

# CENTRO ESCOLAR ALOM

## HIGH SCHOOL

### THIRD PERIOD EXAM

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **READING:**

#### **I.- Read the text. Are the statements True or False?**

##### **A great place to live**

What do you look for when deciding where to live? Many people never move from their home town, of course. Others move because of a job. Some, though, think carefully about the lifestyle they are looking for. It may be somewhere affordable or a place with a vibrant arts and music scene. They may want an iconic skyline or narrow cobbled streets and small local shops. Would you prefer clean air or a bustling cosmopolitan city?

Amazingly, whatever your tastes or desires, you may be surprised to learn that Zurich, in Switzerland, has all these things and more. That's why, in many surveys, it comes first in the list of best cities in Europe in which to live and is only just behind Melbourne, Australia, as the best city in the whole world. Better even than traditionally popular cities such as Vancouver, Singapore and Montevideo.

Zurich is Switzerland's largest city with a population of about 400,000. However, 30 percent of the population were born overseas so it is a very multicultural city. \_\_\_\_\_

Of course, this is Switzerland so prices are high, and finding affordable accommodation in the city centre may be difficult. \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, residents can take advantage of lower accommodation costs further from the center. Zurich is also a very green city with many parks and breathtaking views of the Alps in the distance. Between the city and the mountains there are lakes where you can swim, sail or go kayaking in safety.

It should be no surprise that Zurich has some excellent shops, which are modern and clean. There are also restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. \_\_\_\_\_ There are also attractions for young people with many clubs and a thriving alternative music scene. Not many people realize that Europe's biggest techno event is held in Zurich as is the Caliente Festival, the largest Latin cultural event on the continent.

So, are there any drawbacks to living in the city at all? Some parts of the city have a reputation for crime although the levels are high only in comparison with the rest of the city. It is still much safer than other big cities in Europe. \_\_\_\_\_ In fact, traffic is slow because, unlike in other cities, trams, cyclists and pedestrians are given priority over cars – making life even easier for non-car drivers.

That's probably why the percentage of the population who don't have a car has risen from 40 percent to 45 percent in the last decade. \_\_\_\_\_

1.- Surveys show that Zurich is the fifth best place in the world in which to live.

**True          False**

2.- The majority of Zurich's population are Swiss.

**True          False**

3.- It can be difficult to travel around the city.

**True          False**

4.- You have to get out of the city before you can see the Alps.

**True          False**

5.- There are more car owners in the city than non-car owners.

**True          False**

**II.- Complete the paragraphs with the correct sentences, putting the correct letter on the line**

- A) Drivers also complain that the roads are very congested but public transport is so efficient that there is really no need to drive in the city at all
- B) However, the city has excellent public transport and, as it isn't too sprawling, it is easy to get from one part of the city to another quickly and comfortably
- C) All in all, you can find a great standard of life in Zurich.
- D) Culture lovers will be impressed by the huge variety of cultural institutions in the city including opera, ballet, theatre, museums, art galleries and concert halls.
- E) People from abroad are attracted by the job opportunities, high salaries and low rates of taxation, the world class schools and universities and the overall high standard of living.

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