INGLÉS

OPCIÓN A

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

Is Germany better at teaching university courses in English than universities in English-speaking countries? Germany has been named as the most supportive country for foreign students, in an international league table. Among the attractions for international students is the growing number of courses taught entirely in English, so students can complete degrees without ever having to speak German. The British Council has placed Germany in first place in a table which evaluates university systems according to aspects such as degree quality, support for foreign students and how much students are encouraged to spend time abroad.

In the Freie Universitat Berlin, students from Germany, the United States and China participate in seminars conducted by German professors speaking in English. There are more students from Germany studying abroad than from any other European country and it wants half of its students to spend at least a term abroad, giving Germany one of the world's most mobile student populations. One of the attractions of Germany is that non-German students do not pay more in tuition fees than home students. Freie Universitat Berlin has been part of this internationalisation project.

"It's a well-kept secret, that foreign students are able to come here and there are very few barriers," says David Ravensbergen, from Canada. He is also impressed by the way foreign students in Germany do not pay higher fees. "One of the strongest motivators is finance. To go to university in Canada means taking on debt. It's practically free to do it in Germany." Sophie Perl, a student from the United States, echoes his opinion: "I think the biggest factor is financial. In the US a graduate programme would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, while in Germany it doesn't cost anything. And it doesn't cost more for foreign students than it does for German students."

Questions

1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words (approximately 50 words; 1 point).

2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point; 0.25 each)

a. Foreign students in Germany need to study in German.

b. Many German students study in foreign universities.

c. Canadian students have to pay back money they were lent for university study.

d. Foreign students have to pay more for their studies than German ones.

3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (1 point; 0.25 each).

a) in a foreign country
b) the money you pay for classes
c) obstacles
d) money which you have borrowed and have to pay back

4. Pronunciation. (1 point; 0.25 each)

a. Which one of the following words has the same vowel sound as the letters underlined in the word "free":
foreign, universities, least, finance.

b. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others:
taught, support, foreign, abroad.

c. In which one of the following words are/is the underlined letter(s) pronounced "z" /z/?
basket, doesn't, impressed, university.

d. In which one of the following words is the stress on the first syllable, as in "Germany"?
degrees, graduate, attraction, impressed.

5. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in brackets if any. (1.5 points; 0.5 points each).

a) Foreign students in Germany do not pay higher fees.

Higher fees…

b) To go to university in Canada means taking on debt. It's practically free to do it in Germany.

While in Germany …

c) Students can complete degrees without ever having to speak German.

Students don't have to…… in order to ……

6. Would you like to study in another country? Why / Why not? If your answer is "yes", which country? (Approximately 120 words; 3 points)

OPCIÓN B

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

Dear Dr Wise,

I am an eighteen-year-old male with a problem.

I am in love with one of my best friends. When I first met her, I really didn't like her. She was always so annoying. But then we got to know each other better and she sort of grew on me.

Not very long after I started to get to know her, I began to think about her romantically. Soon after, we became like brother and sister, always together. And my feelings have done nothing but grow since then.

It took me about a year to work up the courage to tell her about the feelings I had for her. When I finally did, she told me that we had too good a friendship, that she didn't want to ruin it, that I was like a brother to her and that she couldn't feel that way for me. But I just can't shake this feeling.

Several times the pain I feel has grown so strong that I needed to take a "vacation" from her. But when I am away from her for so long, I miss her to the point where the only thing I want to do is be with her, no matter how much it hurts to know she doesn't feel the same way. I have actually cried about this almost a hundred times.

The only advice I have got so far is to "get over it", and if I could, I would. But I can't. I think that the reason I can't get over this is because I can't let go of the hopes that some day she may change her mind. And I truly believe that if she did, I would marry her straight away.

Please help me!

"Desperate"

Questions

1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words (approximately 50 words; 1 point).

2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point; 0.25 each)

a. The writer doesn't like his friend now as much as he did at first.

b. The writer thinks about his friend in a romantic way.

c. The writer's friend prefers to be just a friend of his.

d. People have given him useful advice.

3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here.(1 point; 0.25 each).

a) irritating b) bravery, valour c) spoil d) up to now

4. Pronunciation. (1 point; 0.25 each)

a. In which one of the following words do the underlined letters have the same sound as the "o" in the word "over":
cover, brother, strong, only.

b. Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others:
learn, hurts, work, sort.

c. In which one of the following words is the underlined letter pronounced "s" /s/?
this, these, always, because.

d. In which one of the following words is the letter "o" pronounced /ʌ/ as in "fun":
brother, problem, romantically, told.

5. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in brackets if any. (1.5 points; 0.5 points each).

a) She told me she couldn't feel that way for me. But I just can't shake this feeling.

Although .....

b) It took me about a year to tell her about the feelings I had for her.

After about a year .....

c) Please help me!

"Desperate" asked Dr. Wise .....

6. Imagine you are Dr. Wise. Write a letter in answer to "Desperate's" one advising him what he should do. Begin with "Dear Desperate," (Approximately 120 words; 3 points)

7. LISTENING TEST (1.5 POINTS)

In this conversation, Alice and Neil talk about the changing world of comic book Super heroes. Here is the beginning of the conversation:

Alice: The subject of today's show is Superheroes. So, Neil, who's your favourite?
Neil: Spiderman. He's cool and funny and he can spin webs and jump off skyscrapers.

Here is an example of a question:

Spiderman can jump off_____.

The correct answer is: skyscrapers.

Ready? Now read the rest of the questions and alternative answers before listening to the conversation.

(2-minute pause)

QUESTIONS:

1 – 5. (True/False or Multiple choice). Write the correct option (5 x 0.1 points = 0.5 points)

1 Why are more and more people getting tired of the traditional Superheroes?

- ☐ Because they are bored, white and male.
- ☐ Because they have different ethnic backgrounds.
- ☐ Because they are not very relevant to their lives.

2 Kamala Khan is a teenager, who is also Asian and Muslim. TRUE or FALSE?

3 What do Superman, Ms Marvel, Spiderman and the Hulk have in common?

- ☐ They are aliens or have alien genes.
- ☐ They are very different from Batman and Ironman.
- ☐ Their DNA is radioactive, contaminated or poisoned.

4 Batman and Ironman use technology to give themselves super powers. TRUE or FALSE?

5 What do nearly all traditional Superheroes have in common?

- ☐ They all want to make the world a better place.
- ☐ They have bodies that give them superpowers.
- ☐ They have problems just like you and me.

6 – 10. (Sentence completion) Fill in with the missing information using a maximum of 3 words in each space. (5 x 0.2 points = 1.0 point)

6. Rea and Sue were a couple and then they_____.

7. Publishing houses want to attract a varied readership, such as_____and _____

8. Female illustrators are more common in Japan than in the_____and_____.

9. It is not very common for women in Japan to make their_____about their careers.

10. Marvel Comics has created a black_____.

Now listen to the rest of the conversation. You will hear it three times. Write the correct answer in your exam notebook (cuadernillo). Write the complete answer, not just a letter. You must not write more than one answer for each question

(Recording) Now you will hear the text again. (Recording) Now you will hear the text for the last time. (Recording)

That is the end of the Listening test. Write your answers in your examination notebook (cuadernillo) if you have not already done so. Then you can go on with the rest of the examination.