

Examen de Certificación B1 – Examen de Comprensión Lectora

Información para candidatos

Destreza: Comprensión Lectora

Duración: 60 minutos

Número de textos: 3 o 4

Tipos de texto:

- Textos claros sobre temas cotidianos y de interés general.
- Los textos tendrán un máximo de 550 palabras.

Tareas: Cada texto tendrá una tarea de un tipo único con un máximo de 10 preguntas.

Puntuación: Un punto por cada respuesta correcta. No se penalizan las respuestas incorrectas.

Tipos de tareas:

- tipo test (*multiple choice*)
- emparejamiento (*multiple matching*)
- respuestas cortas (*short answers*)
- secuenciar (*sequencing*).

NB Las tareas que aparecen en este documento **sólo incluyen una o dos preguntas a modo de ejemplo y extractos de los textos completos.**

Las respuestas a las tareas modelo se encuentran al final de este documento.

1. Multiple Choice

For each question choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.
There is only one correct answer.

Text extract

My job explained: Primary school teacher

Jo Stanley, 29, has been teaching nine to ten-year-olds for the last five years. Here she talks honestly about the job: the pay, training, long hours and holidays.

Highs of teaching

- **It's so entertaining!** : Kids always say what they are thinking and don't necessarily understand what's appropriate. For example, when I was training, a teacher asked her pupil to deliver something to a colleague but the pupil didn't know who she meant. After giving a general description, the pupil replied: "Oh, you mean the lady with the beard!" That sort of thing makes me laugh because honesty can be so refreshing!
- **Job satisfaction:** I absolutely love my job. I wake up and think "I'm ready to go to school." I love that you have a direct impact on the lives of young people and can make a difference.
- **Being part of a community:** You become part of the community by getting to know the parents and your colleagues, and it's great to know you're working towards the same goals.

Which statement is true?

Jo Stanley likes working in a primary school because:

- a. the parents appreciate her work.
- b. her colleagues are friendly and helpful.
- c. the children don't worry about what they say.
- d. she enjoys having different things to do every day.

2. Multiple Matching

Match text A, B or C to questions 1 and 2 in the table below.
There is one extra letter (text) that you do NOT need to use.

Holiday Guide

Which holiday destination is best if you:

1	enjoy top quality food?	
2	like walking in the mountains?	

Text extract

A. Four Hills Hotel

This small hotel has just been built in a quiet valley without spoiling the gorgeous countryside that surrounds it. Although a little expensive, it offers beautiful views and very quiet and comfortable rooms. It's perfect for hiking, you can even hire outdoor clothing and equipment at reception if you just want to try it for a day or two. There's no restaurant, but the local pub is just 2 mins away and offers good, healthy food after a long day's walking.

B. Johnsons

Currently owned by the fourth generation of Johnsons, this family establishment knows how to look after its customers. Its outstanding location overlooking a picturesque marina and reasonably priced rooms certainly help, but what really sets this hotel apart from others in the area is the exciting seafood cuisine which has been attracting gourmets from all over the country. Be prepared to spend lots, though the treats on offer do not come cheap.

C. Parade Hotel

If you're after a straightforward seaside holiday with great fun for the kids, this is the place for you. The hotel has its own beach, normally staffed by two activity monitors who'll keep an eye on the little ones while you enjoy a nice swim. While not exactly first class, the meals are reasonably good value for money and the staff are very friendly and helpful. For an alternative to the beach, you'll love the well-maintained steam train which runs along the coast to Southwold.

3. Short Answers

Read the text below, and complete the sentences.

Use words from the text, or your own words.

Do not write more than 5 words.

1. Lynn's father will soon celebrate _____.
2. At the weekend, Lynne would like to _____.

Text extract

Hi Martha,

With dad's birthday coming up I went shopping yesterday and found some really nice shirts, you know the kind he likes with the button-down collar and stripes. I got two as they were on special offer. As Mother's Day isn't far off I was also looking for something special for mum but no luck, I'm afraid. I'm not doing anything this weekend, so if you're free why don't I come over and we can go to that big new shopping centre that's just opened near your place? It'll be fun and I'm sure we'll find something nice for her.

Now the big news of the day: remember John was looking for a job? Well, guess what? He's going to start work as a plumber.

Talk soon,
Lynn

4. Sequencing

Text extract

Read the text below and put this narrative in the correct order.

It was a grey morning and the forecast was not good, but we set off early as planned since we wanted to cover about 80 miles that day. Maybe things would improve as we got further south. The first thing that went wrong was that my bike got a puncture after about 2 hours and we lost half an hour while we fixed it. But it gave us a little break, which we needed because the road had been mostly uphill so far. If we thought that we would soon be rolling downhill, however, we were wrong. The road continued to go up slowly but steadily, and by lunchtime we were quite tired.

We found a little bar in a nice village and chatted to some friendly local people while we were eating, but this turned out to be a mistake. We relaxed a little too much after they told us that rest of our journey would be mostly downhill, and when we finally left the bar we discovered that our cycles had disappeared!

The local police were not very helpful at all, saying this kind of thing happened all the time to "careless tourists." Someone told us about a bike rental service in the next big town, and even offered to drive us there, but we were more than a little fed up and couldn't decide what to do.

We were standing outside the police station debating our next move when a young officer pulled up in a cloud of dust and rushed into the station with big news for the sergeant. Our Italian wasn't great but we could make out that he had stopped a couple of people with bikes. He came straight back out and opened the back doors of the van. There were our bikes!

Put the events into the order in which they happen. Write your answers in the box.

- A. We were happy because the journey was going to be easy.
- B. We had a problem and didn't know what to do.
- C. It was cloudy but we hoped it would get better.

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RESPUESTAS A LAS TAREAS MODELO

1. TIPO TEST (Multiple choice): C

2. EMPAREJAMIENTO (Multiple matching)

1. destination B
2. destination A

3. RESPUESTAS CORTAS (Short answer questions)

1. Lynn's father will soon celebrate his birthday.
2. At the weekend, Lynne would like to visit/go shopping with Martha.

4. SECUENCIAR (Sequencing):

D A B