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## SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

55 ÍTEMS

### Items 1 – 4

#### Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

### **SAINT PAUL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS DAY**



Sunday, October 23  
(10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Enjoy a whole day full of sports and activities for students.

Outdoor School Playground

For registration, contact the Physical Education teachers

Tickets are available a week before the event

***Parents and Siblings are Welcome***

Activities for students include:

Inflatable Slide, Cotton Candy, Popcorn Machine, Rope Pulling,

Hurdle Race, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball

Address: Central Park Street 24

**FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS**



- 1) What is the information about?
  - A) A sporting event
  - B) An after-school club
  - C) An open house event
  - D) A high school competition
  
- 2) Where does the event take place? At \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) a sports center
  - B) the Central Park
  - C) the high school gym
  - D) the high school playground
  
- 3) What time does the event finish?
  - A) At night
  - B) At noon
  - C) In the evening
  - D) In the afternoon
  
- 4) What activity does the event include?
  - A) Team sports
  - B) Fast Food contest
  - C) Selling of pizza and drinks
  - D) Sports competitions for parents

## Items 5 – 9

### Instructions:

1. Read the blog.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

### INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH SCHOOL



*Every month, we introduce new students to the school. This month, we want to introduce four new classmates. Say “hi” if you meet them in school.*

**Joao** is in English 101. He is from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. His first language is Portuguese, and he also speaks a little Spanish. He loves studying languages. He wants to be on the school soccer team; he says he is very good at team sports. We asked him about his favorite subjects, and he answered, “I like them all, except Biology”.



**Amanda** is in Joao’s class. She is Colombian. Her first language is Spanish, and she says she wants to speak perfect English. She wants to be a doctor in the future. She is not very good at sports. Her favorite class is arts, she loves painting, drawing, and photography. She wants to make a lot of friends in her class.



**Lin Mee** is in English 102. She is from China. She says she can read and write English pretty well, but she needs a lot of practice speaking English. In her free time, she loves practicing sports such as team sports. She says she can teach Mandarin Chinese in her free time, too.



**Marcelo** is from Montevideo, Uruguay. He is in English 103. He says he can speak a lot of English, but his writing is terrible. He wants to improve his English because he wants to study engineering in the United States or England. He says he is not very good at sports; he prefers history or geography because he loves travelling and making friends.





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- 5) What is the blog about?
- A) Sports classes
  - B) A language school
  - C) A travelling program
  - D) An interchange program
- 6) What does Joao love doing?
- A) Travelling
  - B) Making Friends
  - C) Studying biology
  - D) Studying languages
- 7) Which is Amanda's favorite subject?
- A) Arts
  - B) Sports
  - C) Spanish
  - D) Geography
- 8) What is Lin Mee good at?
- A) Teaching Mandarin
  - B) Painting and drawing
  - C) Playing individual sports
  - D) Reading and writing English
- 9) What does Marcelo want to study?
- A) Arts
  - B) History
  - C) Geography
  - D) Engineering
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## Items 10 – 13

### Instructions:

1. Read the passage.
2. Fill in the blanks with the corresponding word.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

### SOCCER EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

What equipment do you need for soccer? The list isn't quite as long as some other sports, but there are some important items you need to stay safe and have fun.

- **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ : Most teams require a standard one for all players. This can be from a simple T-shirt to a complete outfit with T-shirt, shorts and socks.
- **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ : When you play in an organized league, you likely need proper footwear. These ones are designed for the sport to give the soccer player the support and traction necessary in the field.
- **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ : Just like you need special shoes, you also need this item designed for soccer. The long ones go up and over your knee.
- **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ : Your coach may provide you with one during practice, but it's always a good idea to have your own so you can practice at home. Buy a high-quality one made from rubber and don't buy those made of cheap foam.



10) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Ball
- B) Shoes
- C) Uniform
- D) Short pants



11) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Socks
- B) Uniform
- C) Short pants
- D) Soccer shoes

12) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Ball
- B) Socks
- C) Shorts
- D) Soccer shoes

13) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Ball
- B) Bag
- C) Socks
- D) Shorts

**Items 14 – 18****Instructions:**

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

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By Sara Davis



When I was 16, I wrote a bucket list. This was a list of things that I wanted to do in my lifetime. One of the things on my bucket list was to do a skydive.

Two years ago, I spent three months travelling around South America. It was a great experience. We went climbing, hiking, and swimming in different parts. One of the most amazing

things we saw was Iguazu Falls. One day, we were relaxing in a hostel in Brazil, having breakfast. My friend suddenly noticed an advertisement on the wall saying “skydive over the Falls today!” We looked at each other and decided it was time to do something crazy.

