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Choose between option A and option B. Specify the option you have chosen.

Please, don't forget to write down your code on each of your answer sheets.

OPTION A

LIFE EXPECTANCY - WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

Babies born in the United States in 2005 are expected to live an average of 77.9 years, whereas citizens from the U.S.A were expected to live just 47.3 years in 1900. The increase is big, but the U.S.A. is not at the top of the list for life expectancy. Actually, the United States ranks behind 41 other countries.

Residents of Okinawa, a Japanese island, get very old. In 2002, 34 of 100,000 residents were over 100 years old. Even at the age of 100 they can be seen fishing or farming. Age is never hidden and you're considered to be a child until you turn 55. When you reach 97 years, the local town will hold a special ritual which symbolizes your return to youth. But while Okinawa may have the highest population of centenarians, Japan is ranked second in life expectancy with an average of 82.

So which country has the highest life expectancy? The residents of Andorra are expected to live to the ripe old age of 83.5. It was a poor country until after World War II, when it became a tourist destination for skiing. Now, with a gross domestic product of \$2.77 billion U.S., Andorra has a good economy. But wealth alone doesn't give you a lengthy life expectancy.

When a disease occurs in a population it has an effect on the average life expectancy. In 2005, 38 percent of the adult population of Swaziland, the African nation with the lowest life expectancy in the world, was inflicted with AIDS.

Nowadays, 69 percent of its residents live below the poverty line and safe drinking water and sanitation are also problems in the African nation. Only 42 percent of Swaziland's country population has access to safe water. One reason it's easier to give Andorrans better sanitation is the country's size: fewer people need fewer sewers, and the country saves money on installation and maintenance costs.

Last but not least, education contributes to a longer life expectancy. Only 81 percent of Swaziland's population of more than 1 million people can read and write, compared to 100 percent of Andorra's residents.



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OPTION B

MARK ZUCKERBERG IS TIME'S PERSON OF THE YEAR 2010

TIME magazine has chosen 26-year old Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year for 2010. Since 1920 TIME has chosen a person, or a group of people, who have changed the world for the better, or sometimes for worse.

Mark Zuckerberg won the award because he has created a new style of communication and a new way of exchanging information. In 2010 a film called "The Social Network" portrayed Zuckerberg's life at Harvard and what happened later on. After winning the prize Zuckerberg stated that he is happy that Facebook has succeeded in being something that millions want to use.

Everything began in February 2004, when Zuckerberg was still a student at Harvard. There he started an online platform that connected college students. It was a way of keeping in touch when you left college and the university. By the end of 2004 Facebook had grown and was accessible on hundreds of campuses across the USA.

By 2006 13 million people used the social network; today Facebook is used by 600 million people around the world. Although 50% of all Americans have a Facebook account three out of four users come from outside the US.

According to Zuckerberg Facebook gives you the feeling of not being alone, of having friends, even if you haven't met them in person. People want to find others who have the same interests and hobbies. Apart from chatting with others there are many other things you can do on Facebook. Millions of people share their holiday photos. You can play games, browse the fan pages of your favorite celebrities or go shopping with your Facebook account. A tracking tool even tells your friends your exact location.

Zuckerberg also faces a lot of criticism. Not everyone thinks Facebook will put a positive change on the way we live. Posting your private life on the Internet makes it accessible to everyone, but on the other hand you don't have to do it if you don't want to.



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OPTION A

I.- Answer questions 1-4 according to the information given in the text. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS. DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT** (4 marks)

1. Which factors have an influence on how long people live?
2. How has life expectancy in the U.S.A. changed in the past century?
3. What makes residents of Okinawa so special?
4. Why do we find the lowest life expectancy in Swaziland?

II.- Are these statements **True** or **False**? **Justify** your answers based on information from the text, rewriting the original sentences in your own words or quoting properly. (2 marks)

1. There is a positive attitude towards aging in Okinawa.
2. A high gross domestic product does not necessarily result in a lengthy life expectancy.

III.- Find the words or expressions in the text that mean (1 mark)

1. a religious or solemn ceremony which involves a series of actions usually performed in a fixed order
2. large underground channels that carry household and industrial waste matter as well as rain water
3. the opportunity or right to use something
4. solely, exclusively

IV.- Write a **composition** of about 130 words on **one** of these topics. Specify your option. (3 marks)

1. How does age change a person's life? Discuss.
2. Would you like to live to be 100 years old? Argument your answer.



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OPTION B

I.- Answer questions 1-4 according to the information given in the text. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS. DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT** (4 marks)

1. What did the online platform Zuckerberg created in 2004 aim at?
2. Why is Zuckerberg criticized by a lot of people?
3. How can defenders of Facebook reply to this criticism?
4. What are the main positive sides about Facebook the writer remarks in this article?

II.- Are these statements **True** or **False**? **Justify** your answers based on information from the text, rewriting the original sentences in your own words or quoting properly. (2 marks)

1. TIME magazine chooses someone who has changed the world in a positive way as its "Person of the year"
2. Most Americans have a Facebook account

III.- Find the words or expressions in the text that mean (1 mark)

1. look through
2. person who started something
3. position
4. showed

IV.- Write a **composition** of about 130 words on **one** of these topics. Specify your option. (3 marks)

1. Social networks enable you to stay in contact with other people and stop you from feeling alone
2. The danger of Facebook is that it is not about real life but about virtual life.