

**INGLÉS**

**OPCIÓN A**

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

Once upon a time, fashion was only for the rich. Paris was the centre of the fashion world, and everyone else tried to copy the top French designers. But now, fashion is a much more international matter. London, like other big European cities, has a large number of its own talented and hard-working designers.

Anyway, many people, especially the young, take no notice of the clothes the designers produce. They wear things which express their ideas and feelings about life. They use fashion like a kind of uniform. Take hairstyles, for example. If a boy has very short, almost shaven hair, people expect him to have right-wing politics whereas they expect boys with very long hair to have left-wing politics. A boy who wears a leather jacket covered in bits of metal will probably ride a motorbike, and a girl who wears Laura Ashley dresses will probably have middle-class ideas.

Some young people, of course, have fun with all the latest "street styles". They cut their hair into strange shapes, wear lots of cheap jewellery, cut holes in their trousers to make them look old, or paint their lips blue. These "street styles" come and go, and are not the creation of the big fashion designers, who, in fact, often use ideas from street fashions when they make their own designs. Many young people simply try to look as clean and tidy as possible, particularly when looking for a job, in order to produce a good impression on possible employers. Clothes with a sporty look are popular, as they make people look healthy and energetic.

Most British people are possibly not very fashion-conscious. Even the richest and most important people frequently wear old and untidy clothes, and, of course, only a very few can afford designer clothes.

**Questions**

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

**2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the following (1 point: 0.25 each)**

- a) Brilliant or with great ability, in the arts, for example.
- b) To pay no attention to.
- c) Ornaments worn by people, usually made of (precious) stones or metal.
- d) People who give you a job.

**3. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one (2 points: 0.5 points each)**

- a) Paris was the centre of the fashion world.

*Paris used ...*

- b) These "street styles" come and go, and are not the creation of the big fashion designers

*These "street styles", which ...*

- c) People expect boys with very long hair to have left-wing politics

*Boys ...*

- d) A girl who wears Laura Ashley dresses will probably have middle-class ideas.

*The ideas of ...*

**4. Answer the following questions in your own words, as far as possible. Your answer must be based on the information given in the text. (2 points: 1 point each).**

- a) According to the text, what connection exists between "street styles" and fashion designers?
- b) Where does the writer say is the centre of fashion today?

**5. Composition: What sort of clothes do you like wearing? Do you always wear the same type of clothes? (Approximately 120 words; 3 points).**

## OPCIÓN B

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Kirkland, in Western Seattle, has been voted the most desirable place to live in the United States. Seattle's eastside suburbs are a pleasant mass of good schools, great jobs and family-friendly neighborhoods. Kirkland has all that, while also offering a unique, lively downtown on the shores of Lake Washington. From Kirkland's beaches on the lake you can see the Seattle skyline, but there's no need to go to the big city to have fun. Even on a weeknight, the downtown restaurants and sidewalks are full. "Kirkland is definitely a hotspot right now," says Kristi Caggiano, 42, who moved to town 14 years ago. She lives near downtown with her husband, daughter and 10-year-old son, and says the family can walk to the market, local shops, pool and library. "The school system is fantastic," Kristi says, "and we are going to send our daughter to a high school which is going to open right next to our house." This is just one of several schools that will open in the near future. Her son's elementary school has a well-attended choir program, and every child has a chance to take swimming lessons. Also, 25% of Kirkland's total area is made up of parks. Some of these have sandy beaches and attractions for kids. "There's always something to do," says Caggiano. Residents report that Kirkland's proximity to Google and Microsoft offices is attracting a lot more young people and families. Google now employs about 800 people, and has announced plans to double the size of its Kirkland offices by 2016. The town is seeing many other new business start-ups. The good job market means reasonably-priced housing is in short supply. "It's a problem we are hoping to solve soon, but we're not there yet," says real estate agent Brenda Nunes. A three-bedroom home averages \$440,000.

### Questions

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

2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the following (1 point: 0.25 each)

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| a) animated | b) centre of activity |
| c) nearness | d) economical         |

3. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one (2 points: 0.5 points each)

a) From Kirkland's beaches on the lake you can see the Seattle skyline.  
*The Seattle ....*

b) There's no need to go to the big city to have fun.  
*You ...*

c) "We're going to send our daughter to a high school which is going to open right next to our house," said Kristi.  
*Kristi said that ....*

d) Google employs about 800 people, and has announced plans to double the size of its offices by 2016.  
*Google, which .....*

4. Answer the following questions in your own words, as far as possible. Your answer must be based on the information given in the text. (2 points: 1 point each).

a) What are the things that people like about Kirkland?

b) In what ways are things going to get better in Kirkland in the future?

**5. Composition: Imagine you had to design an ideal city. What things/facilities would you put in it? (Approximately 120 words; 3 points).**

## 6. LISTENING TEST (1 point)

In this interview with Jo-Lynne Hyman, an American housewife, who has started her own Internet “blog”, you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

Survive: sobrevivir

Recipe: receta de cocina / cocina Shrimps: gambas

Here is the beginning of the interview.

**Interviewer:** Hi Jo-Lynne. Can you start by introducing yourself?

**Jo-Lynne:** I'd like to say that I'm a wife to a handsome computer salesman and a mum to three adorable children. We live in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

Here is an example of a question:

What does Jo-Lynne do?

- She's a wife and mother.
- She lives in the centre of Philadelphia.
- She's a computer salesman.

*The correct answer is: "She's a wife and mother"*

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

(2-minute pause)

### QUESTIONS

1. Apart from blogging, what is Jo-Lynne's favourite activity?
  - Being a housewife
  - Being with her family
  - Being a teacher
2. Which is her favourite post, of the ones on her blog?
  - "Big Blue Chair"
  - "Parenthood"
  - "Elmo Has Left the Building"
3. Which of these reality shows would she like to appear on?
  - Survivor
  - American Idol
  - Amazing Race
4. Why does she read the blogs "Big Mama" and "Bye Bye Pie" very often?
  - They are written by her best friends.
  - They make her laugh.
  - They have very talented writers.
5. When will she stop blogging?
  - When she cannot pay the cleaning lady any more.
  - When she doesn't feel creative and sociable any more.
  - She wants to continue for as long as possible.
6. Can she make a balance between family life and blogging?
  - Yes, because her family is very understanding.
  - Yes, because the children don't understand what blogging is.
  - Yes, but it is difficult to keep the balance between the two.
7. Does her husband influence what she posts on blogs?
  - No, and he would not want to read anything that she writes on the blogs.
  - Yes, and when he suggests something, she does what he wants.
  - Yes, but he only rarely has time to read the blogs
8. Which of the following is TRUE?
  - Her children love all of the recipes she mentions.
  - Two of the recipes she mentions are salads.
  - "Grandma's chicken" is their favourite recipe.
9. Which of the following is TRUE?
  - The shrimp recipe is the neighbour's idea
  - It's her idea to cook the neighbour's shrimps.
  - The children would love to eat the shrimps.
10. From the full interview, what do you think is true about Jo-Lynne?
  - She is happy with her life, because blogging has given her a new interest.
  - She cannot stop blogging because her family love her blogs.
  - Her family often feels uncomfortable about her blogs.

Now listen to the rest of the interview. **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.**