PRUEBA DE INGLÉS

Beverly Hills is one of the hottest places to live- for the Egyptians. This new Beverly Hills is among the latest suburbs to bloom in the desert outside Cairo, a city growing so fast that newcomers are taking over rooftops and cemeteries. Cairo (pop. 7.7 million) is the epitome of congestion and sprawl. It’s what happens when the human population multiplies and spreads out of control. But the problem of unrestrained growth isn’t confined to developing countries with high birthrates. In England, as much land as there is in all Wales has been converted since 1960 from “areas of tranquillity”, as the English say, into malls and suburbs. One of the fastest-growing regions in the U.S. is the once wild country around Yellowstone National Park. In fact, perhaps the only place on Earth coming close to containing sprawl is Tokio, but that’s only because the city has taken up nearly all the surrounding Kanto Plain, and growth has nowhere else to go in this part of sea-locked Japan.

The planet sure seems smaller and smaller these days. The “wide-open spaces” that the Grammy-winning Dixie Chicks sing about are becoming few and far between. In little more than a century, human has gone from the agrarian age to the age of megacities. Four decades ago, there were only three cities with more than 8 million people: New York, London and Tokio. By 2015 there will be 33 such cities, 27 of them- like Cairo- in the developing world.

(from Dick Thompson’s article “SPRAWL”, published in Times’ magazine)

Please, answer the following questions:
(Marks allotted to each question may be lowered because of untidy presentation, misspelling or grammatical mistakes)

Question 1. - The Egyptians love living on the roofs and cemeteries. Make a small commentary on this statement. (2 points)

Question 2. - Why do you think Tokio, according to the text, has grown comparatively less than other megacities? (2 points)
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Convocatoria de 22/junio/2000 (Orden de 6 de marzo de 2000, BOA del 1° de marzo)

PARTE ESPECÍFICA. OPCIÓN H4. SEGUNDA LENGUA EXTRANJERA. INGLÉS

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**Question 3.** - Only developing countries have problems with overpopulation. Would you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (2 points)

**Question 4.** - Write a composition of about 250 words on the topic: “Unrestrained growth and overpopulation may cause an environmental breakdown and question our survival on Earth”. (4 points)
In my handbag, I had the signed contracts for our accommodation, a rented Spanish villa. The reserved rental cars were waiting to take all eight members of our family to the small town of Javea, where we would be met by a staff that included a gardener, a housekeeper and a cook. Every detail was in place for a delightful holiday on the Costa Blanca.

At the villa we had rented the housekeeper smiled broadly before she extended her hand in welcome. “Buenos días, señora.”

“Hi,” I said, delighted at the warm welcome and shaking her hand.

“¿Han tenido un buen viaje?”

“Right. So, will you direct us to our rooms, please?”

“Si tienen alguna pregunta estamos aquí para servirles”

“You do speak English, don’t you?” I was surprised.

My husband whispered, “They don’t speak English.”

“Of course they speak English,” I said. At this point I used my usual speaking voice when conversing with foreigners. I place myself squarely in front of their faces, raise my voice and shout slowly: “Do-you-speak-English?”

“They are not hard of hearing,” said my husband.

By this time the staff were beginning to talk among themselves. I kept on trying.

“¿Hablas inglés, por favor? This conversation was a bit frustrating. All three shook their heads vehemently. “No, no señora. Hablamos español.”

“They don’t speak English,” I announced to the group.

I had been in such a hurry to book this holiday that I had overlooked something important. In most large cities, the English language is spoken...somewhere. But here in this small resort, it was non-existent.

“What about those nine credit hours of Spanish you took in college?” my husband asked.

“The only thing I remember is the Lord’s Prayer,” I told my husband.

“It’s worth a shot,” said my dad.

My husband started worrying. “Let me get this straight. We are spending the next three weeks in a house where the only way we can communicate with the staff is by prayer?”

