

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNINGS

ACADEMIC PERIOD:	2020-2021	TERM:	2	subject:	LANGUAGE ARTS		
TEACHER/S:					GRADE:	COURSE:	
date:					SCORE:	19	/10
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the questions carefully.</li> <li>2. You have <b>60 minutes</b> to develop the evaluation.</li> <li>3. If you have completed the exam, review it carefully and then submit.</li> </ol>						

## Reading

### A Read the article about the Atacama Desert.

### Visit the Atacama – the driest desert on earth

If you want to get away from the rain and the cold and see things you never knew existed, go to the Atacama Desert in the north of Chile. People usually stay in the town of San Pedro de Atacama, where you can find luxury hotels, youth hostels and campsites. It won't rain while you are in San Pedro as it usually only rains for about ten minutes a year!

The weather is mostly good all year round. In winter, it will be around 22°C during the day, and about 4°C at night. In summer, it's hotter, but not as hot as you might think. It doesn't usually go above 30°C, but at night it's quite cool, so you need to take warm clothes with you.

There is a lot to see in the Atacama region. Here are some of the places you shouldn't miss:



San Pedro de Atacama

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If you are staying in San Pedro, you should visit the 18<sup>th</sup> century church and the museum, where you can learn about the history of the region and its indigenous people. There are also lots of good restaurants, and shops where you can buy souvenirs.

#### Valley of the Moon

About 15 minutes drive from San Pedro, this strange valley looks more like the surface of the moon than part of the

earth. There hasn't been a drop of rain here for hundreds of years. The best time to visit is just before sunset. You can climb to the top of a sand dune and watch the sun go down. The moon-like landscape will change from gold to pink to purple. It is a sight you will never forget.



Valley of the Moon

#### Atacama Salt Flat

This is the biggest salt flat in Chile. Only half an hour away from San Pedro, the land is white with a thick layer of salt, surrounded by mountains and volcanoes. Nearby you can also visit Cejas lagoon and float in its salty water.

#### Tara Salt Flat

Two-and-a-half hours' drive away is the amazing Tara Salt Flat, more than 4,500 metres above sea level. Here you will see pink flamingoes wandering around and feeding in the lagoon. There are many other species of birds feeding here and if you are lucky, you might see a Darwin's rhea, a large bird that can't fly and which is in danger of becoming extinct.

Finally, when you get back to San Pedro, don't forget to look at the night sky. It is one of the clearest night skies in the world. The moon and stars shine more brightly here than anywhere else on the earth.

**B Complete the Exam Task.**

**Exam Task**

Read the article about the Atacama Desert again. Are sentences 1–8 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C).

- 1 There is a variety of accommodation available for tourists in San Pedro.
- 2 Winters are freezing and summers are boiling in San Pedro.
- 3 There weren't any people in the Atacama region before the Spanish came.
- 4 The Valley of the Moon is most impressive when the sun is going down.
- 5 If you go to Tara Salt Flat, you can swim in the lagoon.

(\_\_ / 5 marks)

## Vocabulary and Use your English

**A Circle the correct words.**

- 1 Instead of sitting around doing nothing, you **could** / **need** do something creative like cooking, painting or even gardening.
- 2 You'll need a bigger tent if your friends **come** / **came** too.
- 3 If you spend all your money on camping equipment, you **won't** / **can't** have any left to pay for the train ticket.

(\_\_ / 3 marks)

**B Complete the Exam Task.**

**Exam Task**

Read the sentences about holidays. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each answer.

- 1 Lots of people go to Alaska. It isn't an **\_\_\_\_\_** choice for a holiday.  
A amazing      B unusual      C average
- 2 When a volcano **\_\_\_\_\_** it can be very dangerous for people living nearby.  
A erupts      B erupting      C will erupt
- 3 The villa **\_\_\_\_\_** we rented in Cyprus was very comfortable.  
A what      B (no word)      C who
- 4 Our holiday was **\_\_\_\_\_** by my grandparents.  
A organised      B organising      C organisation
- 5 Our cruises **\_\_\_\_\_** from ports all over the world.  
A departs      B departing      C depart

(\_\_ / 5 marks)

**Exam Task**

## Listening

**A You will hear six people talking about sports and hobbies. Match the person (1–6) to the sport or hobby they do now (A–H). There are two extra letters which you do not need to use. You will hear each person twice.**

- 1 Timothy
- 2 Alicia
- 3 Sarah
- 4 Arturo
- 5 Sergio
- 6 Tere

- A skateboarding
- B stamp collecting
- C playing the guitar
- D gardening
- E cooking
- F playing in a band
- G gaming
- H doing gymnastics

(\_\_ / 6 marks)