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EJERCICIO 1: THIS WEEK'S FILMS ON TV

Task1

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
4	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Task 2

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
4	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

EJERCICIO 2: THE COTSWOLDS: HOTEL REVIEW

1	A	B	C
2	A	B	C
3	A	B	C
4	A	B	C
5	A	B	C

EJERCICIO 3: WANTED: ASSISTANT EDITORS TO COVER VIDEO GAME NEWS

1	A	B	C
2	A	B	C
3	A	B	C
4	A	B	C
5	A	B	C

EJERCICIO 1 THIS WEEK'S FILMS ON TV

Adapted from The Guardian "Series Top..."

You are going to read some film reviews. You will have to do TWO TASKS.

TASK 1: For questions 1-5, choose the film for which one of the statements (A-G) is true.

TASK 2: For questions 1-5, choose the film for which one of the statements (A-G) is true.

In each task there are TWO EXTRA statements you DO NOT NEED to use.

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1 - Get Carter

At a distance of nearly 40 years, *Get Carter* has as much value as a piece of social history as it does as a thriller. It seems as if director Mike Hodges has thrown his actors into real life – the faces of the old men in the pubs and betting shops and the revellers at the dancehall take the movie into something akin to cinéma vérité.

At the centre of it all is Michael Caine who is aided by an **ace supporting cast whose portraits are skilfully drawn, as the playwright John Osborne, an unlikely but wholly convincing gang lord (T1.1G)**, or **the future leading role of soap ops Bryan Mosley (T2.1A)**, as the unlucky Cliff Brumby.

2 - The Apartment

The germ of the idea for *The Apartment* had sat in its director notebook for many years; **it is the story of a man rising fast at work, one promotion after another (T2.2B)**, but the secret of his success is that he loans out his apartment to the company executives for their meetings. It's a sordid little set-up but Wilder keeps the movie galloping along so briskly that we can overlook the unpleasantness at first.

Wilder shot the picture in 50 days flat and edited it in under a week. It won five Academy Awards, including best picture, best director and best screenplay. **Wilder said it was "the picture [of mine] that has the fewest faults; I consider it my masterpiece" (T1.2B).**

3 - Breathless

Breathless was Godard's first feature and a demonstration of his love-hate relationship with Hollywood. **It was done from a four-page outline (T2.3F)**, and features the love between Jean Seberg, an American who sells the New York Herald Tribune on the streets and the fetching Paul Belmondo, a fun loving and existentialist idiot on the run after he shoots a cop. His days are numbered and the film moves like a Charlie Parker solo – **so hectic** you wonder if the alto sax will live out the next 16 bars. **(+ Breathless) (T1.3F)**

4 - Hidden

Hidden opens with a long, static shot of a house on a quiet Paris street. Credits roll. Very little happens. A couple leaves the house and the camera pans after the man. On screen, the film fast-forwards and suddenly we realise we have been watching a piece of surveillance on video. The tape has turned up, without explanation, at the house of the couple we saw on screen, and they are watching it with us.

The film's chilling dramatic effect and the **air of intrigue will have you anxious to find out how things turn out (T1.4C)**. **Difficult but rewarding (T2.4C)**.

5 - Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind

Boy meets girl. They fall in love. Girl gets fed up with boy. Girl erases all memories of boy from her mind in a dubious brain-zapping procedure. Boy finds out and does the same. This is a romantic movie, Charlie Kaufman-style that charts **the side of love that movies usually turn a blind eye to: the dreadful moments that accompany a split-up. Love Actually, it ain't (T1.5A)**.

Joel Barish is a withdrawn, greyish man, played with uncharacteristic restraint by Jim Carrey, while **Kate Winslet plays the free-spirited, reckless (T2.5E)** and prone to dying her hair blue, Clementine Kruczynski. They are skilfully guided by the hand of the resourceful French director Michael Gondry, who proved the perfect match to Kaufman's freewheeling script.