Jane Denton: “Top Marks”
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Convocatoria de 22 de junio de 2001 (Orden de 14 de febrero de 2001, BOA del 14 de marzo)

PARTE ESPECÍFICA. OPCIÓN H4. SEGUNDA LENGUA EXTRANJERA. II

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QUESTION 1.- Say whether the following statements are True or False. Quote evidence from the text to support your answers:
- The American family had bought a Spanish villa (0.5 point)
- There were three people working at the villa. (0.5 point)
- The staff at the villa were not deaf. (0.5 point)
- The family and the staff prayed together (0.5 point)

QUESTION 2.- Do you think the writer wants to amuse us? Explain your answer. (2 points)

QUESTION 3.- Beginning by the words in brackets rewrite the following that mean:
- She has paid the rent on her villa. (The rent..) (0.5 point)
- You must book a holiday in advance. (A holiday...) (0.5 point)
- “The staff don’t speak English”, he said. (He said that...) (0.5 point)
- We arrived in Spain three weeks ago. (We have...) (0.5 point)

QUESTION 4.- Write a text of about 200-250 words on the subject:
* How to organise an enjoyable holiday abroad. (4 points)
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PARTE ESPECÍFICA: OPCIÓN H4

SEGUNDA LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS)

1.- Complete the sentences with the correct tense (1 point)
   - Excuse me, ___________ (you speak English)?
   - Listen! Somebody ___________ (sing)
   - They ___________ (not/watch) TV very often.
   - He ___________ (not/usually/drive) to work. He usually ___________ (walk)
   - We ___________ (not/have) a holiday last year.
   - What time ___________ (you/go) to bed last night?
   - John works in this bookshop. He ___________ (work) here for three years.
   - Last year we ___________ (go) to Finland for a holiday. We ___________ (stay) there for three weeks.
   - I think tomorrow it ___________ (rain)
   - Look! A car ___________ (come)
   - The telephone rang while I ___________ (have) a shower.

2.- Complete the sentences with some or any (1 point)
   - I'm going to buy ___________ eggs.
   - They didn't make ___________ mistakes
   - Would you like ___________ tea? Yes, please
   - Are there ___________ letters for me this morning?
   - There are ___________ shops in this part of the town.
   - I can pay. I've got ___________ money
   - Don't buy ___________ rice. We don't need
   - I went out to buy ___________ milk but they didn't have ___________ in the shop.
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3.- Complete the sentences with the possessive pronouns. (1 point)
- I like ________ job
- Does your father like ________ car?
- Sally is married ________ husband works in a bank
- Thank you for ________ letter. It was good to hear from you again
- They have got two children but I dont remember ________ names
- We’re staying at a very nice hotel, ________ room is very comfortable
- John is a teacher but ________ sister is a nurse
- The company has offices in many places but ________ head office is in N.Y.

4.- Complete the following chart with comparatives and superlatives (2 points):

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b) Choose four of them and write a sentence

- [Sentence]
5. Write the following vocabulary in English and its translation into Spanish (2.5 points)
   - Five methods of cooking
   - Ten vegetables
   - Ten fruits
   - Three “wine terms”
   - Seven types of fish
   - Five names of fish
   - Five elements of kitchen equipment
   - Five shellfish
   - Five “telephone words”

6. Write a brief dialogue between a waiter and two guests in a restaurant (80-100 words) (2.5 points)
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PARTE ESPECÍFICA: OPCIÓN H4

SEGUNDA LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS)

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.
“TRAVELLER SAFETY TIPS”

1- Don’t answer the door in a hotel or motel room without verifying who is it. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is supposed to have access to your room and for what purpose.

2- When returning to your hotel or motel late in the evening, use the main entrance of the hotel. Be observant and look around before entering parking lots.

3- Close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided.

4- Don’t needlessly display guest room keys in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables, all the swimming pool, or other places where they can be easily stolen.

5- Do not draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry.

6- Place all the valuables in the hotel or motel’s safe deposit box.

7- Don’t invite strangers to your room.

8- Do not leave valuables on your vehicle.

9- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked.

10- If you see any suspicious activity, please report your observations to the management.
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EXERCISES:

1- Once you have read the text, answer to these questions: (2 points)
   a) Which of these pieces of advices is not really necessary for your country?
   b) What parts of your town or your city would you advise a tourist to avoid at night? What would you say to them exactly?
   c) If you are going out or returning home late at night, what precautions do you take? Why?

2- Write a handout for visitors to your town or city, suggesting them sightseeings and historical routes to visit, advising them about any safety problem they may have (2 points)

3- “Better safe than sorry”. Explain this quotation in English. Have you got any similar quotation in Spanish? If you have, please write in Spanish (2 points)

4- “Last night the fire alarm rang at midnight. It was a false alarm. The fire escape route was locked. You had to stand outside the hotel in your pyjamas for half an hour till you were allowed back in. Nobody apologised for this at the time”. Write a conversation between you and the manager of the hotel, you are very angry about that and you are complaining. The manager tries to apologise, but at the beginning of the conversation he is a bit rude. (Use about 80 words) (4 points)