

OPCIÓN A

SECTION I: READING COMPREHENSION

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1. Read the text and decide whether statements 1.1 to 1.4 are true or false. Then, find a text fragment which confirms your answer in either case. Write "TRUE" or "FALSE" plus the fragment (one or two lines maximum) on your answer sheet. [Score: 4 items x 5 marks = 20 marks]

Silicon Valley Nannies Are Phone Police for Kids

Silicon Valley parents now demand that their nannies hide phones, tablets, computers, and TVs from their children. They are increasingly obsessed with keeping their children away from screens. Even a little screen time can be so deeply addictive, some parents believe, that it is best if a child neither touches nor sees any of these glittering rectangles. These particular parents, after all, deeply understand the attractiveness and addictiveness of these devices. But it is very hard for a working adult in the 21st century to live at home without looking at a phone. And so, as with many aspirations and ideals, it is easier to hire someone to do this —the nanny.

The fear of screens has reached the level of panic in Silicon Valley. Vigilantes now post photos to parenting message boards of possible nannies using cellphones near children. In other words, the same people who build these glowing hyper-stimulating portals have become increasingly terrified of them.

Silicon Valley parents have put their nannies in a strange position. "In the last year, everything has changed," said Shannon Zimmerman, a nanny in San Jose who works for families that forbid screen time. "Parents are now much more aware of the tech they're giving their kids and they will say 'No screen time at all.'" Ms. Zimmerman likes these new rules, which she said remind her of a time when kids behaved better and knew how to play outside.

Parents, though, find the rules harder to follow themselves, Ms. Zimmerman said. "Most parents come home, and they're still glued to their phones, and they're not listening to a word these kids are saying," Ms. Zimmerman said.

The Nanny Contracts. Parents are now asking nannies to sign very strict "no-phone contracts," according to nannying agencies across the region. Typically now the nanny is not allowed to use her phone for any private use, which can be tricky, as these same parents often want updates through the day. "If the mom does call and the nanny picks up the phone, it is, 'Well, what are you doing that you can be on your phone?'"

E.g.: Silicon Valley parents find it difficult to respect the no-phone rules that they have established for their

children. **TRUE**. EVIDENCE: "Parents, though, find the rules harder to follow themselves."

1.1. At Silicon Valley, nannies are required to hide phones, tablets, computers, and TVs from their children.

1.2. Silicon Valley parents know very well how fascinating screens can be.

1.3. The children that Shannon Zimmerman takes care of behave better and know how to play outside.

1.4. Contracts forbid nannies to make private use of screens in front of the children they take care of.

2. Complete each sentence with information from the text but using your own words (about 10-15 words of your own per sentence). DO NOT COPY LITERALLY from the text nor from statements 1.1 to 1.4. Write the two sentences on your answer sheet. [Score: 2 items x 5 marks = 10 marks]

2.1. According to some parents, ...

2.2. Ms. Zimmerman complains ...

SECTION II: OVERALL LANGUAGE ABILITY (USE OF ENGLISH)

(30 marks)

3. Complete the text choosing the best option (A, B, or C) for each gap (1-15). On your answer sheet, draw a table like the one below and, for each gap (1-15), copy the letter that corresponds to your answer (A, B, or C). Use CAPITAL LETTERS. [Score: 15 items x 1 marks = 15 marks]

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

American students have a college experience significantly different to that of European students.

Living. Dorm life, for example. (1) ___ all American students have this experience in common, regardless of where they (2) ___ university. Our country is unique in the presence of dorm life. (3) ___ it is so massive and our cities are so spread out in comparison to (4) ___ of Europe, dorms are essential to maintaining a university community. In Europe, (5) ___, the idea of dorms is almost entirely foreign. (6) ___ students are far more likely to rent an apartment near campus than to ever set foot in (7) ___ dorm. The massive public transportation infrastructure of European cities makes this possible (8) ___ eliminates the need for universities to accommodate large numbers of students on campus.

Education. Students (9) ___ Europe interact with professors quite differently, in part due (10) ___ language differences. (11) ___ Karim Budhesy, European students speak to their professors differently because most European languages have formal conjugations and forms of address built into them. In France, students might refer to professors using the formal "vous" rather than the informal "tu", therefore (12) ___ the entire tone of conversation. Also, European students are notorious for skipping classes. Oftentimes, bigger lectures

(13) ___ compulsory attendance are only attended once or twice before they empty out.

(14) ___, European students frequently take exams while American students have some smaller additional (15) ___ throughout the semester that require more frequent attendance, such as in-class quizzes.

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| 1. a) About | b) Almost | c) Near | 9. a) on | b) in | c) at |
| 2. a) attend | b) go | c) assist | 10. a) -- | b) at | c) to |
| 3. a) As | b) Because of | c) Although | 11. a) According to | b) Regarding | c) Referring to |
| 4. a) those | b) theirs | c) that | 12. a) changing | b) change | c) to change |
| 5. a) however | b) opposing | c) contrasting | 13. a) with | b) within | c) without |
| 6. a) All | b) Top | c) Most | 14. a) Finally | b) Clearly | c) Initially |
| 7. a) the | b) a | c) their | 15. a) tests | b) homeworks | c) assignments |
| 8. a) and | b) but | c) nor | | | |

4. Finish each sentence so that it keeps the meaning of the sentence printed before it and includes a clear change of linguistic structure. COPY THE COMPLETE SENTENCES (including the beginnings already given to you) onto your answer sheet. [Score: 3 items x 5 marks = 15 marks]

- 4.1. In Spain, it is against the law to sell alcoholic drinks to anyone who is under 18.
In Spain, alcoholic drinks ...
- 4.2. 'Are you the straight-A student who has received a scholarship to study at the MIT?',
he asked me. He wanted ...
- 4.3. I never visited her when she lived in Hong Kong because she never invited me.
If she ...

SECTION III: WRITING

(40 marks)

5. Opinion writing. *Both men and women can do all types of housework equally well. Do you agree?*

WRITE AN OPINION TEXT of about 120 words. Make sure you provide the necessary arguments to convince the reader of your opinion. Write your paragraph on your answer sheet. [Score: 40 marks x 1 item = 40 marks]

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