EJERCICIO 2

THE COTSWOLDS: HOTEL REVIEW

Adapted from various reviews from "Hotel Guru"

You are going to read a review about a country house hotel in the Cotswolds. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

I set my sights on this Cotswold's inn soon after reading an article that confirmed something I had already guessed: that British hotel bedrooms are the costliest in Europe. The average rate is £106 per night, whereas in France it's £83, and in Germany £74 so, compared to nearby retreats, this quality place doesn't break the bank.

The inn treasures a restaurant looked up to for miles around, and the opportunity to dine in style at the refectory table in the oak paneled dining room or relax in the large inglenook in front of a roaring log fire is not to be missed. By the time of our visit a starter of Bath chaps (pig's cheeks) was on the menu. Great pub grub then followed; venison and ale pie under a golden, buttery crust accompanied by mashed swede, roasted parsnip and beetroot, **all of it harvested on the premises (1C)**. As for pudding, we were tipped off about the famous homemade dish of poached gooseberries and redcurrants by the girl behind the bar.

Our rooms featured beamed ceilings, four-posted beds and comfy armchairs to relax in by the propane fireplace. All were luxuriously decorated with painted furniture, **the odd family heirloom (2B)**, Lloyd Loom chairs and pretty fabrics, and all of them overlooked the garden, bordered by a small stream and rising steeply to a hillside orchard, creating the perfect atmosphere for a satisfying deep sleep. You could hear nothing but the wind; it was simply like being in the middle of nowhere.

We had minor gripes. The television in the pub rooms could do with upgrading, the tea trays were scarce, and where, oh where is a radio? Even a request to borrow one by my husband, frantic to listen to *The Archers*, could not be met. **The only spares were snatched up (3B)**; there are more Radio 4 freaks like us out there, especially in these parts.

The inn is well positioned for long treks through sheep and farm fields on public foot paths (4B), so don't forget your walking shoes. **Less than a 20 minute stroll to the nearest village (5A)**, it is easily reached by car and anyone using public transport can contact the inn as a shuttle to Kinghan train station can be arranged at the beginning and end of your stay.

Now, it is up to you to decide if it is still worth the journey and deserving of your precious weekend away.

EJERCICIO 3

WANTED: ASSISTANT EDITORS TO COVER VIDEO GAME NEWS

Adapted from JournalismJobs.com

You are going to read an offer for a job. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text. **DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

As a start-up news website, we're looking to build a team that will be the foundation of a site dedicated to keeping developers accountable for their promises and actions.

As a member of the team you will be responsible for building sources within the games industry, conducting in-depth interviews with industry professionals, staying up-to-date with gaming news and conveying the research and data regarding the effect of video games in human behavior.

Notwithstanding the writing of game reviews, we will be first and foremost dedicated to consumer awareness and watchdog journalism (1C).

The team

We are looking to hire two reporters who are self-confident, proactive and passionate gamers and savvy consumers. We are looking for people who would rather talk with a developer than rewrite a press release. We want someone who is concerned about the development of a game as much as their readers are.

The successful candidate will occasionally be required to test early prototypes so, **confidentiality is vital (2B).**

We are also looking to hire two assistant editors who are passionate about gaming and helping writers sharpen their talents. We're looking for people that will be dedicated to helping lead the team and ensure that articles are clear, concise, accurate and balanced. **As an assistant editor, you will be a vital part in shaping the direction of this website (3C).**

The suitable candidates will have an M.A. in journalism or IT and **a clear insight into game computing development (4C).** Experience in managing a team and copyediting is recommended. He or she should be proficient in the use of WordPress and have a naturally creative mind.

As a start-up website, we can only pay \$5 per article over 200 words with a max of \$50 a week. We encourage reporters to volunteer more than 10 articles a week as that will contribute to a consistent and busy story flow. The pay scale will be increased in the future.

Candidates must be 18 or older to apply. Please detail why you are applying, what about this job sparked your interest and why you should be given this job. Attach two examples of your writing that show your aptitude for news coverage and feature writing. A résumé is optional, but recommended. **The ability to meet tight deadlines is of the utmost importance (5A).**

EJERCICIO 1

THIS WEEK'S FILMS ON TV

Task 1: Which statement is true for each film 1-5?

