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APTO ☐ **NO APTO** ☐

TAREAS: La prueba de Comprensión de Textos Escritos consta de TRES textos y TRES tareas.

DURACIÓN TOTAL: 75 minutos

INDICACIONES:

- Las tareas se desarrollarán en los espacios indicados.
- No escribir en las zonas sombreadas
- Emplear tinta permanente azul o negra. No usar lápiz.
- Corregir ~~tachando~~ el texto. No usar correctores líquidos o cintas.
- Puntuación total: **26 puntos**. "**Apto**" **≥ 13**

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B2 SELE INGLÉS

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TASK 1 ▷ Read TEXT 1 ▷ "*Weirdest Places Across The World*". You will read 9 short texts about some of the weirdest places in the world. For items 1 to 9, match each text with the corresponding statement according to the information given in the text. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example A.

NOTE: There are 3 EXTRA statements that don't match any text. **9 points**

A. (Example 0) You should be careful in this place or you might get seriously hurt.

B. This place experiences a dramatic seasonal change.

C. The unusual elements of this place are presented in isolation or in groups.

D. This space might disappear because of environmental changes.

E. This place was in danger until not long ago.

F. The weird element of this place is the oldest of its kind.

G. It is very difficult to get to this place.

H. It is very difficult to calculate the real dimensions of this place at first sight.

I. This construction is more beautiful than practical.

J. This coastal location has not been altered by natural elements even though it is highly exposed.

K. This place keeps changing all the time.

L. The passing of time and natural elements have shaped this spot.

M. You might easily get lost here.

Text 0	Text 1	Text 2	Text 3	Text 4	Text 5	Text 6	Text 7	Text 8	Text 9	SCORE:
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TEXT 1 - *Weirdest Places Across The World*

0. The Doorway Railway – The Doorway Railway of Hanoi is a railway line passing inches away from the doorsteps of shops, through the residential neighborhood and commercial area of Hanoi. There's a street in Hanoi, Vietnam where a speeding train passes straight through twice a day. If you're in the way of the train, you are supposed to press tight into the adjoining wall or duck into a nearby cafe to escape being killed. You can feel the iron resonate against your skin. Sounds terrifying, right?

1. Die Rakotzbrück – The Die Rakotzbrück bridge is another strange place and comes under the weird places in the world. Constructed in the 19th century is famed for its unique construction accuracy, with the bridge and its reflection merging into a complete and perfect stone circle, no matter where you see it from. Spooky! It is in fact one of the weirdest places across the world. This is probably why the bridge is also known as the 'Devil's Bridge'. It seems that the makers of the bridge emphasized more on its aesthetics than its utility. Both ends of the Rakotzbrücke have thin rock spires installed, to make it look like natural basalt columns, which commonly occur in many parts of Germany.

2. Slope Point – Slope Point is another of the strangest places in the world. The forest here is home to trees that are permanently twisted and windblown thanks to the intense Antarctic gusts. Windy much? This is one of the windiest and strangest places in the world. The sight is all the more intensified by the rugged cliffs, eroded by the strong winds and time. The place is used for sheep farming, though there are no houses around. Another highlight of this place is the AA signpost that is installed here showing the distance to the Equator (5,140 km) and the South Pole (4,803 km).

3. Underwater Park – This list won't be complete without some underwater beauties. One of the most weird places in the world, located in the Green Lake in Tragoess, this is not just a gimmick, but a genuine park that goes underwater during spring. After all, the scuba divers do need to rest and relax. It is considered as one of the most fabulous waters to dive in around Europe due to the rarest natural phenomenon in one of the most beautiful lakes in Austria. Have you booked your tickets yet?

4. Jellyfish Lake – There are 70 marine lakes located in this region. What makes Jellyfish Lake stand apart from the rest is that it contains jellyfish. Too many of them! It was closed to the public in 2012 owing to the diminishing population of jellyfish in this lake, one of the weirdest places across the world for sure! Scientists assumed that it was the end of this beautiful lake. But the population of jellyfish grew in recent years and it has once again been opened for the public. Cool, right?

5. Nelson Lakes National Park – Do you get extremely excited about jungle safaris and walking tours of the national park in general? This one might just surprise you with its quirkiness. There is an interesting Blue Lake at the Nelson Lakes National Park, one of the weirdest places across the world. But what's so weird about it? How about the fact that this is a lake so clear that you can see all the way to the bottom, and can't even make out the depth. Go ahead, visit it. We dare you. Don't blame us for your mind being blown to smithereens.