That afternoon, we were picked up and taken to the Skydive Centre. We put on our harnesses and helmets, and they gave us some instructions; no special outfit was necessary. After signing a few papers, we were on our way to the plane! Suddenly, we were 3,000 metres above the ground. Luckily, I was strapped to an instructor, so I didn't have to worry about anything; I just had to enjoy myself. He asked me if I was ready to fall from the plane, but before I had time to answer, I felt the wind rushing against my face.

This was definitely one of the scariest but most exhilarating experiences of my life. The sensation of falling from so high was amazing and the adrenaline rush was crazy. I wouldn't do it again, but I would love to try other extreme sports such as bungee jumping.



14) What could be an appropriate title for the passage?

- A) Tips to Do Skydiving
- B) Water Extreme Sports
- C) An Amazing Experience
- D) Paradise in South America

15) What sport did Sara do in Iguazu Falls?

- A) Hiking
- B) Skydiving
- C) Swimming
- D) Bungee jumping

16) Which equipment is necessary to do skydiving?

- A) Only a helmet
- B) A special outfit
- C) A helmet and a harness
- D) No equipment is necessary

17) What does Sara think about her experience?

- A) It was scary.
- B) It was boring.
- C) She wants to repeat it.
- D) She would do it again.

18) Which sport would Sara like to try in the future?

- A) Climbing
- B) Skydiving
- C) Swimming
- D) Bungee jumping



## Items 19 – 22

### Instructions:

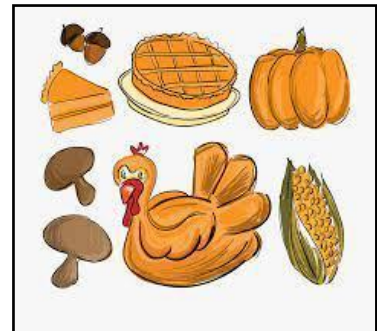
1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

### ***TIME TO CELEBRATE***

Every fall, Canadian and American families gather for a day centered around community, food and giving thanks – the day of Thanksgiving. It combines the traditions of different groups of people. Travelers and migrants from England brought different religious traditions to the United States and Canada. Several celebrations are claimed as the first Thanksgiving. The best known is the celebration held by the pilgrims in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, after their journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Later, settlers celebrated their successful harvest in a new land by holding feasts.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday in October. In the United States, it is on the fourth Thursday in November. For Americans and Canadians, it is a time to spend with loved ones and express gratitude for the year that has passed.

Thanksgiving is also about food. Thanksgiving dinner traditionally includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and, for dessert, apple, pumpkin, or pecan pies. Beyond food and gratitude, there are some unexpected sides to the American and Canadian holiday. One of these is football. This popular sport is an important part of the holiday, when families gather around to cheer on local or national teams.



19) Where does the celebration take place today? In \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Europe
- B) England
- C) England and Canada
- D) Canada and the United States



- 20) How did the first settlers celebrate Thanksgiving? By \_\_\_\_\_
- A) holding feasts
  - B) holding parties
  - C) attending parades
  - D) organizing football games
- 21) What is the purpose of today's Thanksgiving celebration? To \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) hold big feasts
  - B) watch football games
  - C) express gratitude to family
  - D) give thanks for the past year
- 22) What is an important activity in today's Thanksgiving celebration?
- A) Cooking fast food
  - B) Holding big feasts
  - C) Enjoying football games
  - D) Throwing parties with friends

## Items 23 – 27

### Instructions:

1. Read the WhatsApp conversation.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Mario:** Hi, Lore! I want to invite you to a barbecue at home tomorrow.

**Lorena:** I'd love to. Is it someone's birthday or anniversary?

**Mario:** Not really, I just want to spend some time with my friends Lucas, Jeimy and you.

**Lorena:** I really want to see them.

**Mario:** Me too! They agreed to meet at 3:00 p.m. because Jeimy has a meeting with some workmates at 11:00 in the morning. Is it OK for you?

**Lorena:** Well, I need to go to the mall in the morning, and then at 1:00 p.m. I need to take my mother to my grandmother's house. That time would be perfect for me.

**Mario:** Ok, we can first play some board games. Lucas has a monopoly, I'll tell him to bring it. Then, we start cooking.

**Lorena:** Yes, then we can listen to music and catch up on our lives.

**Mario:** Do you think you can pick up the guys? They can see you at the park at 2:30 p.m.

**Lorena:** Ok, I'll text them. Why don't we make a WhatsApp group to finish organizing the activity?

**Mario:** Good idea! I'll make it.

**Lorena:** See you!

**Mario:** Bye!



23) What kind of activity do the guys plan to do?

