

SEGUNDA LENGUA EXTRANJERA II: INGLÉS

- Responda, **en inglés**, en el pliego en blanco a:
- **Las cinco cuestiones** de **uno** de los dos textos, A o B, del **ejercicio 1 (máximo 5 puntos)**.
 - **Una opción a elegir** de entre las propuestas, A o B, del **ejercicio 2 (máximo 1 punto)**.
 - **Una redacción a elegir** de entre las propuestas, A o B, del **ejercicio 3 (máximo 4 puntos)**.
- Agrupaciones de preguntas que sumen más de 10 puntos o que no coincidan con las indicadas conllevarán la **anulación** de la(s) última(s) pregunta(s) seleccionada(s) y/o respondida(s).

Ejercicio 1.- Choose **one** of the texts and answer the five questions about the text chosen.

Text A

Planning a low-budget holiday

Going on a low-budget holiday can be an exciting and pleasant experience, especially if you are travelling with a small group of friends. With careful planning and smart choices, you can have a great trip without spending a lot of money. To ensure a successful budget holiday, there are several key factors to consider: transportation, accommodation, and activities.

Transportation is often a significant portion of any travel budget. To save some money, consider opting for low-priced options such as public transportation or car sharing. Many cities offer affordable and efficient public transportation systems that can take you to popular tourist spots. Additionally, car sharing with friends or renting a car can be a cost-effective solution, particularly when splitting the expenses. You can save money by being flexible; for example, if you book flights at less busy times or choose low-cost airlines, you can always find cheaper prices.

Accommodation is another area where you can save money during your budget holiday. Instead of booking expensive hotels, consider alternative options like hostels or guesthouses. These options often provide economical rates, especially when shared among the group. Another possibility is to consider camping or staying in a low-priced youth hostel. This can save you money and also make your trip more special and unforgettable. Using online booking platforms and comparing prices can give you the best deals and discounts, too.

When it comes to activities, researching and planning ahead is essential. Many popular destinations offer free or low-cost attractions that can be enjoyed without spending too much. Museums often have specific days or times when entry is free or discounted. Exploring nature, hiking, or visiting local markets can also be enjoyable and budget-friendly. Eating out at local restaurants instead of going to fancy places can help you save money while giving you the chance to taste authentic cuisine. Another interesting tip is to buy a city pass or tourist card, which often provide discounts on multiple attractions.

Questions of text A. (5 puntos)

Do not copy literally from the text. **(1 punto por respuesta = 4 puntos)**

1. List some **ways to save money on transportation** during a low-budget holiday.
2. How can **you spend less money** on places to stay?
3. Why do you **need to research and plan** your budget holiday activities **in advance**?
4. What are the **benefits of eating at local restaurants** when your holiday budget is small?

Fill the gaps with the correct, most appropriate word in each case. **(0,25 por acierto = 1 punto)**

5. By thinking carefully about (A) _____ you will get around, choosing cheap places (B) _____ stay, and planning activities (C) _____ of time, you can have a fun trip. With the right attitude and preparation, you can go on a memorable adventure (D) _____ spending too much money.

Text B

Unemployment

In recent years, unemployment has emerged as an urgent concern among young people. While the literacy rate among youth has been rising, it is a pity to observe that many of them remain unemployed. Surprisingly, the problem does not come from a shortage of job vacancies, but rather from the lack of essential skills possessed by many young individuals.

Education systems worldwide have made sustained efforts to ensure access to education, allowing more and more individuals to receive a basic level of education. However, the unfortunate reality is that this increased literacy does not always translate into employment opportunities. Many young people find themselves unable to get a job. Schooling alone is not enough for young individuals to prosper in today's competitive world. It is obvious that basic education may serve as a foundation, but it needs to be supplemented with vocational and technical expertise.

The modern job market offers a wide range of opportunities across various sectors, but many employers do not find good candidates that are well-prepared for the available positions. Many job vacancies remain unfilled because young individuals lack the specific skills demanded by the market. For instance, industries such as information technology, healthcare, and skilled trades require specialized knowledge and training. Without these, young people fail to find suitable jobs, perpetuating the cycle of unemployment.

Governments, educational institutions, and businesses must collaborate to bridge the skills gap among young individuals. Educational programs should be designed to incorporate practical training alongside theoretical knowledge. These programs should not forget that employers also place a high value on things like how to communicate better, how to work more productively in a team and how to be more flexible and able to react quickly to customer demands. What is more, innovation should be encouraged among young people so that they can create new job opportunities and reduce the heavy load of unemployment at the same time. All these actions should offer a brighter future for our younger generations.

Questions of text B. (5 puntos)

Do not copy literally from the text. (1 punto por respuesta = 4 puntos)

1. What is one reason why unemployment is a **concern among young people**?
2. Why is **schooling alone not enough** for young individuals to succeed in today's competitive world?
3. Why do many **job vacancies remain unfilled** despite the availability of positions?
4. What should be done to **help young individuals** learn the **skills** they need and **reduce unemployment**?

Fill the gaps with the correct, most appropriate word in each case. (0,25 por acierto = 1 punto)

5. In (A) _____ to fight youth unemployment, (B) _____ is important to (C) _____ attention to the right qualifications. Many young people can't find a job because they don't have the skills employers are looking (D) _____ .

Ejercicio 2.- Choose **one** of the following exercises.

Option A. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible.
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- a) Someone stole one of Turner's paintings from the British Museum a few days ago. // One of Turner's paintings...
- b) Smoking is forbidden in schools. // You...
- c) That man's sister is my new geography teacher. // That's the man...
- d) Charles speaks French more fluently than Bill does. // Bill doesn't speak French...

Option B. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible.
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- a) They spend an enormous amount of money on Belgian beer. // An enormous amount of money...
- b) He doesn't speak Portuguese; he didn't get the job in Brazil. // If he...
- c) 'Oh, please, Tom, be a good friend and come to the event with me' Paula said. // Paula tried to persuade...
- d) No other English writer is as good as William Shakespeare. // William Shakespeare is the...

Ejercicio 3.- Choose **one** of the following composition exercises.

Composition A. Write a composition about the following topic (100-120 words). (4 puntos)

Describe the best holiday you can remember.

Composition B. Write a composition about the following topic (100-120 words). (4 puntos)

Give your opinion about the job opportunities available to young people nowadays.