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FASE DE ACCESO

## OPTION A: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA **KEY**

1 Tesla was born in Serbia in 1856, during a lightning storm, which led the nurse to say, "He will be a child of the storm", to which  
2 his mother replied, "No, of the light". As a student, he was so good at mathematics that teachers accused him of cheating. Tesla  
3 migrated to the US in 1884, where he developed the alternating current motor and held over 300 patents. At the World's Exposition of  
4 1893 in Chicago, he illuminated more light bulbs than could be found in the entire city, and amazed audiences with an electric light  
5 that required no wires. He had a photographic memory, which helped him memorize whole books and speak eight languages.

6 Besides his remarkable achievements as a scientist, he was also known for his eccentricities. He claimed that he had developed  
7 a motor that ran on cosmic rays, and that he had discovered a technique for photographing thoughts.

8 He never married, and ended up broke and alone, living in a New York hotel paid by the Westinghouse Corporation. He frequented  
9 the local park, where he was regularly seen feeding the pigeons, with which he claimed to share a special affinity. He was found dead  
10 in his room at age 86.

11 Today the name Tesla is still very much in circulation. The world's best-known electric car bears his name, and the strength of MRI  
12 scanners is measured in Teslas. He was a real-life Prometheus: the mythical Greek titan who brought fire to humankind, but in  
13 punishment was chained to a rock where each day an eagle ate his liver. Tesla brought lightning down to earth, but his uncommon  
14 habits eventually led to his downfall.

### I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. According to the text, Tesla was... (c)

- (a) an amazing photographer. (b) a well-known broker.  
(c) a brilliant scientist. (d) the inventor of the electric car.

2. According to the text, Nikola Tesla... (a)

- (a) might be compared to a mythical character. (b) didn't get on well with pigeons.  
(c) was a family man. (d) invented MRI scanners.

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. Tesla showed his special intelligence when he was at school. **TRUE (line 2) "As a student, he was so good at mathematics that teachers accused him of cheating."**

4. Tesla surprised people with the development of a wireless electric bulb. **TRUE (lines 4-5) "... amazed audiences with an electric light that required no wires."**

5. Tesla ended his days rich but alone. **FALSE (line 8) "(He never married, and) ended up broke and alone..."**

6. Nobody remembers Tesla anymore. **FALSE (line 11) "Today the name Tesla is still very much in circulation." / (lines 11-12) "The world's best-known electric car bears his name, and the strength of MRI scanners is measured in Teslas."**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "ruin" (noun). **downfall (line 14)**  
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "engine" (noun). **motor (lines 3 and 7)**

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "strange or unusual behaviour." **eccentricity / eccentricities (line 6)**  
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to give food to." **feed(ing) (line 9)**

### II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "She's really supportive. You can always count... her." (preposition). **on**  
9.2. "I'm terrible... playing chess." (preposition). **at**

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I have always dreamed... becoming successful." over / of / on / around **of**  
10.2. "I wish I... more time to hang out with my friends." have / was having / had / should have **had**

11. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I'm sure she didn't steal the money." She can't... **have stolen the money.**

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known you were in trouble,..." **subject + would / could / might ... (not) have + past participle**

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They have broken into my car twice this month." **My car has been broken into twice this month.**

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Mike works for a rich businessman on weekends." **Who does Mike work for on weekends? / For whom does Mike work on weekends?**

### III \* WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

**What is the greatest invention in history? Justify your answer.**



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## OPTION B: DO YOU HAVE A FEAR OF MISSING OUT? **KEY**

- 1 FOMO, or the "Fear of Missing Out", is a syndrome many of us have experienced. It happens when we start to feel nervous about  
2 not taking part in social events. It's no coincidence that FOMO and social media have grown at approximately the same time. Social  
3 media activate awareness of all the most exciting things other people are doing, and using social media is closely connected to FOMO,  
4 according to research.
- 5 The syndrome is often associated with perceived feelings of inferiority. When we miss a party, vacation, or any other social event,  
6 we sometimes feel a little less cool than those who showed up and uploaded photos. Surveys have suggested that FOMO is most  
7 common in people aged from 18 to 33, and also more common among men than women, though it's still unclear why. Research  
8 suggests FOMO can have a pretty negative impact on psychological health. It can cause anxiety and depression, especially among  
9 young people. In more extreme cases, these social insecurities can even contribute to violence and feelings of shame.
- 10 Our social media selves are very often better and shinier than reality, and sometimes it's only the beautiful parts that we show.  
11 Everyone has experienced challenges, letdowns and sadness. Everyone. However, we can't only blame social media for causing  
12 FOMO. For people likely to have these kinds of thoughts, unplugging all those gadgets might not solve the problem as efficiently as  
13 therapy. FOMO may be a type of cognitive distortion separate from technology.
- 14 So, the next time you compare yourself to the perfect lives portrayed on social media, take a deep breath and remember that things  
15 are not always as they seem.

## I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

### 1. According to the text, FOMO... **(d)**

- (a) happens because we use social media. (b) is completely avoided if we keep away from social media.  
(c) happens when we don't care about what others are doing. (d) is aggravated by the use of social media.

### 2. According to the text, in social media people... **(c)**

- (a) display violent attitudes. (b) usually show how sad they are.  
(c) show a non-realistic version of themselves. (d) show what they are really like.

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. FOMO is usually a consequence of low self-esteem. **TRUE (line 5) "The syndrome is often associated with perceived feelings of inferiority."**
4. Females are the most common victims of FOMO. **FALSE (lines 6-7) "FOMO is (most common in people aged from 18 to 33, and also more common among men than women.)"**
5. FOMO is a condition that can lead to several mental disorders. **TRUE (lines 8-9) "FOMO can have a pretty negative impact on psychological health." / "It can cause anxiety and depression, (especially among young people. In more extreme cases, these social insecurities can even contribute to violence and feelings of shame.)"**
6. Therapy cannot help if you suffer from FOMO. **FALSE (lines 12-13) "... unplugging all those gadgets might not solve the problem as efficiently as therapy."**

### 7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "disappointment" (noun). **letdown(s) (line 11)**  
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "exactly" (adverb). **approximately (line 2)**

### 8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the treatment of mental disorders or disease." **therapy (line 13)**  
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "fashionably attractive or impressive." **cool (line 6)**

## II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

### 9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "The thief started to shoot... the police." (preposition) **at / against**  
9.2. "Who does this dictionary belong...?" (preposition) **to**

### 10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "To be a secret agent, you... be strong, but you have to be intelligent." **mustn't / needn't / shouldn't / wouldn't needn't**  
10.2. "We were having... good time that my children didn't want to leave." **so / a / such a / too such a**

### 11. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "My mechanic can fix my car in less than a day." I can... **have / get my car fixed in less than a day (by my mechanic).**

### 12. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "That report shouldn't be read by anybody." **Nobody/no one should read that report.**

### 13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "Tony asked Sandra how old her brother was." **Tony asked Sandra, "How old is your brother?"**

### 14. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "We'd better leaving now if we want to arrive at time." **We'd better leave / be leaving now if we want to arrive on / in time.**

## III \* WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Are you afraid of missing out? Explain.