



# EVALUACIÓN DE BACHILLERATO PARA EL ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD

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## INGLÉS

### INDICACIONES

Si contesta más preguntas de las necesarias para realizar este examen, solo se corregirán las primeras, según el orden en que aparezcan resueltas en el cuadernillo de examen.

**PART 1.** [7 POINTS] Written understanding. Choose one of the two options below and follow the instructions to answer the questions.

### Option 1

#### How Amazon Became a Pandemic Giant

For the last year, Anna has been working for Amazon. For £10.50 an hour, she works four days a week, though during busy periods, this sometimes goes up to five. Her shift begins at 7.15am and ends at 5.45pm. “When I get home,” she says, “I just go in, shower and go to bed. I’m always exhausted.” Anna is a picker in one of the company’s most technologically advanced workplaces. This means she works in a metal enclosure in front of a screen that flashes up images of the products she has to put into special bags to make customer orders ready for posting.

Everything from DVDs to gardening equipment is brought to her by robotic devices so that she can complete the order and pass it on. Everything happens quickly. To keep up with company standards, Anna has to average 360 items an hour, or around 3,800 a day. This translates as one item every 6.7 seconds. In March, the Covid-19 lockdown meant that customer orders suddenly rocketed. Anna says that lots of her colleagues started putting in overtime, and new recruits arrived en masse. “They hired a lot of people,” she says. “I thought there should have been fewer people in the warehouse, to have distancing.”

Only in April did masks become mandatory. “The first month,” she says, “I was asking for antibacterial gel and other basic things.” Anna still has a problem with how regularly masks can be changed. “You can only get one when you’re starting your shift. You know the basic blue mask? It should be changed, I don’t know, every few hours. But people have to work with the same one the whole day.” Anna says some staff are now employed to monitor distancing in the warehouse and ensure that nowhere becomes overcrowded.

Before the Covid-19 crisis, Amazon was already a vast presence in the economy and its customers’ lives, but now its reach and size is almost beyond comprehension. At the end of July, the company announced that it had doubled its quarterly profits to \$5.2 billion, compared with \$2.6 billion at the same point in 2019. Net sales had risen by 40 %. “This was another highly unusual quarter, and I couldn’t be more proud of and grateful to our employees around the globe,” said Jeff Bezos, the man who founded Amazon in Seattle and owns 11 % of its shares.

18 Nov 2020, *The Guardian* (Adapted)

### PART 1. Option 1

**Question 1:** [2 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down the sentence or the part of the text that justifies your answer. No points will be given if the evidence is not correct.

- a) Anna is seldom tired after work.
- b) People started ordering a lot more from Amazon when the Pandemic started.
- c) People at the warehouse use the blue masks for a few hours.
- d) Jeff Bezos owns more than half of Amazon.

**Question 2:** [2 POINTS] Choose and answer only TWO of the following questions in your own words according to the text.

- a) What different things does the text tell us about working conditions at Amazon?
- b) How has the Pandemic affected Amazon according to the text?
- c) What specific changes has Amazon made due to the Pandemic?

**Question 3:** [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words given. You only need to have five correct answers to get 1.5 points.

- a) Pictures (paragraph 1)
- b) Machines (paragraph 2)
- c) Workmates (paragraph 2)
- d) Often (paragraph 3)
- e) To keep a check on (paragraph 3)
- f) Workers (paragraph 4)

**Question 4:** [1,5 POINTS] Choose the correct option –a, b, c or d– for each question and COPY both the letter and the sentence that follows onto your answer sheet.

1. When Anna is at work, ...

- a) she mainly interacts with machines.
- b) she only interacts with other human beings.
- c) she receives customers' orders by phone.
- d) she monitors social distancing at the warehouse.

2. Anna believed that there were...

- a) too many people at the warehouse after the Pandemic started.
- b) too few people at the warehouse after the Pandemic started.
- c) fewer people at the warehouse after the Pandemic started.
- d) not enough people at the warehouse after the Pandemic started.

3. Jeff Bezos said that the period of the year up to July 2020 had been...

- a) similar to previous years for Amazon.
- b) quite like previous years for Amazon.
- c) far from normal for Amazon.
- d) a little unusual for Amazon.