6. The Wave – The Wave is a sandstone rock formation located near the northern border Arizona shares with Utah. It is a dreamlike world of swirling colors and psychedelic patterns. The rock formations are said to be from the Jurassic era. In an effort to preserve the natural beauty and integrity of this natural site, there is no signage for hikers. You have to find your way in and out of this site. Sounds like a challenge. Who is up for it?

7. Mendenhall Ice Caves – The different shades of blue in the ice crystals inside these caves is a natural phenomenon that has left scientists baffled for years. As global warming is on the rise, there is a chance that these ice caves might be affected. Geologists are doing everything possible in their capacity to save these ice caves from becoming extinct. The glacier was named Auke (Auk) Glacier by naturalist John Muir for the Tlingit Auk Kwaan band.

8. Koekohe Beach – Unusually-giant boulders dot the eroded Otago coastline along a stretch of Koekohe Beach. Scientists are unable to explain what is expected to be a natural phenomenon. They are unusually large and either occur scattered in the region or in clusters. Though the beach faces erosion now and then, the rocks refuse to change their structure and remain firmly cemented in the ground. This is a must-visit site for nature lovers.

9. Monolith Of Uluru –This is a single rock. One single, gigantic rock, which is a mountain in itself. With a height of 348 meters and a circumference of 5.8 miles, this is the world's largest rock and one of the weirdest places on earth. While the rocks surrounding it eroded, it stood its ground to become the longest surviving Monolithic rock structure. If this rock doesn't inspire you to keep hustling in life and staying true to all the promises you made to yourself, we don't know what will.

Source: https://traveltriangle.com/blog/50-weirdest-places-across-the-world/

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TEXT 2 – *Women Heroes*

Sacagawea: The Native American woman who showed Lewis and Clark the way

Sacagawea was not afraid. Although she was only 16 years old and the only female in an exploration group of more than 45 people, she was ready to courageously make her mark in American history.

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson bought more than 825,000 square miles of land from France in what was called the Louisiana Purchase. To explore this new part of the country, Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on a two-year journey to report on what they found. They needed local guides to help them through this unknown territory. Sacagawea, a young Native American, joined them.

Born to a Shoshone chief around 1788, Sacagawea had been kidnapped by an enemy tribe when she was about 12, then sold to a French-Canadian trapper. When he was hired as a guide for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1804, Sacagawea also joined as an interpreter to talk to Native-American people on their 8,000-mile journey.

Sacagawea soon became a respected member of the group. She was skilled at finding plants for food and medicine to help keep the explorers alive. When a boat capsized on the Missouri River as they were crossing into what is now Montana, Sacagawea saved important books and much-needed supplies. When they needed horses to cross rough terrain, she convinced a Shoshone tribe—led by her long-lost brother—to give them some. She was so respected by Lewis and Clark that when they reached the Pacific Ocean in November 1805, Sacagawea was asked to cast her vote for where they should build a fort.

Sacagawea proved herself again after the group took a different route home through what is now Idaho. As they passed through her homeland, Sacagawea remembered Shoshone trails from her childhood and helped the expedition find their way through. Clark even praised her as his "pilot."

Sacagawea left the group to return to what is now Bismarck, South Dakota, before the triumphant return of Lewis and Clark to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1806. She received no pay for her services and died on December 20, 1812. But Sacagawea's bravery and skill live on in the expedition's journals, which are full of praise for the 16-year-old Shoshone girl who guided the most famous American expedition of all time.

Hatshepsut: The Egyptian who proved women could be powerful pharaohs

Hatshepsut, like other pharaohs, was the child of a king. Unlike the others, she was a woman.

One of only a few female pharaohs in thousands of years of ancient Egyptian history, Hatshepsut didn't inherit her rulership like a man would have—only sons were allowed to succeed their fathers. She was born around 1504 B.C., and when her father, King Thutmose I, died without sons, Hatshepsut married her half-brother, Thutmose II, to help him become pharaoh.

When he died, his son—Hatshepsut's stepson—became pharaoh, even though he was just three years old. Hatshepsut ruled in his name, but he was still considered the only pharaoh. But when Thutmose III was about eight years old, she took the throne herself and officially became his coruler around 1473 B.C. Some historians think she made the move because other people wanted to steal the throne, and she knew if they were both pharaohs they would be too powerful to overthrow. Hatshepsut and Thutmose III would rule together as pharaohs for the next 22 years.

Considered one of Egypt's greatest pharaohs—man or woman—Hatshepsut brought great wealth and artistry to her land. She sponsored one of Egypt's most successful trading expeditions, bringing back gold, ebony, and incense from a place called Punt (probably modern-day Eritrea, a country in Africa). She secured her legacy by building structures that still stand today. She added two hundred-foot-tall obelisks at the great temple complex at Karnak. (One is still intact.) And she built the mortuary Temple of Deir el Bahri, a structure with several floors of columns in front, where she'd eventually be buried.

