

SEGUNDA LINGUA ESTRANXEIRA: INGLÉS

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than four questions, **only the first four will be marked**.

QUESTION 1. READ TEXT A AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

- 1.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (Approximately 50 words; 0.75 points).
- 1.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point)
- Dublin was formerly a religious community.
 - You can find items from the 12th century in Dublin.
 - The Little Museum is still very little nowadays.
 - Bono can park anywhere in Ireland
- 1.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (0.75 points)
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| a. very poor suburbs | b. lively | c. treasures |
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TEXT A

Dublin is an old city with a rich history. Starting as an ecclesiastical settlement, it was expanded by the Vikings around the year 1000, before the Normans arrived in the 12th century. Dublin later became the second city of the British Empire. Its beautiful Georgian houses were built in the built in the 18th century. In the 19th century the city had the worst slums in Europe, with terrible living conditions. And after the First World War Dublin was at the centre of two other wars: the war of Independence from Britain, which ended in 1922, and then a civil war between Republican factions.

Today Dublin is a vibrant capital where companies like Google and Airbnb have their European headquarters. But what was missing was a museum about the people of Dublin. The Irish love a good story, even if it's sad. When you visit, you will hear many good stories. Funny ones and sad ones, too.

The Little Museum of Dublin started out little, with only two rooms, but has grown to encompass a people's history of 20th century Dublin. Everything you see here – the furniture, the letters, posters, clothes... was donated by members of the public. There are 5000 items on display. Dubliners are encouraged to donate the gems from their attic, and the collection continues to grow. Volunteers provide short guided tours that really make the artefacts come to life.

A whole room is dedicated to the global music phenomenon, U2. The band was formed in Dublin and its members still live there, in affluent seaside suburbs like Howth. Bono has the Freedom of the City of Dublin. This means he can park where he likes, a privilege that a lot of Dubliners would kill for! Last, but not least, the wonderful café downstairs testifies to the food revolution that has taken place in the city. The Irish may be top of the European obesity table, but Dubliners take good food very seriously. Prepare to be surprised!

QUESTION 2. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

2.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- In which **two** words is the ending “-ed” pronounced /ɪd/ as in “needed”? answered, cooked, arrived, painted, learned, imagined, displayed, decided
- In which word is the underlined letter pronounced differently? plan, hat, all, had
- In which **two** words are the underlined letters pronounced /u:/the same as in “fool”? woman, pudding, tooth, cook, poor, goose, blood, outdoor
- In which word is the underlined vowel pronounced /ɑ:/ as in “start”? fat, Jack, cash, yard

2.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- It was expanded by the Vikings around the year 1,000
The Vikings ...
- There are 5,000 items on display.
... shown...
- The Irish love a good story, even if it's sad.
No matter ...
- The band was formed in Dublin and its members still live there.
...where...

QUESTION 3. READ TEXT B AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

3.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

3.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. **(1 point)**

- In the past you knew what to expect when you booked a hotel room.
- You must always print your boarding pass.
- When travelling, one of the best things is sharing time with people from different places.
- With the use of smartphones, people interact with strangers as much as they used to.

3.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (0.75 points)

- a. trust b. inconvenience c. seldom

TEXT B

Technology has changed the way our world works. Things are now a lot more convenient and easier. When it comes to travelling, technology has improved many aspects of it in several ways. Imagine travelling with no access to Google maps, flight booking systems, hotel booking platforms, or not being able to read information on blogs and websites. When there was no such thing as Trip Advisor it was all done on blind faith.

With the help of technology, travel can also become a lot more eco-friendly. Some years ago, a million things needed to be printed. Instead, we now have online check-ins, e-tickets, and online reservation coupons. Not only does it save you the hassle of carrying multiple documents, it's also better for the environment.

Nowadays, technology is all about cramming the most functions into one tiny gadget. Whether we want to listen to music, capture memories, read or keep in touch with people back home, it's all in there.

Sometimes we can become too dependent on technology and forget the best part about travelling: meeting people, asking locals, and exploring the unknown, without having to put everything on the social media.

One of the things that has changed, and perhaps not for the best, is the nature of conversations, especially in hostels, but also on long journeys on trains, buses, and planes. Now, everyone seems so wrapped up updating their Facebook status, and playing on their phones, they rarely make eye contact. As for maps, although we still like and use them, what has changed is navigation, the way to find our way around a new city.

But in the end, even though a lot of people tend to make the bold claim that technology is ruining the way we travel, it's completely up to you to decide how to use it.

QUESTION 4. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

4.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- In which **two** words are the underlined letters pronounced as in "feather"? bed, beard, pain, sir, pen, beer, steak, stare
- Can you think of a word which sounds just like "whether" (homophone)?
- In which word is the "th-" pronounced differently? though, thought, through, throw
- In which **two** words is the consonant w silent as in "sword"? swell, when, wrinkle, wand, wonder, wreath, women, swap

4.2. Block 1: Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- It wasn't necessary for you to bring any food to the party.
...have...
- It's a shame we have no sports centre in our town.
If only...
- "No, I won't have it painted", Mary said.
Mary refused...
- The project is amazing. He's in charge of it.
The project...

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: What type of tourist attractions, museums, monuments, etc. do you like best when visiting a new city? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: How do you think the use of technology has affected your family life? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)