

## SEGUNDA LINGUA ESTRANXEIRA: INGLÉS

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 2 OF THE 3 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than two questions, **only the first two will be marked**.

### **QUESTION 1.** (5 points)

#### **1.1. READ TEXT A AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW** (2.5 points)

**1.1.1. 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. (1.5 points)

- They wanted to discover what people liked most about the cinema.
- One thing that people hate is that food and drink are not as cheap as outside the cinema.
- It's better when people who open a sweet try to do so quietly.
- The worst problem with mobile phones is the bright light that interferes with the visual experience of the film.
- The film sound is never loud enough.
- It is sometimes irritating when a child is sitting behind you.

**1.1.2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here:** (1 point) a. irritating b. ask an unreasonable price c. let it fall d. especially e. spoils

#### **TEXT A**

There's something special about the cinema. Sitting in the dark with the surround sound speakers, the larger-than-life screen and a big group of people all sharing the same experience. It's magical... but the illusion is easily broken. We asked a few people what they find most annoying about the cinema. Here are some of their responses.

"I hate the way they overcharge for everything in the cinema. I mean, the popcorn and the drinks are at least twice as expensive as normal. Also, talking about popcorn, I hate it when they fill the container so high that the popcorn falls out and you drop it everywhere."

"I can't stand noise in the cinema. Screaming babies, non-stop talking about the film and noisy eaters, but worst of all, the sound of someone unwrapping a sweet – particularly when they're trying not to make too much noise, so they open it really slowly, but that makes it even noisier".

"I hate it when people use their mobile phone in the cinema. The bright light from the mobile screen goes right into your eyes and ruins the experience. I also hate the sound of a message beep (why can't people turn their mobile phones off!), but worst of all, people who answer a phone call, or even make one!"

"For me, the cinema loudspeakers are usually way too loud. Also, I hate it when people get up to go to the toilet in the middle of the film (can't they go beforehand?) or when someone (usually a child) kicks the back of your chair or taps the back of your seat with their feet or hands. It also annoys me when people arrive late and make you stand up as they need to get to their seat."

#### **1.2. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW** (2.5 points)

**1.2.1. 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.** (2 points)

- They asked a few people what they find most annoying about the cinema.  
*A few people*
- He said, "It goes right into your eyes and ruins the experience".  
*He said that*
- I hate screaming babies and non-stop talking.  
*I hate it when*
- It is far more interesting to go to the cinema on your own.  
*is far more interesting.*
- Last Saturday we went to the cinema. We went in my brother's car.  
*The car*

#### **1.2.2. Pronunciation** (0.50 points)

- Which word has the same vowel sound as in the word "dark"? larger, sharing, arrive, particularly.
- In which word is the underlined letter pronounced differently? open, mobile, phone, gone.
- In which **two** words is the underlined letter pronounced as in "high"? bingo, bird, flight, birth, sir, file, click, flint
- In which word is the letter "l" silent (not pronounced)? cold, sale, calm, help

## QUESTION 2. (5 points)

### 2.1. READ TEXT B AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

2.1.1. 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. (1.5 points)

- Barcelona, Marseilles, Tel-Aviv and Venice are among the most polluted cities in Europe.
- Mediterranean countries, in general, do not tackle plastic pollution very effectively.
- Egypt is the country that best combats plastic pollution in the Mediterranean.
- Luckily molluscs due to their small size cannot eat plastic.
- In order to avoid plastic pollution in the Mediterranean Sea, governments have to change and improve the ways in which they move products from manufacturers to customers.
- The WWF recommends forbidding the use of plastic in Mediterranean countries.

2.1.2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (1 point)

a. controlling      b. seemingly      c. rubbish      d. goals      e. disposable

#### TEXT B

According to a report by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), nine coastlines have been identified as the places in the Mediterranean most polluted with plastic. They include top tourist spots such as Barcelona, Marseilles, Tel-Aviv and the Venice coast near the Po River. The report stated that all Mediterranean countries had not been good at managing plastic contamination, and that 570,000 tons of plastic went into the sea each year - the equivalent of 33,800 plastic bottles every minute. Italy, for example, is apparently the largest consumer of bottled water in the world, with about 178 litres sold in plastic bottles per person, per year, while Egypt is highlighted as the biggest source of plastic waste in the Mediterranean, followed by Turkey.

In 2015 Spanish researchers warned that in the Mediterranean area plastic was being found in the stomachs of fish, birds, turtles and whales and that tiny pieces of plastic - microplastics - had also been found in oysters and mussels. In the words of the WWF, "plastic production is far too cheap, while its waste management and pollution costs are largely discharged on societies and nature. All countries must improve their whole supply chain. This is the only way we can keep plastic out of the Mediterranean Sea." In its recommendations, the report said that all Mediterranean governments should set targets to reuse and recycle 100% of plastic items, thus creating zero waste. It also called for single-use plastic items to be eliminated gradually.

### 2.2. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION (2.5 points)

Is there anything you can do against plastic pollution? (Approximately 120 words)

## QUESTION 3. (5 points)

### 3.1. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

3.1.1. 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. (2 points)

- The WWF's report wasn't welcomed by Mediterranean governments. The report was about plastic pollution in the sea.  
*which*
- A teacher: "Children, is there anything we can do about plastic pollution?"  
*A teacher asked*
- Despite environmentalists' hard fight against pollution, they haven't managed to solve the problem.  
*No matter how*
- Someone should finish the climate report as soon as possible.  
*The climate report*
- Mediterranean countries sell too much bottled water. Plastic pollution does not improve.  
*If*

### 3.1.2. Pronunciation (0.50 points)

- In which word is *-ed* pronounced /id/ as in counted? learned, changed, explained, decided
- In which word is the letter "o" pronounced differently? Monday, consequence, company, mother
- In which word are the underlined letters pronounced as in "sheep"? seat, hip, fir, ear
- Which **two** pairs do not rhyme? fall - shawl, hat - hard, feel - meal, turn - stern, sweet - suite, tall - roll, pun - done, boy - joy

### 3.2. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS (2.5 points):

Which do you prefer, going to the cinema or watching films and series at home on television/ your computer/ your mobile phone? Why? (Approximately 120 words)