

Práctica Bachillerato por Madurez

Inglés

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Instrucciones para realizar la prueba

A. Materiales para realizar la prueba

- ✓ Un cuadernillo que contiene únicamente ítems de selección.
- ✓ Una hoja para respuestas.
- ✓ Un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra (no utilice marcador o pluma).
- ✓ Un corrector líquido (blanco).

B. Indicaciones generales

1. Escriba los datos que se le solicitan en el envés de la hoja para respuestas.
2. Solo se calificará lo que aparece en su hoja para respuestas.
3. En la hoja para respuestas, no altere ni realice correcciones en el recuadro que tiene impreso sus datos personales y código de barras. Utilice el espacio para observaciones.
4. No utilice los espacios correspondientes a identificación y tiempo que se encuentran en la hoja para respuestas, a menos que se le indique.
5. Apague teléfonos celulares, aparatos reproductores de música o cualquier artefacto electrónico que pueda causar interferencia durante la aplicación de la prueba.
6. No utilice audífonos.
7. No use gorra ni lentes oscuros.
8. El folleto de la prueba debe permanecer doblado mientras lo esté resolviendo, con excepción de la prueba de idioma extranjero y Matemáticas.
9. Estas instrucciones no deben ser modificadas por ningún funcionario que participe en el proceso de administración de la prueba.

C. Para responder los ítems de selección en el cuadernillo

1. Antes de iniciar la prueba, revise que el cuadernillo esté bien compaginado, sin hojas manchadas y que contenga la totalidad de los ítems indicados en el encabezado de la prueba. Debe avisar inmediatamente al delegado de aula en caso de encontrar cualquier anomalía.
2. Utilice el espacio en blanco al lado de cada ítem para realizar cualquier anotación, si lo considera necesario. No se permiten hojas adicionales.
3. Lea cada enunciado y sus respectivas opciones. Seleccione y marque en el cuadernillo la opción que es correcta para cada caso. Recuerde que de las cuatro opciones (A-B-C-D) que presenta cada ítem, solo una es correcta.

D. Para rellenar los círculos en la hoja para respuestas

1. **Rellene completamente con bolígrafo el círculo correspondiente a la letra seleccionada** para cada ítem en la hoja para respuestas. Solo debe rellenar un círculo como respuesta para cada ítem. Por ejemplo:



2. Si necesita rectificar la respuesta, utilice corrector líquido blanco sobre el círculo por corregir y rellene con bolígrafo de tinta negra o azul la nueva opción seleccionada. Además, en el espacio de observaciones de la hoja para respuestas debe anotar y firmar la corrección efectuada (**Ejemplo: 80=A, firma**). Se firma solo una vez al final de todas las correcciones.

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

70 ITEMS

Read the text.

CENTRAL AMERICAN GAMES IN COSTA RICA

With an opening ceremony full of folk dances evoking nature and pre-Hispanic times, San José celebrated the 10th edition of the Central American Games which took place for the first time in Costa Rica. An event of 1,000 artists performing on a cool and windy night was shown to visitors who packed into the National Stadium located in La Sabana Park, in the western side of San José.

About 2,700 athletes competed in 26 sports for two weeks. “These athletes speak of a Central America that responds to a local message of peace and brotherhood,” the former Costa Rican President said at the opening of the games. The show, called “Costa Rica Pura Vida”, recreated the elements of earth, wind, water and fire. Costa Rican soccer player Paulo César Wanchope carried the torch into the stadium, and swimmer Silvia Poll, silver medal winner at the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988, lit the cauldron, designed by the renowned Costa Rican sculptor Jorge Jiménez Deredia.



Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama brought their best athletes to the games. At the end of the ceremony, there was a wonderful fireworks display. All the audience was delighted with the wonderful bright colors in the sky.

