

CRITERIOS ESPECÍFICOS DE CORRECCIÓN

OPTION A: ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF HAPPINESS SOLD FOR \$1.5M **KEY**

- 1 Albert Einstein may be recognised for his theory of relativity but it is his recently discovered theory of happiness which has just
2 been sold at an auction for \$1.56m. Two handwritten notes by the acclaimed German physicist which outline his advice for living
3 a happy and fruitful life went on sale in Jerusalem 95 years after they were written.
4 The notes were handwritten during Einstein's trip to Japan to deliver a series of lectures in November 1922. It was on this trip
5 that the then 43-year-old was informed he had been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics. He felt extremely pleased but also
6 overwhelmed by the large crowd of Japanese people who rushed to see him. While he was in his room at the Imperial Hotel in
7 Tokyo trying to make sense of his feelings, a courier arrived with a delivery. The Nobel laureate composed two brief notes and
8 gave them to him. According to the seller of the notes, Einstein said that in the future they could be worth a great deal more than
9 the cash tip he might have handed over instead.
10 "A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness," reads one
11 of the autographed notes, which was written down on the hotel's stationery. The other, written on a blank piece of paper, says:
12 "Where there's a will there's a way."
13 The buyer and seller of the notes have wished to remain anonymous; however, the BBC reports that the seller may be the
14 Japanese messenger's nephew.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. Albert Einstein's theory of happiness was written...

- (a) in Europe. (b) in Israel.
(c) in a hotel room. (d) on a plane.

2. Einstein's two notes sold at the auction...

- (a) were typed by Einstein himself. (b) were written on different types of paper.
(c) were written in Japanese and translated into English. (d) summarised his theory of relativity.

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. Albert Einstein received \$1.56m for the Nobel Prize he was awarded **FALSE** (lines 1-2) "... (it is his recently discovered theory of happiness which has just been) sold at an auction for \$1.56m."
4. The German physicist travelled to Japan for academic reasons. **TRUE** (line 4) "The notes were handwritten during Einstein's trip to Japan to deliver a series of lectures."
5. Einstein thought that only success can bring happiness. **FALSE** (line 10) "A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness."
6. Nobody has any idea who the seller of the notes is. **FALSE** (lines 13-14) "... the BBC reports that the seller may be the Japanese messenger's nephew."
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "hurry" (verb). rush(ed) (line 6)
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "humble" (adjective). modest (line 10)
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "producing good results." fruitful (line 3)
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "overcome or emotionally affected in a very powerful way." overwhelmed (line 6)

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

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "He behaved... (preposition) a baby." like 9.2. "I did it... (preposition) fun." for

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

- 10.1. "Can you please stop... (make) noise?" making 10.2. "The light went out while we... (have) tea." were having

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "She asked me if I could start work the following day." "Can you start work tomorrow?" she asked me.

12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "Peter was ill. I wonder if you knew this." I wonder if you knew that Peter was ill.

13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "This is the place. We met here two years ago." This is the place where / in which we met two years ago.

14. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "People expect that the government will announce his new immigration policy today." The government... is expected to announce his new immigration policy today.

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

What makes you happy?

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OPTION B:

OUR LOVE FOR PETS

KEY

- 1 While humans like to think of ourselves as the strongest, smartest species, it's increasingly clear that many of us are simply
2 slaves to our pets. We may think we own our pets, but it's actually the other way round.
3 The latest evidence of this can be found at Ikea. The Scandinavian company recently launched a range of pet furniture called
4 Lurvig, which means "hairy" in Swedish. To me, this proves that our obsession with our best friends is getting out of hand. We are
5 spending huge amounts of money on them. Global sales of pet products in 2016 were \$103.5 billion; a 4.7% increase over 2015,
6 which is an enormous growth rate.
7 Why are we spending so much money on our animal companions? Well, basically because we seem to think pets are people
8 and treat them as such. A survey conducted in 2015 found that 95% of US pet owners consider their pets part of the family —up
9 from 88% in 2007. And it's not just Americans; another survey this year claims that 56% of Brits plan to spend more money on
10 Christmas presents for their pets than on gifts for their human family.
11 Nowhere is the humanisation of pets more clearly reflected than in their diets. Despite the fact that dogs will happily eat anything,
12 their meals have become a gourmet affair —the ingredients of which tend to say more about the taste of their owners than animal
13 appetites.
14 I could go on talking to you about this, but I'm afraid I've got a gluten-free meal to prepare for my dog's supper tonight, and he
15 doesn't like to be kept waiting.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. According to the author...

- (a) animals should be treated like humans. (b) our love for pets has gone a bit too far.
(c) pets are treated like slaves by their owners. (d) Americans spend more than Brits on their pets.

2. We treat animals so well because...

- (a) they tend to eat everything. (b) they are smarter than humans.
(c) we view them as humans. (d) we want them to keep fit.

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. **Ikea created a line of furniture for pets many years ago.** FALSE (lines 3-4) "The Scandinavian company recently launched a range of pet furniture called Lurvig."
4. **The number of Americans who see their pets as family members is decreasing.** FALSE (lines 8-9) "A survey conducted in 2015 found that 95% of US pet owners consider their pets part of the family —up from 88% in 2007."
5. **UK citizens have already spent more on presents for their pets than for their relatives.** FALSE (lines 9-10) "...another survey this year claims that 56% of Brits plan to spend more money on Christmas presents for their pets than on gifts for their human family."
6. **The author is in a hurry to prepare his dog's dinner because he is a very impatient dog.** TRUE (lines 14-15) "I'm afraid I've got a gluten-free meal to prepare for my dog's supper tonight and, he doesn't like to be kept waiting."
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "possess" (verb). own (line 2)
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "save" (verb). spend(ing) (lines 5,7,9)
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "objects in a room required for ornament, sitting or lying." furniture (line 3)
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the action of selling something." sale(s) (line 5)

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

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

- 9.1. "I enjoy... (feed) my kittens." feeding 9.2. "I don't allow my dog... (come) inside the house." to come

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "I am very keen... (preposition) pets." on 10.2. "I am aware... (preposition) the disadvantages of having a pet." of

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "I found the kittens in the street. This is the street." This is the street where / in which I found the kittens // I found the kittens in.

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD: "My grandma lived with five cats for almost two years." How many cats did my / your grandma live with for almost two years? / With how many cats did my / your grandma live for almost two years?

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Mary is feeding the dog that comes every night." The dog that comes every night is being fed by Mary.

14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "Unless you take the dog for a walk, ..." Subject + won't / can('t) ...

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Advantages and disadvantages of having pets. Discuss.