual to carefully use plastic money to make the most of its benefits.

QUESTIONS. Do not copy literally from the text.

1. What is the main advantage plastic money has in the busy lives of working executives?
2. Imagine this situation: You go into a shop and want to buy an article, but...you do not have enough cash in your wallet at that moment. With information given in the text, what could you do?
3. Name two situations mentioned in the text in which cash is the only way to interact with money.
4. What is the main danger of using plastic money when you buy something online?
5. Fill in the gaps with the correct, most appropriate word in each case.

More and more (A) _____ we are dependent on new technologies to make our transactions fast and efficient, (B) _____ banking transactions on the internet using plastic money (C) _____ of cash. Young people generally (D) _____ that is it natural, logical and goes with the times, but how do elderly people face this technological revolution that affects something so important as money?

6-A. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible.

- a) 'Jude, what will you do if you win the lottery one day?' Pat asked. // Pat wanted to know what...



- b) Although he was ill, he got out of bed and went to work anyway. // Despite his...
- c) The book was so terribly expensive that not even one copy of it was eventually sold. // It was such...
- d) For a long time the earth was believed to be flat. // For a long time people...

7-A. Write a composition about the following topic (100-120 words): Do you regularly buy things using a credit/debit card or do you prefer cash? Explain.

TEXTO B: Air travel

Air travel is the fastest way to travel over long distances, but it can be stressful to pack and make sure that you have done everything correctly in order to get through airport security. There are many regulations that travellers must follow. However, as long as you are familiar with the guidelines and get everything ready in advance, you should have no issues travelling by airplane. When you are on a plane, you are travelling. You should determine how much luggage to take. Will a simple carry-on item be enough, or do you also need to check one or two suitcases? It all depends on how long you will be travelling and what types of items you are packing. Every airline has its regulations about the size of carry-on bags, so make sure you get informed about it. Never forget that certain food items, liquids, sporting goods, sharp objects and small lighters might be prohibited or restricted. General prohibitions or restrictions may find an exception with certain necessities such as medicine, so be sure what to do and what documents you have to take with you together with your medication. Packing as lightly as you can is a very good piece of advice. You may be tempted to pack several different outfits and many pairs of shoes, but it is much better to choose only a few basic essentials that you can pair and combine in different ways. There is always the tendency to try to pack many more things that you really need or you will eventually wear during your trip. Packing lightly will save you money in many ways, and it will prevent you from having to carry heavy suitcases all the time. A recent fashionable technique for packing lightly is to roll your clothing instead of folding it: it is not only the easiest way to save space in your bag but also reduces wrinkles in clothes. Start packing your bag by putting all of the heaviest items on the bottom (such as shoes), then layers of rolled clothes and finally, the lightest items. That will make your perfect carry-on bag ready to travel by plane with you.

QUESTIONS. Do not copy literally from the text.

1. According to the text, what are the reasons why air travel can become so stressful?
2. What two factors determine whether to take just one single carry-on bag or to have to add one or more checked-in suitcase(s)?
3. The text considers the idea of 'packing lightly' as something good. What is 'packing lightly'? And what are the two most important advantages it has?
4. Briefly summarize the fashionable way of packing an effective carry-on bag.
5. Fill in the gaps with the correct, most appropriate word in each case.

If you can, try (A) _____ wear clothes that cover skin that could touch your seat. Like other parts of the plane, the seats aren't cleaned (B) _____ flights and there could (C) _____ places where germs hide. You have to assume that most surfaces in an airplane are probably no (D) _____ than any other similar public space.

6-B. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible.

- a) 'What time will the train arrive in Bristol?' Julian asked. // Julian wanted to know what...
- b) I regret having hit the dog on the head. // I wish...
- c) I think you were wrong to destroy the documents! // You shouldn't...
- d) I tried to persuade her. I didn't succeed. // Although...

7-B. Write a composition about the following topic (100-120 words): Describe the worst experience travelling by plane you can imagine.