A It brings to life an often neglected reality	1 Get Carter 2 The Apartment 3 Breathless 4 Hidden 5 Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
B It is considered a personal achievement	
C It is nail biting till the end	
D It may come across as trying too hard to make central characters convincing	
E Its actors had been recommended to the director	
F Its rhythm echoes its title	
G Its secondary characters come across realistically	

Task 2: Which film ...?

A features someone who later played bigger parts	1 Get Carter 2 The Apartment 3 Breathless 4 Hidden 5 Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
B features someone who rose up the ladder quickly	
C is considered challenging but worthwhile	
D opens with a lot of action	
E portrays a character who shows a carefree attitude towards life	
F was based on a brief draft	
G was originally a book or a play	

EJERCICIO 2

THE COTSWOLDS: HOTEL REVIEW

1 According to the text, the inn ...

- A** caters food grown on their property
- B** serves unusual and sophisticated food
- C** provides the only restaurant in the area

2 The rooms were decorated with ...

- A** extravagant beds
- B** some inherited objects
- C** luxuriously painted furniture

3 According to the writer ...

- A** the tea trays were dirty
- B** some guests managed to borrow radios
- C** rooms lacked any type of media equipment

4 According to the author, what is a remarkable aspect of the inn?

- A Its wonderful decor
- B Its ideal position to go hiking
- C Its intimate and familiar atmosphere

5 If you want to visit the nearest village you can ...

- A walk there
- B use the train
- C go by coach

EJERCICIO 3

WANTED: ASSISTANT EDITORS TO COVER VIDEO GAME NEWS

1 This website aims to ...

- A review video games
- B promote and publicize IT news
- C inform about rights, rules and laws

2 Overall, reporters must be ...

- A articulate
- B trustworthy
- C team players

3 Assistant editors ...

- A need to know about specific software
- B must have studied computer game programming
- C will take part in the decision-making process regarding the online content

4 Candidates are required to ...

- A be innovative and have proven experience as IT experts
- B have a degree in journalism and experience in copyediting
- C show a good understanding of the process of creating a video game

5 A suitable candidate ...

- A should be able to work under pressure
- B should contribute 10 free articles a week
- C must have previous work experience covering news



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EJERCICIO 1: BUSINESS STRATEGIES

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3	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A	B	C
4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A	B	C
5	A	B	<input checked="" type="radio"/> C
6	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A	B	C
7	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	C
8	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	C
9	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	C
10	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A	B	C

EJERCICIO 2: NEWS ITEMS

TASK 1

News item 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A	B	C	D	E	F
News item 2	A	B	C	<input checked="" type="radio"/> D	E	F
News item 3	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	C	D	E	F
News item 4	A	B	C	D	E	<input checked="" type="radio"/> F
News item 5	A	B	C	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E	F

TASK 2

News item 1	A	B	<input checked="" type="radio"/> C	D	E	F
News item 2	A	B	C	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E	F
News item 3	A	B	C	D	E	<input checked="" type="radio"/> F
News item 4	A	<input checked="" type="radio"/> B	C	D	E	F
News item 5	A	B	C	<input checked="" type="radio"/> D	E	F

EJERCICIO 1 BUSINESS STRATEGIES*Adapted from SpeakUp online*

You are going to listen to an expert talking about some strategies that should be taken into account by globalised enterprises. Listen to the recording and choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Only **ONE** answer is correct. **DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

1 Companies understand the importance of ...

- A team work
- B management courses
- C well-trained employees

2 Human Resources departments should ...

- A include computer skills
- B notice differences in cultures
- C adapt English business strategies

3 Training programmes are based on the idea that workers should ...

- A feel they are respected
- B be interested in the company
- C understand and appreciate these programmes

4 Training programmes can imply ...

- A collective open-air activities
- B making teams against the managers
- C participating in individual strength games