Adapted from the www.ticotimes.net

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 1 to 5)

- 1) The opening ceremony of the Central American Games began with _____.
- A) new Olympic games
 - B) different sports activities
 - C) the special participation of foreign athletes
 - D) traditional dances related to nature and pre-Hispanic times

- 2) The former Costa Rican President evoked values related to the _____ during the inaugural speech.
- A) *Pura Vida* phrase
 - B) Olympic competitions
 - C) future participation of international athletes
 - D) Central American background of peace and brotherhood
- 3) At the beginning of the event, _____ opened the ceremony.
- A) different foreign visitors
 - B) several Olympic winners
 - C) two important Costa Rican sports figures
 - D) the best swimmers and players from Belize
- 4) The successful swimmer, Silvia Poll, _____.
- A) lit the cauldron at the event
 - B) brought the best foreign athletes
 - C) carried the torch into the stadium
 - D) danced at the inauguration of the event
- 5) The opening ceremony closed with _____.
- A) an Olympic parade
 - B) magnificent fireworks
 - C) all the athletes dancing
 - D) the recreation of a game

Read the text.

THEATER IN COSTA RICA

The beginning of playwriting in colonial Costa Rica took place during the nineteenth century when the main themes were religion, folklore, customs and historical events. Some folkloric authors are Carlos Gagini and Rafael Carranza. Carranza wrote *Un Duelo a la Moda* (1880). During the late 1920's, Héctor A. Castro Fernández introduced European vanguardist styles to Costa Rican theater. For example, in *El Punto Muerto* (1938), an almost science-fiction and surreal work, he portrayed the dehumanization of the world which results from the industrialization of nations.

In 1950, several theater companies were formed, renewing artistic creativity as well as the actors' interest in theater. So, theater studies as a university major was established in order to encourage the professional development of young actors who would later become essential in this industry.



In 1951, Alfredo Sancho founded his *Teatro Experimental*, which apart from interpreting universal foreign plays, produced Costa Rican pieces. During this decade, several theater houses such as *Teatro Arlequín* and *Teatro Las Máscaras* were also opened. This fact illustrated the growing interest in theater by the public in general.

Adapted from infocostarica.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 6 to 10)

- 6) One of the first Costa Rican theater themes was of _____.
- A) rural sayings
 - B) humoristic pieces
 - C) stereotypical works
 - D) folkloric representations

- 7) The vanguardist style represented _____.
- A) satirical works
 - B) national religion
 - C) universal folklore
 - D) some surrealistic features
- 8) The fifties were very important because they inspired the _____.
- A) performance of authors
 - B) opening of several theaters
 - C) production of just foreign pieces
 - D) closure of experimental theaters
- 9) Mr. Sancho's contribution had to do with the _____.
- A) industrialization of plays
 - B) innovation of young actors
 - C) opening of *Teatro Arlequin*
 - D) presentation of national pieces
- 10) When the new theaters appeared, they _____.
- A) prepared new actors in surrealist works
 - B) increased the public's interest in this field
 - C) became places of renewal for young actors
 - D) recovered old plays from the colonial period

Read the text.

THE ART OF CHOCOLATE



Sibú Chocolate Shop is an ecological chocolate store where visitors can taste the different sensations and flavors of its products made from organic cacao. For example, one of its products is *mochaccino* which is prepared with different sensational flavors such as cardamom, cinnamon and chili. Chocolate lovers can also taste white chocolate truffles covered in dark chocolate, with lime zest and basil.

This unique procession of taste is brought on by the signature of a spicy chocolate truffle made at *Sibú* Chocolate. Here, the tempering, molding, cooling, filling and decoration of chocolate are all part of a delicate and precise art, especially tricky, in the hot and humid climate of the country.

According to one of the founders, everyone knows Costa Rica for its coffee. This has been cultivated for hundred years after it came here from Africa, but it is important to remember that cacao has been consumed for more than 3,000 years in the country. During the colonial period, Costa Ricans traded the first crops in exchange for goods such as corn, cocoa, beans, salt and sometimes tools.

Adapted from www.sibuchocolate.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 11 to 14)

- 11) *Mochaccino* is one of the products that _____.
- A) is covered with chili
 - B) has different corn flavors
 - C) has been exchanged as a good
 - D) visitors can taste at *Sibú* Chocolate Shop

- 12) Three ingredients used to cover white chocolate truffles are _____.
- A) chocolate, lime and chili
 - B) hot chocolate, basil and cocoa beans
 - C) dark chocolate with lime zest and basil
 - D) cardamom, cinnamon and spicy chocolate
- 13) One of the founders of the *Sibú* Chocolate Shop says that Costa Rica _____.
- A) is known for its coffee production
 - B) continues exchanging a lot of cacao
 - C) exchanges tools with other countries
 - D) has many ecological-chocolate shops
- 14) At *Sibú* Chocolate Shop, customers can _____.
- A) use different decorating tools
 - B) taste coffee as a main flavor in its products
 - C) see that all the ingredients have the same color
 - D) notice how the decoration of chocolate is exclusive

Read the recipe.