- A) An anniversary
- B) A birthday party
- C) A family reunion
- D) A gathering with friends



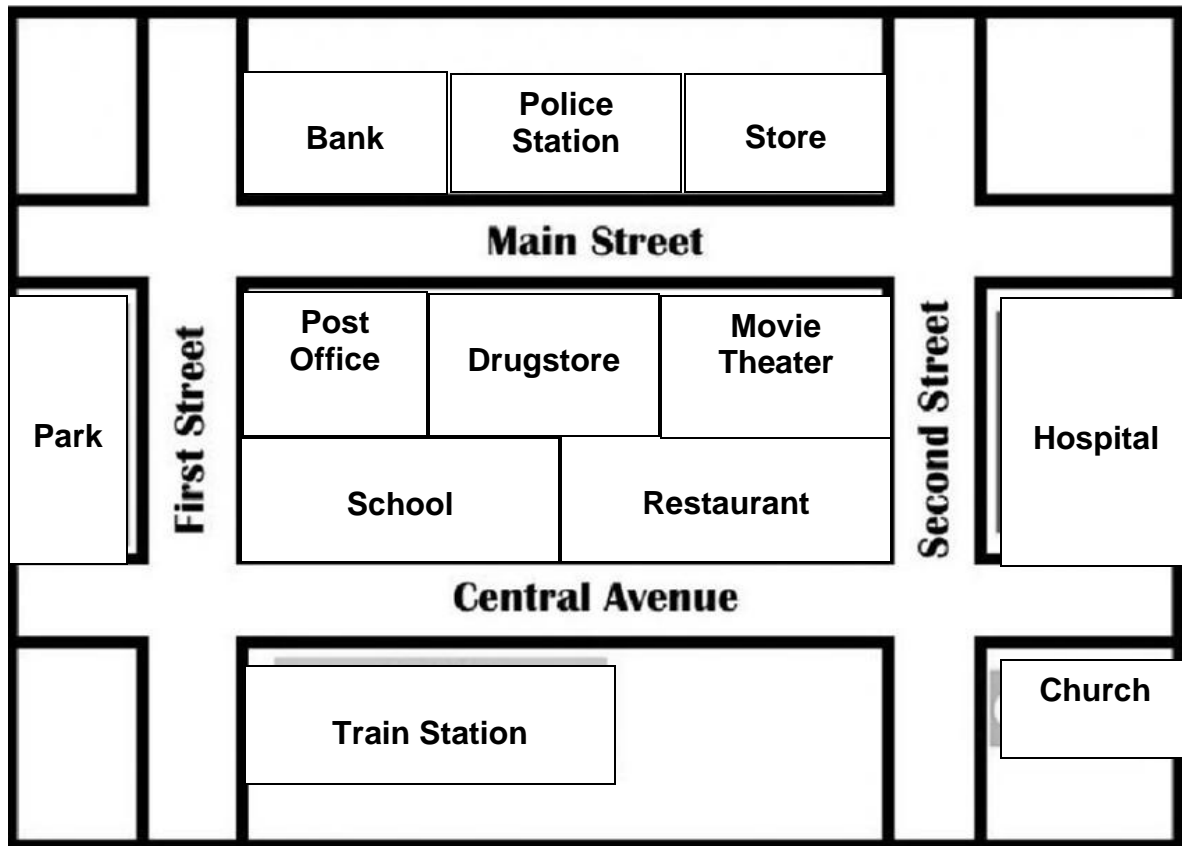
- 24) Who does Mario want to invite to the activity?
- A) His family
  - B) Some friends
  - C) His workmates
  - D) His mother and grandmother
- 25) What time is the activity? At \_\_\_\_\_
- A) 1:00 p.m.
  - B) 3:00 p.m.
  - C) 2:30 p.m.
  - D) 11:00 a.m.
- 26) What do the guys plan to do first?
- A) Start cooking
  - B) Playing board games
  - C) Telling about their lives
  - D) Listening to some music
- 27) Where does the activity take place?
- A) At a mall
  - B) At a park
  - C) In Mario's house
  - D) In Lorena's house



## Items 28 – 31

### Instructions:

1. Consider the map to give directions.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.



28) What is there on Second Street?

- A) A school
- B) A hospital
- C) A train station
- D) A police station



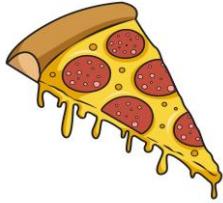
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- 29) What is there between the bank and the store?
- A) A drugstore
  - B) A post office
  - C) A police station
  - D) A movie theater
- 30) Where is the post office?
- A) It is on Main Street, next to the bank.
  - B) It is across from Main Street, in front of the store.
  - C) It is on the corner of Main Street and First Street.
  - D) It is on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue.
- 31) Where can you take the train?
- A) On Main Street
  - B) Next to the school
  - C) Behind the school
  - D) On Central Avenue



## Items 32 – 36

### Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.