5 Individual training programmes ...

- A cause isolation among colleagues
- B are successful if they are interactive
- C incite workers to choose their preferences

6 With the appropriate training ...

- A you will do better if you like what you are doing
- B everybody will be able to work in the sales department
- C you won't need specific characteristics to move up in any department

7 In France ...

- A managers behave very formally
- B they stick strictly to the chain of command
- C employees plan their careers within the company

8 French people ...

- A avoid regulations
- B feel safer with rules
- C are good at dealing with new situations

9 In China and Russia, self-managed training programmes ...

- A will soon be introduced
- B won't be easily introduced
- C are liked in the business place

10 In China, team-building techniques ...

- A can easily be applied
- B is bad news for the individual
- C are seen as a way to be loyal

EJERCICIO 2

NEWS ITEMS

Adapted from <http://www.newslevels.com/>

You are going to listen 5 different items of news. You will have to do **TWO TASKS**. You will need to do **BOTH TASKS AT THE SAME TIME**.

TASK 1: The sentences provide information about the people involved in the news items. Match each sentence to its corresponding news item. There is **ONE** extra sentence you don't have to use.

TASK 2: The sentences provide some details about the news items. Match each sentence to its corresponding news item. There is **ONE** extra sentence you don't have to use.

DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

TASK 1: Which news item is about somebody who ...?

A	gives a statement to the press	News item 1 News item 2 News item 3 News item 4 News item 5
B	had been in trouble at school	
C	is involved with Asian gangs	
D	took an unusual path	
E	was about to plunge into water	
F	was new in town	

TASK 2: In which news item ...?

A	are there casualties	News item 1 News item 2 News item 3 News item 4 News item 5
B	is there a fight in the street	
C	is there a lot of rubble provoked by an accident	
D	is there an accident which could have been worse	
E	is there an accident with injuries	
F	was the victim holding a realistic toy	

EJERCICIO 1: BUSINESS STRATEGIES

Most large companies have long been aware that **good training is the key to getting the best out of employees (1C)** and they often invest heavily in professional development. This can include everything from English or computer courses to management skills and team-building activities. Today, standards of excellence at home must be the same overseas. Many business strategies from the English-speaking world, such as regular appraisals or high impact presentations have been adopted, along with the language. However, when Human Resources departments develop courses for company employees, **they should remember that some activities might not be acceptable across cultures (2B)**.

The main concept of most training programmes, particularly those aimed at management, **is that people work better when they feel understood and appreciated (3A)**. If the company is interested in the personal growth of its employees, they'll be motivated to help grow the business. Many training programmes involve **outdoor team-building activities (4A)**, where trainees participate in anything from team sports to environmental protection programmes, or even survival games, frequently together with their superiors. The idea is to bring out the strengths of each individual, while promoting collaboration and team spirit.

Another approach is to allow personnel to design their own training programmes. These courses can be partly computer-based, and therefore self-access and interactive, and **participants are encouraged to choose their own career pathway within the company (5C)**. If you have the right characteristics to work in sales, you can choose courses to orient yourself in that direction. If you're a marketing type, you can, with the right preparation, move up in that department. The theory is that, **if you're doing what you're good at, you will enjoy far greater job satisfaction and will therefore work better and harder (6A)**.

What works well in most western countries, however, may not always work across cultures. Even in some western European countries, such as France, the idea of an employee planning his or her future within the company could prove unacceptable. **France has an extremely hierarchical business culture (7B)** and the attitude towards managers is quite formal. It's hard to imagine a young French manager tackling a company boss in a game of rugby! Not only that, but France has one of the highest levels of "Uncertainty Avoidance" in Europe. French people generally try to avoid uncertainty and so **rules and regulations make them feel more secure (8B)**. They prefer to be told what to do by an expert, their boss, for example.