RICE PUDDING

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup uncooked white rice
2 cups milk
1/3 cup white sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 egg, beaten
2/3 cup raisins
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



PREPARATION:

- First, in a medium saucepan, cook the rice in 1 and 1/2 cups of water, stirring frequently.
- Then, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes.
- In another saucepan, combine the cooked rice with 1 1/2 cups of milk, salt and sugar.
- Cook over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until it is thick and creamy.
- Then, add the remaining 1/2 cup of milk, the beaten egg and the raisins, stirring fast.
- Cook for 2 more minutes and remove it from the heat.
- Finally, add the butter and the vanilla to have all the ingredients of the recipe together, and stir frequently to mix them well.

Adapted from www.food.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 15 to 19)

- 15) Some ingredients of rice pudding include _____.
- A) two dairy products
 - B) previously cooked rice
 - C) more vanilla than butter
 - D) the same amount of salt and sugar

- 16) The first step in the preparation of this recipe is to _____.
- A) boil the rice in milk
 - B) cook the rice in water
 - C) prepare the rice in salted water
 - D) combine the rice and milk until boiling
- 17) The preparation of rice pudding requires _____.
- A) two types of rice
 - B) more butter than milk
 - C) milk at two different moments
 - D) the same amount of milk and raisins
- 18) It is necessary to _____ when preparing rice pudding.
- A) add extra milk to the rice at the end
 - B) mix the rice with a beaten egg at the end
 - C) stir the rice with butter before adding the raisins
 - D) add the beaten egg and the raisins at the same time
- 19) The last step of this recipe is to _____.
- A) just reduce the heat
 - B) simmer the egg with the milk
 - C) combine the raisins with the sugar
 - D) stir all the ingredients together again and again

Read the text.

COSTA RICAN CHRISTMAS



Christmas in Costa Rica begins with the *Festival de la Luz*, when the capital city of San José is transformed into a collection of lights. Families from different parts of the country and foreigners come and enjoy this beautiful tradition. Christmas in Costa Rica is a vibrant time. It is a celebration of the season of lights and music, and the gathering of family and friends.

Nowadays, most people decorate artificial trees at home, stores and work places. A few years ago, most Costa Rican families decorated fragrant cypress trees with ornaments and lights. Moreover, many years ago, dried branches of coffee plants were used as a Christmas tree instead of evergreen branches. The Christmas tree in front of the Children's Hospital in San José is the most important and symbolic Christmas tree seen by visitors in Costa Rica.

Likewise, the Nativity scene with figures of Mary, Joseph, the Three Wise Men and the animals at the birth place of Christ is the most common Christmas decoration, called *portal*. In fact, Nativity scenes are used as a Christmas decoration at most Costa Rican Catholic churches and houses. The Baby Jesus figure is placed in each Nativity scene, the night before Christmas. The Costa Rican Christmas season does not end until the sixth of January of the new year, to remind people of the time when the Three Wise Men greeted Baby Jesus. People celebrate with prayer and songs to obtain the Baby Jesus' favors.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 20 to 24)

- 20) The Costa Rican Christmas season starts with the _____.
- A) *Festival de la Luz*
 - B) inauguration of the new year in January
 - C) gatherings of public and private institutions
 - D) placement of Baby Jesus in the Nativity scenes

- 21) Costa Rican people _____ during Christmas time.
- A) dry natural trees
 - B) make nativity figures
 - C) decorate each other's houses and work places
 - D) get together with their family members and friends
- 22) A few years ago, people used to decorate _____ to celebrate Christmas.
- A) natural cypress trees
 - B) branches of different plants
 - C) their houses just with little lights
 - D) their offices with dried branches
- 23) Visitors enjoy seeing the _____ in front of the Children's Hospital.
- A) Three Wise Men
 - B) different Nativity scenes
 - C) branches of coffee plants
 - D) most significant Christmas tree
- 24) Christmas in Costa Rica finishes _____.
- A) on the sixth of January
 - B) when a few people go to church
 - C) when the rosary for Baby Jesus is prayed
 - D) when the *Festival de la Luz* comes to an end

Read the text.



