

Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

OPTION X: LET'S NOT TREAT LIFE AS A JOB

- 1 In an old cartoon, a waiter approaches a woman with food on her plate. "Are you still working on that?" "No, in
2 fact, I'm completely *exhausted*," she replies. "If you wrap it up, I can finish working on it at home." The idea implied,
3 that eating a delicious meal – cooked by someone else! – constitutes work, plays with the currently widespread
4 enthusiasm for describing things as work. Marriage, we're endlessly informed by the media, is work. Parenting is "the
5 hardest job in the world". Listening to your spouse or friend unburden themselves of their problems is now called
6 "emotional labour", a phrase coined in the 1980s to refer to the exhausting task faced by people in certain jobs where
7 they had to smile despite feeling terrible inside. Even leisure has been remade in the image of work, as we struggle
8 to reach 10,000 daily steps on our wearable fitness monitors; or plan holiday experiences as if they were to-do lists
9 that you must make, which inevitably puts some pressure to achieve certain goals even if they are fun things.
10 Many things are now defined as work in order to call attention to burdens that still fall disproportionately on
11 women – cooking, toddler-chasing – and that are no less arduous or crucial to the economy simply because they're
12 unpaid. But there's a dark side even to that worthy goal: in extending the logic of the workplace to life outside it, we
13 imply that workers are the only kind of people worth valuing. If everything is work, then, we start judging people by
14 their work ethic. We shame mothers who don't perform 'best practices' like breastfeeding, or we see childless people
15 as self-indulgent and lazy.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The cartoon story illustrates...

- (a) that stressed out people have little time for lunch. (b) the current trend to refer to even pleasant things as work.
(c) people's passion to eat out in recent years. (d) how some people cannot stop working while they eat.

2. The problem with the spreading of work language to other aspects of life is that...

- (a) it reduces all human value to work, and evaluates it. (b) it makes mothers shy of breastfeeding their babies in public.
(c) it hasn't improved women's situation. (d) many people are too lazy to have children.

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. According to the text, cooking a good meal is hard work.

4. "Emotional labour" is a new expression, created in the twenty-first century.

5. The idea of work invades even people's free time activities.

6. Home and family responsibilities are essential to the economy, even though they don't involve a salary.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "**tasty**" (adjective).

7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "**honourable**" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "**accepted by or occurring among many people.**"

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "**extremely tired.**"

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. "**You needn't... (pay) in cash.**" 9.2. "**I shouldn't... (drink) so much last night.**"

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

10.1. "**I waited and waited but he didn't turn ...**" over / out / up / away 10.2. "**Can you please look ... my cat for the weekend?**" into / after / through / like

11. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "**My new boyfriend is tall and very handsome.**"

13. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "**Dear, it's time for you to brush the teeth and go to the bed.**"

14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "**I began to work in the company three years ago.**" It is three years...

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

What sort of things do you like doing in your leisure time?