

PARTE 5

RESPONDA LAS PREGUNTAS 21 A 25 DE ACUERDO CON EL SIGUIENTE TEXTO.

Questions 21–25

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Bertrand Piccard and his co-pilot Brian Jones were the first people to fly around the Earth in a balloon non-stop in 1999.

I learnt to fly in a balloon in a race across the Atlantic Ocean in 1992 and became fascinated by the sport. In the same way that a mountain climber dreams of climbing the world's highest mountain, I dreamed about flying non-stop around the world.

I spent six years planning the flight and failed twice before we managed to succeed. Our route took us over China, but we could only get permission to travel over the south. This meant going first to North Africa to catch the right winds. That added 10,000 kilometres, and another week, to our journey. But because of this, our flight broke all the records for distance and time spent in the air.

My main memory of the trip is that we lived in the air for 20 days and that the rising sun was the most amazing thing we saw. We had to go out of the balloon's capsule, in which we were transported, three times while in the air to repair the fuel system. We didn't have any safety equipment but when you are in a situation like that, you just do what you have to do without thinking about feeling afraid.

Landing was a fantastic moment. I remember that when I got out of the capsule, I looked at my footprint in the sand. I remembered the astronaut Neil Armstrong who was so happy to put his footprint on the moon, so far away from Earth. At that moment, I was so happy to have my foot back on Earth!

21 What is Bertrand Piccard's main reason for writing this text?
A to compare the sport of ballooning with mountain climbing
B to recommend ballooning as a means of transport
C to describe the lessons that failure has taught him
D to report on succeeding at something he'd dreamt of for years

22 Why did the balloon fly over south China?
A The wind took it in the wrong direction.
B The pilots weren't allowed to cross any other part.
C The pilots were running out of time.
D That route made the journey shorter.

23 Why did the pilots get out of the capsule during the flight?
A to practise what to do in an emergency
B to check the safety equipment was working
C to mend something which had a fault
D to test their courage in a dangerous situation

24 How does Piccard say he felt when he landed?
A pleased to see a sign that he'd returned to Earth
B proud to be told he was like Neil Armstrong
C not able to stand or walk properly
D like an astronaut returning from the moon

25 What was the newspaper headline after the balloon landed?
A Balloon pilot flies alone around the world
B Non-stop from North Africa to China
C Magnificent record flight for Piccard and Jones
D New record – 10,000 km in a week