MISUSE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The misuse of natural resources refers to the excessive or destructive use of them. Most people do not realize that they are overusing different natural resources. For instance, oil is used for fuel that people need for their cars, in synthetic clothing fibers, lipstick, fertilizers, and even with the production of electricity around the world.

In addition, as the population grows, the environment is being put under extreme pressure because people are consuming more resources than the Earth can produce. People are not giving them the chance to renew themselves. The Earth's natural resources are also damaged by pollution. Pollution is caused by harmful waste being released into the environment.

Thus, for every kilogram of produced goods, five kilograms of waste are created in factories. Humans have generated a lot of pollution such as smog, oil spills, littering and acid rain. For example, oil spills are usually caused by oil tanker accidents. They are not only dangerous for humans, but they are also responsible for the death of innumerable marine animals every year.

Adapted from www.skwirk.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 25 to 29)

25) Most consumers should _____.

- A) use more oil than needed
- B) buy oil for other consumers
- C) stop overusing any natural resource
- D) control the quantity of oil used by others

- 26) It is a fact that oil is _____ around the world.
- A) emerging very fast
 - B) a harmful resource
 - C) being prohibited as a fuel
 - D) an overused natural resource
- 27) People need to know that _____ natural resources.
- A) pollution damages
 - B) factory waste is safe for
 - C) acid rain causes a simple damage to
 - D) waste may increase the production of
- 28) People have to know that _____ to protect natural resources.
- A) the spill of oil is necessary
 - B) all of them need to use a lot of oil
 - C) they need to stop generating pollution
 - D) waste is a part of an environmental solution
- 29) Oil spills _____ marine animals yearly.
- A) increase the number of
 - B) control the population of
 - C) cause countless deaths of
 - D) cause physical changes to

Read the text.

COSTA RICA'S CENTRAL VALLEY



Costa Rica's Central Valley is considered a gateway to the rest of the country. As a matter of fact, its activities and attractions are worth exploring. For instance, an amazing nightlife with dance halls, bars and discos full of tropical music, as well as a gastronomic variety with a lot of international food and drinks are some of its attractions.

San José is the capital city of the country and the center of organizations or groups of the country's political and governmental life. Cultural and academic activities are the integral part of an area that has high standards in education and health. Another feature is its pleasant climate.

In addition, the surrounding areas of San José are full of countryside landscapes and rural towns of great scenic beauty with folk houses, domestic animals, and the typical oxcart which is a rural symbol of Costa Rica.

Adapted from Naturally Costa Rica

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 30 to 35)

30) The Central Valley is known for _____.

- A) having bad weather
- B) having a great nightlife
- C) being unexciting and unattractive
- D) being surrounded by urban landscapes

- 31) In the Central Valley, people can _____.
- A) have few cultural options
 - B) enjoy a great variety of food
 - C) face a lack of health services
 - D) find a poor diversity of tropical music
- 32) San José is _____.
- A) far from the Central Valley
 - B) the only location of high education
 - C) only a gateway to the rest of the cities
 - D) the political and governmental center of the country
- 33) Visitors can find _____ in San José.
- A) only night activities
 - B) a city with a few attractions
 - C) education and health services
 - D) discos full of folk and countryside music
- 34) The city of San José is attractive because of its _____.
- A) different gateways
 - B) beautiful rural towns
 - C) rustic bars and dance halls
 - D) houses full of different animals
- 35) The rural landscapes are _____.
- A) found inside the capital city
 - B) the only beauty of the country
 - C) irrelevant tourist features of towns
 - D) part of the great scenic beauty around San José

Read the text.

DOCTORS



Doctors help people get well when they get sick. They give people medicine and other kinds of treatment. They also give advice about diet, exercise and sleep. They use science to know what is making people sick. Doctors examine people, listen to them, describe their health problems, and perform tests to see and diagnose what is wrong.

There are many kinds of doctors. Family and general practitioners are often the first doctors that people go to when they get sick. These professionals treat common problems. They also send patients to other physicians, called specialists. Specialists are experts in different types of health problems. For example, internists concentrate on problems with internal organs, specialists of osteopathic medicine focus on muscles and bones, pediatricians examine children and babies, and surgeons fix broken bones or transplant organs through surgeries.