### SPECIAL PACKAGE

*Buy 1 pizza (any size: small, medium, large)  
Get another one free  
For two weeks only*

We invite you to come over for a special treat at Zambino's Pizzeria. We have the best cook and waiters in town. All you have to do is show this voucher with your order and we will cook TWO of whatever pizza you want. The second pizza will be completely FREE. Count on our experience, 15 years serving the best pizza. g

- Offer expires October 30th40
- Eat or takeaway
- Lara Street, next to the post office
- Not applicable with other dishes or in our pizza shop on Baker Street
- Free delivery (only downtown), not available in New Castle or Flores Town.
- Contact: check out our posts on Facebook or Instagram

32) What is the information about?

- A) An offer
- B) A service
- C) A new place
- D) A job position



33) What do clients need to do to get the package?

- A) Call the place
- B) Contact the cook
- C) Show the voucher
- D) Post a message on Facebook

34) Where can clients get the package?

- A) In New Castle
- B) In Flores Town
- C) On Lara Street
- D) On Baker Street

35) What do clients get with the package?

- A) Three pizzas
- B) Two free pizzas
- C) One small free pizza
- D) One free pizza of any size

36) What does the package include downtown?

- A) Free delivery
- B) Three pizzas
- C) A small free pizza
- D) Any dish for the price of one



## Items 37 – 40

### Instructions:

1. Read the e-mail.
2. Choose the most appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**From:** laucs30@gmail.com

**To:** allan2020@gmail.com

**Subject:** Birthday party

Dear Allan.

I'm really sorry you couldn't come to my surprise birthday party last week. Oh God! It was a really wonderful night. I never thought my friends would throw a party for me. I talked to my mom and dad about it, and they were really happy and excited. My friends told me that we were going to a bar and going dancing, but that was a lie. They had planned the party in Fabio's house. It was a real surprise.

We sang karaoke; we ate and drank a lot, I really had a good time with my friends, I was really thankful. I thought you were going to be there, but my friends told me you were away. My friends invited my boyfriend, but he couldn't be at the party either, he had to work. At the end, we were not many people, we were like 8 friends. We had a lot of fun together. We are planning to continue with these activities, I mean making surprise parties for all our friends. I don't really know whose birthday is next. Is it yours, Allan? Let us know because we have to start planning the activity. Write to you soon.

Kind regards,

Laura

37) Who is Andrea writing to? To \_\_\_\_\_

- A) a friend
- B) a relative
- C) her family
- D) her boyfriend



38) Who organized the party for Laura?

- A) Allan
- B) Her friends
- C) Her parents
- D) Her boyfriend

39) How did Laura celebrate her birthday?

- A) She spent the day with her family.
- B) She sang karaoke with her friends.
- C) She went dancing with her boyfriend.
- D) She went clubbing with some friends.

40) Why didn't Laura's boyfriend go to the party? Because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) was away
- B) had to work
- C) wasn't invited
- D) didn't know about it

**Items 41 – 45****Instructions:**

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**THE OLYMPIC OPENING CEREMONY  
TOKYO 2020**

This event took place in Tokyo, Japan, on July 23. It was an international event, and the whole world was watching. Two hundred and four countries participated in the games. The last Olympics took place in Rio, Brazil, and the next ones will take place in Paris, France. The event took place in a stadium designated to have a large group of people, but because of the pandemic the audience was restricted. All the members of the Olympic Committee were present during the ceremony.

The athletes entered the stadium in a specific order. The ones from Greece entered first, in honor of the original Olympics held in Greece. Then, the other athletes followed the nation in alphabetical order. The host country's athletes always come last. This was followed by the raising of the Olympic flag. The country's chief of state officially opened the games. Spectators could enjoy live music and performances.

The most exciting moment of the ceremony was when the torch entered the stadium and lit the Olympic flame. The flame always keeps burning until the end of the games.



