



## CRITERIOS ESPECÍFICOS DE CORRECCIÓN

### El examen consta de 3 Bloques (A, B y C)

En cada bloque (**Comprehension, Use of English y Writing**) se plantean varias preguntas, de las que se deberá responder al número que se indica en cada uno. En caso de responder más cuestiones de las requeridas, serán tenidas en cuenta las respondidas en primer lugar hasta alcanzar dicho número. Las preguntas han de ser respondidas en su totalidad: si la pregunta tiene dos secciones, hay que responder ambas.

**BLOQUE A** (Comprensión lectora)

**Puntuación máxima: 4 puntos**

Debe responderse a las 8 preguntas de uno de los 2 textos propuestos.

**I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points).** CHOOSE TEXT 1 OR TEXT 2 AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS FROM THAT TEXT ONLY.

**TEXT 1: THE PINK SAUCE DISASTER** *KEY*

- 1 If you logged onto TikTok or Twitter recently, you might have seen people talking about something called *Pink Sauce*. No, it's  
2 not pasta made with cream and tomatoes, but a condiment made by a TikTok user named Chef Pii. Pii advertises Pink Sauce by  
3 dumping it on tacos, wings, egg rolls, salads and more. The bottle has an adorable design, and she's shipping it everywhere. The  
4 problem? Almost everything.
- 5 Consumers are reporting all kinds of issues, ranging from misleading nutritional information to a spoiled smell. The chef posted  
6 videos of her preparing the sauce without gloves on. Once the negative reviews started pouring in, people realized that nobody  
7 knew what the actual ingredients were. In fact, Pink Sauce is unregulated and could likely make you sick. In a statement, Pii said  
8 "I guess when you're great, you can't make a mistake. My team's working quickly to fix the issues."
- 9 Pink Sauce is not the only food product created by a TikTok user which has gone viral for the wrong reasons. Earlier this year,  
10 someone called Deva Tillis posted a video complaining about a "spicy bowl" containing crawfish and eggs that she ordered from a  
11 small business on the platform. The bowl took nine days to reach her, and the fish was rotten by the time it arrived. The product  
12 was falsely advertised as being shipped with dry ice to preserve the seafood.
- 13 Small businesses selling unregulated food online isn't new, according to an expert. "It's not a TikTok phenomenon, but what's  
14 different is that TikTok is really good at small consumption and making things go viral. However, just because it's on TikTok, that  
15 doesn't mean that it's safe," she concluded.

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, Pink Sauce...** (b)

- (a) only reaches the local market. (b) can accompany many dishes.  
(c) is thick tomato soup. (d) doesn't have a very attractive packaging.

2. **According to the text, customers...** (c)

- (a) are asking for a refund. (b) buy the product because it's natural.  
(c) don't know what the sauce is made of. (d) are posting videos to complain.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Chef Pii followed hygiene standards.** *FALSE (lines 5-6) "The chef posted videos of her preparing the sauce without gloves on."*

4. **When Deva Tillis received the package, there was putrid food in it.** *TRUE (line 11) "(The bowl took nine days to reach her,) and the fish was rotten by the time it arrived."*

5. **The "spicy bowl" manufacturers lied about their delivery policy.** *TRUE (lines 11-12) "The product was falsely advertised as being shipped with dry ice to preserve the seafood."*

6. **TikTok can be a powerful marketing tool.** *TRUE (lines 13-14) "(It's not a TikTok phenomenon,) but what's different is that TikTok is really good at small consumption and making things go viral."*

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR: "**suppose**" (verb) *guess (line 8)*  
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR: "**probably**" (adverb) *likely (line 7)*

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING: "**quickly and widely spread or popularized, especially by means of social media**" *viral (lines 9;14)*  
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING: "**to prevent from decomposition**" *preserve (line 12)*



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TEXT 2: NO MORE MONDAYS **KEY**

1 For some US schools, the pandemic created an opportunity to try new things. One of them was to make four-day school weeks  
2 the norm. As teachers' salaries cannot be raised, shortening the school week is a bonus which has allowed administrators to retain  
3 and attract experienced teachers. Besides, a shorter school week may alleviate some of the workload on teachers and improve  
4 their mental health. Schools can also save money. However, since teachers are not receiving any pay cuts, savings are typically  
5 only between zero and three percent of the schools' budget.

6 Currently, more than 1,600 schools across 24 US states have a four-day school week, and the trend is growing, giving students  
7 and teachers either Fridays or Mondays off. To make up for the time missed, the new model's school day is, on average, about an  
8 hour longer than the traditional one.