As a matter of fact, most medical professionals are doctors of general medicine and they treat all kinds of diseases and injuries. The majority of them work many hours, at all times of the day and night. According to a study, over one-third of doctors work more than 60 hours approximately. However, physicians who work in small offices often have more time off.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 36 to 40)

36) Common health problems are treated by _____.

- A) surgeons
- B) pediatricians
- C) osteopathic doctors
- D) general practitioners

- 37) Doctors who specialize in children are called _____.
- A) internists
 - B) surgeons
 - C) pediatricians
 - D) general practitioners
- 38) The main surgeons' task is to _____.
- A) transplant organs
 - B) focus on problems with diets
 - C) examine bones and muscles
 - D) give their patients advice just about diets
- 39) Osteopathic doctors specialize in _____.
- A) children
 - B) family problems
 - C) bones and muscles
 - D) all kinds of illnesses and injuries
- 40) Most physicians _____.
- A) work a lot of hours per week
 - B) work only in their small offices
 - C) always have a lot of time off in their schedules
 - D) always have free time to spend with their patients

Read the text.

COSTA RICAN ELECTIONS



During the elections, it is common to hear honking of caravans supporting one of the candidates to become a president. As a matter of fact, during the last elections about three million voters went out to pick the President's successor on Sunday. The candidates spent the previous Saturday day walking through neighborhoods with supporters, and visiting markets and other popular places to announce their projects.

During elections, political analysts have said that a runoff is unavoidable because if no candidate has an absolute majority of votes (more than 40%) in the first round; then the two candidates with the most votes proceed to a second round. In the second round, each voter is entirely free to change the candidate he votes for, even if his preferred candidate has not yet been eliminated, but he has merely changed his mind. Thus, undecided voters may have a relevant participation to help a candidate to win.

Costa Rican elections are characterized by having large caravans of cars, rallies in plazas and parks. In addition, colorful flag-waving take place across the nation; nevertheless, the last campaign was fought mostly on social networks. Currently, a new process of voting was developed during the last elections. This means that about 12,000 Costa Ricans living abroad were allowed to vote using the web for the first time.

Adapted from www.ticotimes.net

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 41 to 45)

- 41) In Costa Rica, _____ chose the current President during the last elections.
- A) only local candidates
 - B) just undecided voters
 - C) around three million voters
 - D) less than forty percent of the voters

- 42) Analysts have indicated that any candidate may _____.
- A) win in a second round
 - B) reject a process of voting by the web
 - C) have different campaigns during a year
 - D) win the elections with less than 40% of votes
- 43) During the elections, Costa Rican voters organize _____.
- A) TV debates
 - B) political campaigns
 - C) large caravans of cars
 - D) different online campaigns
- 44) Organizers of the last elections included a new process to _____.
- A) check poll results
 - B) obtain votes abroad
 - C) have all markets visited
 - D) control the manual count
- 45) The last national campaign was characterized by fighting the election _____.
- A) mainly in local parks
 - B) just during TV debates
 - C) only outside the country
 - D) especially on social networks

Read the text.

A COSTA RICAN LIFESTYLE



Steve is a classic North American baby boomer (a person who was born between 1946 and 1964). Like many others from his generation, he is thinking about a retirement home. But Steve was looking beyond traditional retirement hotspots like Florida where he already owned a house.

In 2002, his elderly next-door neighbor in Florida told him that she wanted to sell some land she owned in Costa Rica. She showed Steve the photos. He had spent a lot of time in Costa Rica, but not in this particular area, the southern region. Then, Steve mentioned, “I started working for a Tico developer in the community where I bought a special lot in Costa Rica later.”

At that time, Steve realized that if he retired to Costa Rica instead of Florida, he would save \$25,000—on property insurance, taxes and medical insurance for him and his wife. So, it made him change his mind. He was paying for hurricane insurance in the U.S. He would not need that in Costa Rica. So, he decided to stop paying for that and build a retirement house in the southern region of Costa Rica the following year.

Steve is a well-traveled guy, and he has visited Belize, Panama, Hawaii, Thailand, Mexico, Malaysia and of course Costa Rica, the country where he wanted to move. Steve said at that moment, “You might wonder why I’m changing Florida for Costa Rica, and, you know, the answer is really simple. I’m more relaxed when I’m in Costa Rica. I eat better and I do the stuff I love to do, like sport fishing”, he concluded.