41) Why do the Greek athletes always enter first? Because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) they are the biggest group
- B) they are the first in the alphabet
- C) it is a way to honor the first Olympics
- D) it is a way to keep an alphabetical order



- 42) Which athletes entered last? The ones from \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Greek
  - B) Brazil
  - C) Japan
  - D) France
- 43) Who opened the ceremony?
- A) The chief of state
  - B) An athlete from Greece
  - C) An athlete from the hosting country
  - D) A member from the Olympic Committee
- 44) What was one of the most exciting moments of the event?
- A) The entering of the athletes
  - B) The speech of the chief of state
  - C) The lighting of the Olympic torch
  - D) The performances during the event
- 45) How long does the Olympic flame keep on burning?
- A) One day only
  - B) A couple of days
  - C) The whole games
  - D) Just during the opening ceremony



## Items 46 – 50

### Instructions:

1. Read the tourist package.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

### **AFFORDABLE ADVENTURE**

Start out by taking a trip to La Fortuna, famous for the cone-shaped Arenal volcano, hot springs, and a never-ending supply of adventure tours. Stay at one of our more popular hotels, Volcano Lodge. The hotel will serve as your base for heading out on a horseback ride, or just relaxing in a thermal spa.



Next stop – Manuel Antonio! Costa Rica's most popular destination situated on the Central Pacific coast, it is known around the world for its stunning wildlife, white sand beaches, adventure activities, and go on a rafting tour on the Savegre River.



### **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

#### **Lodging & Meals:**

- Three nights lodging at Volcano Lodge, including a daily breakfast
- Pay two, stay three nights special at Volcano Lodge in La Fortuna
- Four nights lodging at Si Como No Hotel in Manuel Antonio, including a daily breakfast
- Pay three, stay four nights special at Si Como No Hotel

#### **Tours and Activities included:**

- Tram & Zipline tour (La Fortuna)
- Horseback Riding to Fortuna Waterfall & Indigenous Village tour (La Fortuna)
- Whitewater rafting tour (Manuel Antonio)

#### **Private Transportation:**

- Round transportation for all tours is included with the rate



- 46) What is the first destination of the package?
- A) La Fortuna
  - B) Savegre River
  - C) Manuel Antonio
  - D) The Pacific Coast
- 47) How many tourist places does the package include?
- A) Two
  - B) Five
  - C) Four
  - D) Three
- 48) What can tourists do in La Fortuna? To \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) take a rafting tour
  - B) go horseback riding
  - C) take the sun at the beach
  - D) climb the top of a volcano
- 49) What **doesn't** the package include?
- A) Tours
  - B) Breakfast
  - C) Transportation
  - D) Lunch and dinner
- 50) What activity can visitors do in Manuel Antonio?
- A) Take a zipline tour
  - B) Go horseback riding
  - C) Go swimming in hot springs
  - D) Take a whitewater rafting tour

## Items 51 – 55

### Instructions:

1. Read the WhatsApp conversation.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Susan:** Hello Caro! Are you ready for your next vacation?

**Carolina:** Hi Susan. Everything is ready. We're going to Bahía Ballena.

**Susan:** Really? I've never been there. Is it in Guanacaste or Limón? I guess I'm lost.

**Carolina:** Ha ha ha ha! That's in the Central Pacific. It is a wonderful place. And you, any plans?

**Susan:** Yes, I'm going to Sarapiquí with a group of friends for a weekend. We're planning to stay in a lodge in the middle of the jungle. We're planning to depart early on Friday and return on Sunday afternoon. What are your plans there?

**Carolina:** We booked a nice apartment with a beautiful ocean view for two people. My boyfriend found this special offer on the Internet. We are planning to take a tour to watch whales in the area. That's a popular activity for tourists.

**Susan:** Oh God! That sounds interesting.

**Carolina:** Yes, it is. I heard Sarapiquí is an excellent spot for going birdwatching, isn't it?

**Susan:** Yeap, actually we are planning to take a tour with an ornithologist. You know, a biologist specialized in birds.

**Carolina:** I'd love to do that for my next vacation. Then, we can meet and talk about it with a cup of coffee.

**Susan:** Good idea!

**Carolina:** See you!

**Susan:** Bye!



51) Where is Carolina going to travel?

- A) Limón
- B) Sarapiquí
- C) Guanacaste
- D) Bahía Ballena



- 52) Where is Carolina planning to stay? In \_\_\_\_\_
- A) a lodge
  - B) an apartment
  - C) a beach hotel
  - D) a friend's house
- 53) How long is Susan going to be away?
- A) A day
  - B) A week
  - C) A weekend
  - D) A couple of weeks
- 54) What is Susan planning to do during her vacation? To \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) watch whales
  - B) go birdwatching
  - C) walk in the jungle
  - D) swim in the ocean
- 55) Who is Carolina going to travel with?
- A) Alone
  - B) Susan
  - C) Her boyfriend
  - D) A group of friends



## SOLUCIONARIO INGLÉS—8° año

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13	A	33	C	53	C
14	C	34	C	54	B
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