



INGLÉS

7. MODELO DE EXÁMEN

PART A. Comprehension questions on the text. Read the text and **answer all the questions.** (0,5 points each).

Pompeii Archaeological Park Limits Daily Visitors To Curb Over-Tourism New measures will introduce personalized tickets and restrict access to protect the UNESCO site from excessive foot traffic

Another Italian tourist site is stepping up to combat over-tourism, as the Pompeii archaeological park has announced plans to limit daily visitors to 20,000, starting next week. This move aims to protect the **ancient** ruins from the impact of excessive foot traffic and preserve the world heritage site for future generations.

This decision stems from record-breaking visitor numbers during the recent summer, when over 4 million people flocked to the site, which remains famously buried under ash and rock since the eruption of Mount Vesuvius nearly 2,000 years ago. The park's director, Gabriel Zuchriegel, noted, "We are working on a series of projects to lift the human pressure on the site, which could pose risks both for visitors and the heritage (that is) so unique and fragile."

Starting November 15, the park will introduce personalized tickets, requiring visitors to provide their full names. Each day, only 20,000 tickets will be made available, spaced out across different time slots, particularly during peak summer months. **The idea is to more effectively manage foot traffic and safety concerns,** making sure visitors can enjoy the wonder of Pompeii without overwhelming this historically significant landmark.

Zuchriegel emphasized the commitment to promoting slow and sustainable tourism. He stated, "We are aiming for slow, sustainable, pleasant and non-mass tourism and above all widespread throughout the territory around the UNESCO site, which is full of cultural jewels to discover." This approach includes enticing tourists to explore surrounding sites connected to Pompeii through free shuttle services, part of the "Greater Pompeii" initiative, which encompasses locations like Stabia, Torre Annunziata, and Boscoreale.

It's worth noting, the rise of post-pandemic travel has seen significant increases in the number of visitors at various famous tourist hotspots. This resurgence has often led to **concerns** about the negative impacts of mass tourism, including disruptions to local communities, environmental degradation, and transportation issues.

The efforts taken at Pompeii echo actions being implemented at other tourist-heavy locations across Italy. For example, Venice recently warned of impending “irreversible damage” due to its massive annual number of visitors—approximately 30 million—and has adopted measures like the introduction of a day-trip entry fee and restrictions on large tour groups. Similar initiatives are underway at other prominent Italian sites, showing how the country is grappling with the challenge of balancing tourism with preservation.

Meanwhile, as Pompeii prepares for its new rules, visitors and locals alike are hopeful these measures will allow everyone to appreciate the ancient city's unique cultural offerings without the detrimental effects of over-tourism. The changes reflect broader sentiments within the tourism sector, calling for more responsible and sustainable practices as towns and cities strive to maintain their historic integrity.

A1. Find in the text one word that means the same (synonym) as “worries” (noun). **concerns**

A2. Find in the text one word that means the opposite (antonym) of “recent” (adjective). **ancient**

A3. Choose and write the correct answer.

1. What is the main reason Pompeii is limiting the number of visitors?

a) To increase ticket prices.

b) To protect the site from over-tourism and excessive foot traffic.

c) To promote mass tourism.

2. What is one initiative Pompeii is using to manage tourism?

a) Offering free entry on certain days.

b) Introducing personalized tickets with specific time slots.

c) Building more hotels near the site.

PART B. Use of English. Choose the correct answer. You must choose and **answer only 4 out of the 6 questions below (0.5 points each).**

3. _____ women live longer than _____ men.

a) The/the b) The/-- **c) --/-- (when we make generalizations we don't use any articles).**

4. The local team _____ by the visiting team in an exciting match.

a) were beaten b) were beaten **c) was beaten (since it's a passive form and the subject, "the local team," is equivalent to "it," we need to use "was." However, option B could also be acceptable).**

5. The bad news made _____ desperately.

a) her to cry b) **her cry ("made" is a causative verb that requires the direct object, "her", followed by an infinitive verb, cry)** c) cry her

6. I will lend you the money _____ you can pay your bills.

a) such that b) because **c) so that (the correct answer is "so that" because it expresses the purpose or intention behind the action. "such that" is incorrect " because it describes a result or consequence, while "because" is wrong in this context because it is used to explain a cause or reason for something, not a purpose.**

7. Chloe and Mike should be here already. They are late, _____?

a) are they? **b) aren't they? ("aren't they" is the only possible correct answer because it follows the rules of question tags in English.)** c) don't they

8. Jim has read _____ book in the library.

a) every ("every" is used when referring to individual items within a group, implying that Jim has read each book separately. In this case, "every" refers to each book in the library, meaning that Jim has read all the books, one by one.) b) all c) many

PART C. Write an essay of 150-180 words on **ONE** of the following subjects (6 points):

A- Do you think that measures should be taken to fight over-tourism, or, on the contrary, do you believe that people should be allowed to access heritage sites with no restrictions? Discuss your preference in detail, stating its advantages and disadvantages.

Over-tourism has become a serious problem at many popular tourist destinations. While some believe that heritage sites should be open to everyone without restrictions, others argue that there should be measures in place to control the number of visitors. In this essay, I'll discuss both sides and explain why I think restrictions are necessary.

On the one hand, allowing free access to heritage sites could promote cultural exchange and boost local economies. More tourists could bring more money to local businesses and introduce people to the rich history of these sites. However, too many visitors can cause damage and harm the site over time. The wear and tear from large crowds can affect the preservation of these places, making them less enjoyable for future generations.

On the other hand, implementing measures like limiting visitor numbers or introducing timed tickets can help protect these heritage sites in the long run. Though it might reduce some immediate profits, it ensures these sites remain intact for years to come.

In conclusion, while unrestricted access might seem attractive, I believe that taking steps to manage tourism is crucial for preserving cultural landmarks. (188 words)

B- Six months ago, you bought an expensive new smartphone that has stopped working properly. Write an email complaining to the customer service of the company. Provide as many details as possible: describe the problem, explain why you think that you are entitled to compensation, and state what you expect from the company.

From: martina.zambrano11@gmail.com

Subject: Request for assistance regarding faulty smartphone

Dear Customer Service,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with a smartphone I purchased from your company six months ago. The model is c5D, and I bought it from SpecialOffersInValencia on May 26, 2024.

Recently, I have been experiencing several issues with the phone. The screen frequently freezes, and the battery drains very quickly, even when not in use. I have also noticed that the camera sometimes fails to focus properly, making it difficult to take clear photos.

Given that the phone is still under warranty and I paid a significant amount for it, I believe I am entitled to compensation. The issues mentioned are clearly not due to user damage, but rather a defect in the product itself.

I would appreciate it if you could arrange for a repair or replacement as soon as possible. If that is not feasible, I would like to request a full refund for the defective product.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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(173 words)