Source: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com

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TEXT 3 – *Tips for Using Social Media Sites Safely*

If you are feeling concerned about your social media privacy settings, ___(0)___to help you enjoy social media more safely. While social networking sites are great for keeping in touch and making new friends, they're also a boon for anyone looking to harvest personal information, for whatever purpose. Sharing too much information on a social network may leave you ___(1)___ and even home burglary. Follow our top social networking tips to help safeguard your privacy.

1. Make use of privacy settings

Read the site's privacy policy and use its privacy and security settings to control who can see your personal information. Facebook, for example, offers controls over who can see your basic or full profile, ___(2)___.

2. How to change your privacy settings on Facebook

At the top of the page you'll see a blue banner running across the top. To the far right you'll find a dropdown arrow. Click it and then click 'Settings'. ___(3)___. Set everything so that only friends can see your information - you generally want to avoid anything being open to Public view. Doing this will help keep your information safer, but we can never be completely confident that our data is safe. If people allow personality quiz apps to access all their data, then that includes their friend lists. So even if you don't allow any third party apps to have access to your profile, ___(4)___.

3. How to manage apps on Facebook

Go back to that arrow at the top right of your blue banner and click 'Settings' again. This time click 'Apps'. Are you surprised at how many apps have access to your profile? ___(5)___. But as stated before, you never can be too careful, which leads us nicely into our next point.

4. Don't overshare

You probably know much better than to broadcast your mother's maiden name or the name of your first pet, and you might sensibly choose not to disclose your birthday,___(6)___. Criminals scour social networks to find empty houses to burgle. So for that reason, whilst you're away, try to resist sharing holiday snaps. ___(7)___. In general, don't post personal details, such as your phone number or home address. Avoid posting photos of your home that make it easy to identify where you live.

5. It's not a popularity contest

Don't accept every friend or follower request you get – only connect with people you know in real life or ___(8)___. Criminals create fake online accounts in order to befriend others and harvest personal information. So if you receive a friend request from someone you thought you were already friends with, don't blindly accept them. First, see if you can find the profile you thought you already linked to. If your friend is still on your list without you having accepted the new request, then the new request is more than likely an interloper. Report them to Facebook to be deleted, and tell your friend about the infraction too ___(9)___.

Source: https://www.saga.co.uk/magazine

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TASK 2 ▷ Read TEXT 2 ▷ "*Women Heroes*". You will read the stories of two women heroes. For items 1 to 8, choose the statements which are TRUE according to the text. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example A.

8 points



Sacagawea

A. Sacagawea was the only woman in the group. (Example)

B. She was taken away by force from her native tribe.

C. Sacagawea was hired by the French to guide the explorers.

D. Her main role was to find food and medicines for the party.

E. She could read books and pilot a ship.

F. Sacagawea and her group had a boat accident once.

G. She convinced a rival tribe to give them horses.

H. She was treated as equal when important decisions had to be made.

I. On their way back from the expedition they got lost.

J. The leader of the expedition showed great admiration for her contribution.

K. When the expedition returned, Sacagawea was paid homage in St. Louis.



Hatshepsut

L. In Hatshepsut's times, women were not allowed to rule the country.

M. She became the ruler because her son was very young.

N. The fact that there were two pharaohs ruling together would probably ensure their power.

O. She had the same status as the male pharaoh even after he became of age.

P. She travelled to other African countries to buy and sell goods.

Q. Some of her patrimony has survived until now.

R. When she died, her body was taken to a pyramid.

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✓									___ / 8

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TASK 3 ▷Read TEXT 3▷ *"Tips for Using Social Media Sites Safely"*. For items 1 to 9, match the gap with the phrase that best fits in, as shown in example 0.

There are 2 extra phrases that do not fit in any gap. 9 points

A. (example) read on for some useful tips

B. some insurers may refuse a claim if you've broadcast your vacant home on Facebook or other social accounts

C. use a separate password for each social account

D. whose identity you know is genuine

E. then all your accounts are comprised too

F. just click the X to remove them and you're suddenly a lot more secure

G. your posts and photos and what appears in your timeline

H. from there you can get to "privacy"

I. at risk of identity theft

J. so they can advise the other people on their friend list to keep everyone safe

K. your friends could be inadvertently allowing that

L. but do you avoid giving details of upcoming holidays?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SCORE:
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