Countries like Russia and China are currently perceived to be attractive places to do business. If we consider that both these countries have even more hierarchical cultures than France, **it is highly unlikely that self-managed training programmes will be easy to introduce (9B)**. China has a highly collectivist culture, where people belong to "in groups" that take care of them in exchange for loyalty. The Chinese tend to think of themselves as "we" rather than "I." **This is good news for team-building activities, as Chinese people are used to collaborating in a group (10A)**, but once again it's bad news for any training programme that invites individuals to determine their own future.

EJERCICIO 2: NEWS ITEMS**1. TRAIN HITS A TRUCK**

The sound of an approaching train but it's not enough.

An almighty crash in Texas as it slams into the stationary truck at a crossing in Midland County.

Large metal pipes are sent flying into the air like straws, scattered (T2.C), as reports say the truck was pushed half a mile before it stopped.

The truck driver reportedly told local media (T1.A) he had stopped on the tracks to give way to other drivers but had broken down and couldn't move his vehicle before the crash happened. He managed to get out alive but 100 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled and a rail crossing sign damaged in the accident.

It took hours for authorities to clear the debris from the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing and reopen it.

2. BUS IN A HOUSE

A group of children took a slightly different route home on their way from school (T1.D) after their school bus crashed into a house in Texas.

The bus was carrying 25 children when the brakes apparently failed, leaving five people injured (T2.E).

Two children on the bus, as well as one child inside the house suffered minor injuries and have been taken to hospital.

The bus was returning children home from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School when it crashed into a house in the military housing area in central San Antonio on Friday.

A substitute teacher and a driver were also hurt. The driver has been hospitalised, but remains in a stable condition.

3. POLICE SHOOT A BOY

The community of Santa Rosa in California is in shock after **a thirteen-year-old boy was shot dead by police, carrying a replica gun (T2.F).** The area where it happened is out of bounds except for forensics to collect evidence, but events have already been pieced together.

The teenager id-ed by his father to local media **had been sent home early from school (T1.B).** He had then decided to take a pellet gun to his friend's but never turned up.

His father said when he stepped outside his house, seeing police cars, he never thought it would be his son's lifeless body on the ground.

A police report says two deputies had been on patrol, seen the teenager and repeatedly ordered him to drop the rifle. They then shot him several times.

This is the pellet gun police found. They're often made to look like assault weapons. The death has prompted the community to ask questions and demand answers. One note left by a plastic gun which was also found, urged drug testing.

Even though he had been expelled from a previous school (T1.B), according to friends and family, the teenager had a good sense of humour, enjoyed basketball, boxing and playing saxophone.

4. FIVE MEN ATTACK A STUDENT

A group of men in London have violently attacked a **foreign student apparently because he's not local (T1.F).**

This shocking CCTV footage released by The Metropolitan Police shows a gang of five Asian men smashing a bottle into the face of **Francesco Houney who arrived in the UK just three days before (T1.F).**

The twenty-two-year-old from Florida was on a night out in the Brick Lane area with a friend when the gang started to follow them home. It's not clear what was said but an aggressive argument broke out, leading to the attack.

One of the gang members grabbed the bottle Francesco was drinking from and smashed it against his face. They then chased him across the road, repeatedly kicking and punching him to the ground (T2.B).

Francesco was taken to the Royal London Hospital and had twenty-three stitches to his face. He now suffers from permanent scarring and said he is scared to go out in London alone.

5. DANCING VEHICLE

CCTV from China catches the hairy moment a truck driver dangerously swerves across the lanes on a bridge.

Song Mingtang, the driver, was passing over the Zhoushan Cross-Sea Bridge in east China's Zehejang Province when he braked hard, noticing that he was too close to the vehicle in front of him. He jerked the steering wheel to the left, setting the truck off balance, wobbling heavily he veered left to right and left again before the truck tipped over.

Fortunately, Song wasn't hurt and his passenger only sustained a small scratch on her head, but this footage shows just how close they came to a far worse accident. Not only did they crash on a busy bridge in traffic, but they came very close to tipping over the edge, **a metal barrier being the only thing between them and a drop into the sea (T1.E). A disaster narrowly averted (T2.D).**