9 Superintendents in districts which have transitioned to four-day weeks say that the vast majority of teachers, students,  
10 administrators and parents actually love the model, an assertion backed by research and surveys.

11 It is a fact that absenteeism and discipline have seen a marked improvement in most of these districts. As regards students'  
12 academic performance, results are varied. For example, students in Colorado had higher scores in Maths and English, whereas  
13 students in Oregon got poorer results. Still, graduation rates, particularly among Latino students, have increased since the model  
14 began.

15 The four-day week is still limited to small, rural schools in US states where travel distances are greater and hiring qualified  
16 educators is a challenge. Current research is giving rise to more innovative ways of schooling which work better for teachers,  
17 students and families.

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

9. **According to the text, the four-day schedule has helped to...** (b)

- (a) raise teachers' salaries. (b) keep and recruit teachers.  
(c) reduce the number of teachers. (d) improve student-teacher ratios.

10. **According to the text, ...** (a)

- (a) more students complete their studies. (b) academic achievement has improved everywhere.  
(c) families disapprove of the transition. (d) the new model will soon be implemented all over the country.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

11. **The four-day school week could help prevent teachers' stress.** TRUE (lines 3-4) "Besides, a shorter school week may alleviate some of the workload on teachers and improve their mental health."

12. **Shortening the school week is reducing costs substantially.** FALSE (lines 4-5) "(However, since teachers are not receiving any pay cuts,) savings are typically only between zero and three percent of the schools' budget."

13. **The length of the school day has remained unchanged.** FALSE (lines 7-8) "To make up for the time missed, the new model's school day is, on average, about an hour longer than the traditional one."

14. **The new model is emerging in urban school districts.** FALSE (line 15) "The four-day week is still limited to small, rural schools in US states (where travel distances are greater and hiring qualified educators is a challenge.)"

15. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 15.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR: "rule" (noun) *norm* (line 2)  
15.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR: "support" (verb) *back(ed)* (line 10)

16. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 16.1. ONE WORD MEANING: "an examination of opinions made by asking people questions" *survey(s)* (line 10)  
16.2. ONE WORD MEANING: "a prevailing tendency or a current style" *trend* (line 6)



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BLOQUE B (Uso de la lengua)

**Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos**

Debe responder a 6 de las 12 preguntas propuestas.

**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each). CHOOSE AND ANSWER ONLY 6 (SIX) QUESTIONS.**

17. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

17.1. "The doctor convinced me... so much fat." (not eat) *not to eat*

17.2. "When you get to the hotel, we... in the lobby." (wait) *will be waiting*

18. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

18.1. "Be careful, you... hurt yourself!" have to / should / might / must *might*

18.2. "They gave us the wrong room... mistake." by / on / at / for *by*

19. TURN THIS SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "Several foreign languages are taught in this school." *We / They teach several foreign languages in this school.*

20. TURN THIS SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Today someone sent this interesting article to everyone in the group." *Today this interesting article was sent to everyone in the group. // Today everyone in the group was sent this interesting article.*

21. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Nicole's parents heard those rumours from their neighbours." *Who did Nicole's parents hear those rumours from? // From whom did Nicole's parents hear those rumours?*

22. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "The new language assistant has a lovely Irish accent. I immediately took notice of it." *The new language assistant has a lovely Irish accent, which I immediately took notice of. // The new language assistant has a lovely Irish accent, of which I immediately took notice.*

23. REWRITE THE NEXT SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "The night was so dark that we couldn't see a thing." *It was... It was such a dark night that we couldn't see a thing.*

24. COMPLETE THIS CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "We would have left the party..." *if + subject + had + past participle*

25. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I last saw him in 2019." *I haven't... I haven't seen him since 2019 / for four years.*

26. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "Most people is used to check their email daily." *Most people are used to checking their email daily.*

27. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "What was the weather like during your holiday abroad?" *Alison asked me. Alison asked (me) what the weather was like / had been like during my / our holiday abroad.*

28. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM: *He was happy to arrive in time for the appointment.*

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BLOQUE C (Redacción)

**Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos**

Deberá realizar una redacción de un mínimo de 120 palabras de SOLAMENTE 1 de los dos temas propuestos.

**III \* WRITING (3 points)**

29. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF AT LEAST 120 WORDS ABOUT ONE OF THE TOPICS PROPOSED AND FOCUS ON IT. CHOOSE **ONE TOPIC** ONLY:

29.1. **Online shopping or traditional shopping? Discuss.**

29.2. **What is your ideal school like? Explain.**