**[See part 2]**

**PART 1. Option 2** [7 POINTS] Written understanding.

**Pompeii Excavation Reveals 'Almost Perfect' Remains of a Master and his Slave**

The almost perfectly preserved remains of two men have been unearthed in an extraordinary discovery in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. The victims are believed to have died as they were fleeing the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 AD, and the remains were found during excavations at a villa on the outskirts of the city. Massimo Osanna, Pompeii Archaeological Park's director, said yesterday that the find was "truly exceptional", while culture minister Dario Franceschini said it underlined the importance of Pompeii as a place for study and research.

The two men, lying close together, are believed to have escaped the initial phase of the eruption when the city was blanketed in volcanic ash and pumice, only to then be killed by a blast that happened the following day. Their remains were discovered in the same location where a stable containing the remains of three harnessed horses were unearthed in 2017. Experts said the younger man, who was probably aged between 18 and 25, had several compressed vertebrae, which led them to believe that he was a manual labourer or slave. He is thought to have been wearing a pleated tunic, possibly made of wool. The elder man, aged between 30 and 40, had a stronger bone structure, particularly around his chest area, and was wearing a tunic which was more typical of a master.

Park officials said that further digging over the coming months might reveal where the men were heading and determine the roles they played in the elegant villa. It is the latest in a series of fascinating discoveries that excavations at Pompeii have yielded in recent years. For instance, the bodies of two women and three children were discovered huddled together in the room of a villa in the Regio V area in October 2018. A week before, the same villa revealed a charcoal inscription that suggested Vesuvius erupted in October 79 AD, and not in August of that year as previously thought.

The latest dig, part of a €1m project, is continuing despite the coronavirus pandemic. The park, which is currently closed to tourists, usually attracts four million people a year. The Pompeii ruins were first discovered in the 16th century, with excavations beginning in 1748. Over 1,500 of the estimated 2,000 victims have been found over the centuries.

AD- Anno Domini, which is used in English to refer to "After the birth of Christ"

21 Nov 2020, *The Guardian* (Adapted)

**Question 1:** [2 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down the sentence or the part of the text that justifies your answer. No points will be given if the evidence is not correct.

- a) The remains of the two men were found in the city centre.
- b) The men are thought to have died during the very first part of the disaster.
- c) The charcoal inscription was discovered before the remains of the women and children.
- d) The coronavirus pandemic has not stopped the most recent excavation.

**Question 2:** [2 POINTS] Choose and answer only TWO of the following questions in your own words according to the text.

- a) What different things does the text tell us about the two men recently found in Pompeii?
- b) What different specific discoveries other than the two men are mentioned in the text?
- c) What does the text tell us about the eruption of the Vesuvius?

## PART 1. Option 2

**Question 3:** [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words given. You only need to have five correct answers to get 1.5 points.

- a) To run away from (paragraph 1)
- b) To emphasize (paragraph 1)
- c) Place, site (paragraph 2)
- d) Additional (paragraph 3)
- e) Very interesting (paragraph 3)
- f) Originally (paragraph 4)

**Question 4:** [1,5 POINTS] Choose the correct option –a, b, c or d– for each question and COPY both the letter and the sentence that follows onto your answer sheet.

1. The two men recently discovered are believed to...
  - a) to have been of a similar age but from different social classes.
  - b) to have been of different ages and from different social classes.
  - c) to have been of different ages but from the same social class.
  - d) to have been of a similar age and from the same social class.
2. The charcoal inscription suggests that...
  - a) the Vesuvius may have erupted a year before archaeologists previously thought.
  - b) the Vesuvius may have erupted some time before archaeologists previously thought.
  - c) the Vesuvius erupted at the exact time when archaeologists previously thought.
  - d) the Vesuvius may have erupted some time after archaeologists previously thought.
3. The remains of...
  - a) few of the estimated victims have already been found.
  - b) a few of the estimated victims have already been found.
  - c) most of the estimated victims have already been found.
  - d) all of the estimated victims have already been found.

[See part 2]

**PART 2.** [3 POINTS] Written production. Choose ONE of the two options below and write a short essay (120-150 words). Essays up to 200 words won't be penalized.

### Option 1

What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?

### Option 2

“Historical sites are of great importance and should be protected at all cost.” Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons to justify your opinion.