Adapted from www.internationalliving.com

Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text. (Items from 46 to 50)

46) Where did Steve live before deciding to stay in Costa Rica?

- A) Florida
- B) Hawaii
- C) Malaysia
- D) Southern Zone

- 47) Who told Steve about a property in the southern region?
- A) A neighbor of his
 - B) A Panamanian friend
 - C) His Mexican neighbor
 - D) A Costa Rican developer
- 48) What made Steve choose his place of retirement?
- A) A new job
 - B) The hurricanes
 - C) His wife's insurance
 - D) The fact of saving money
- 49) What did Steve plan to do? To _____.
- A) travel to Belize
 - B) work in Key West
 - C) sell a house in Thailand
 - D) build a retirement house in Costa Rica
- 50) How does Steve feel about living in Costa Rica?
- A) Very tired
 - B) So intrigued
 - C) More relaxed
 - D) Really in loved

Read the text.

A SELF-DRIVING CAR



A self-driving car is a vehicle that is capable of fulfilling the human transportation necessities the way traditional cars do. By detecting its environment and navigating without human input, this type of car uses techniques such as radar, GPS, and computer vision. In fact, the advanced control systems help this vehicle sense its surroundings and interpret sensory information to identify appropriate navigation paths, as well as obstacles and relevant signage.

In addition, self-driving cars avoid traffic collisions, increase roadway capacity, reduce traffic congestion, as well as the improvement of parking because they could park far away where space is not scarce, and return as needed to pick up passengers, among other advantages. However, these vehicles present certain disadvantages such as low software reliability, the implementation of a legal framework, and the establishment of government regulations for self-driving cars. Another disadvantage is that climatic conditions like snow do not allow lane markings to become visible, diminishing self-driving cars' abilities.

Recently, significant advances have been made in both technology and legislation fields which are relevant to self-driving cars. In January 2014, Induct Technology's Navia shuttle became the first self-driving vehicle to be available for commercial sale. In fact, the open-air electric vehicle resembles a golf cart and seats up to eight people.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 51 to 56)

- 51) One of the techniques used in the function of self-driving cars is _____.
- A) software reliability
 - B) roadway hard control
 - C) the use of computer vision
 - D) the implementation of new weather conditions

- 52) Self-driving cars _____ to function.
- A) need skillful drivers
 - B) have advanced control systems
 - C) require complex human manipulations
 - D) work the same way as traditional cars do
- 53) One of the abilities of self-driving cars is to _____.
- A) function with special drivers
 - B) receive information at any weather condition
 - C) interpret sensory information finding navigational paths
 - D) give drivers the opportunity to return to the traditional methods
- 54) An advantage of self-driving cars is that they _____.
- A) reduce accidents
 - B) increase traffic jams
 - C) need a big parking lot
 - D) have a really reliable software
- 55) A disadvantage of self-driving cars is that they _____.
- A) reduce traffic
 - B) can transport a few passengers
 - C) interfere with the parking of other cars
 - D) may have problems in some climatic conditions
- 56) Navia's technology developed a self-driving vehicle capable of _____.
- A) carrying a golf cart with it
 - B) transporting eight passengers
 - C) carrying more than twelve people
 - D) running fast even when facing snowy weather

Read the text.

COSTA RICANS

Costa Ricans are pretty homogeneous racially and culturally speaking, since the African and Asian and other minority groups established here are not very numerous. In general, citizens have a very high level of education and the literacy rate is 96%. However, they are caught between old cultural forces and the new ones that influence especially its young population. Thus, most of them still respect traditional values, but they are starting to adopt several foreign cultural behaviors learned on social networks.

Costa Rican adults are still conservative in relation to family issues. Traditions revolve around the family from the moment of birth to that of death. For example, they celebrate birthdays, baptisms, weddings and other celebrations. In addition, most children still live at home until they get married, so leaving the family circle to go to college or to gain independence is still very rare. Currently, a lot of Costa Rican women are professionals, and they hold important positions in both business and politics, but some of them still retain some traits that are traditional and conservative.



Adapted from www.infocostarica.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 57 to 61)

- 57) The Asian population represents _____.
- A) a minority group in the country
 - B) an important political group in the country
 - C) a relevant demographic group in Costa Rica
 - D) about a quarter of the total Costa Rican population

- 58) One of the traits of most Costa Ricans is that they _____.
- A) are highly educated
 - B) lack universal values
 - C) come from native descendants
 - D) dislike going to family gatherings
- 59) In Costa Rica, the younger generations are _____.
- A) adopting different cultural patterns
 - B) becoming as conservative as their parents
 - C) implementing their parents' behavior models
 - D) moving away from home when going to college
- 60) A characteristic of most Costa Ricans is that they _____.
- A) forget family values
 - B) have weak family ties
 - C) get involved at family gatherings
 - D) always stay with their parents even when married
- 61) It is common for Costa Ricans to _____.
- A) leave home until they finish college
 - B) become independent at a very early age
 - C) leave their home to start university studies
 - D) live with their parents until they get married

Read the text.

HOMELESSNESS



Homelessness describes those people without a regular address of residence. Homeless people are often unable to acquire and maintain regular, secure, and adequate housing. These people usually have a vehicle, cardboard boxes, a tent or a park bench as a night-time residence.

Most countries provide a variety of services to assist homeless people. They often provide food, shelter, and clothing. They may be organized and run by community organizations, government departments, charities, churches or individual donors. Major reasons and causes for homelessness include unavailability of employment opportunities, poverty and physical disability among others.

Unfortunately, besides the lack of a safe and suitable home, homeless people face many social problems such as access to private and public services, reduced access to vital necessities like health care and dental services, not being seen as suitable for employment and an increased risk of suffering from abuse and death.

Some potential solutions to help homeless people are volunteering, advocating, contributing, and provision of jobs opportunities, fund raising for programs and educating people to make them aware of the bad situation of this minority group in Costa Rica.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 62 to 66)

- 62) Homelessness is related to people who _____.
- A) live in a permanent place
 - B) sleep in a secure residence
 - C) have some social disadvantages
 - D) possess appropriate housing for living

- 63) Most homeless people usually live in _____.
- A) habitable places
 - B) their families' houses
 - C) inadequate places in the streets
 - D) very good shelters provided by relatives
- 64) People who live in the streets always experience _____.
- A) the lack of job opportunities
 - B) an abundance of entertainment
 - C) acceptance from family members
 - D) an absence of any type of problems
- 65) A common situation of homeless people is that they _____.
- A) lack access to health care
 - B) have a lot of food for every day
 - C) are visited by relatives and friends
 - D) receive lots of good job opportunities
- 66) Society can help homeless people by _____.
- A) approving their situation
 - B) increasing their risk of death
 - C) rejecting to know about them
 - D) collecting money for programs to help them

Read the text.

THE INVENTION OF GOOGLE



Google is the most popular Internet *search engine* (browser) in the world. It was invented by two students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin. They met in 1995, when they were both studying computer science at Stanford University. They dreamed of producing something that could answer any questions in seconds. They realized that Internet search engines were slow and had many websites that were not useful enough.

In January 1996, Page and Brin decided to make a better and faster browser. Nobody would give them money for their project, so they used their credit cards and bought as much computer memory as possible. They also borrowed money from family and friends. Then, in 1998, they were given a check for \$100,000 and they started their own company. Their first office was located in a friend's garage.

The Google search engine was soon used by thousands of people worldwide because it was fast, easy and accurate. By 2002, it was the biggest search engine on the Internet. Nowadays, Google answers more questions than any other Internet service, from sports to science and from music to medicine.

Adapted from New Headway Student's Book

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 67 to 70)

- 67) Nowadays, it is a fact that _____.
- A) Internet search engines are inaccurate
 - B) users avoid using Internet search engines
 - C) Google is the most popular Internet search engine
 - D) there are some search engines as popular as Google

- 68) Google was developed by _____.
- A) a group of American entrepreneurs
 - B) a couple of computer science students
 - C) some Stanford University professionals
 - D) some people who liked to clean computers
- 69) A fact about Mr. Page and Mr. Brin is that they _____.
- A) had enough money to create a browser
 - B) needed just a little time to start their project
 - C) needed one year to establish their company
 - D) faced a lot of economic problems to bring about their project
- 70) Today, people find information on Google _____.
- A) the same way they did in the past
 - B) by using slow Internet search engines
 - C) faster and more precisely than in the past
 - D) erroneously when using an Internet browser