

# 1. NIVELL C1. ÚS DE LA LLENGUA (USE OF ENGLISH)

**PART 1. OPEN CLOZE TEST.** Read the text and fill in the blanks with **ONE** word. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** in your *task booklet*.

**Number of questions included in the exam: 15**

## Healthy alternatives

Many Britons are sighing (0) .....**with**..... relief across the UK in response to the British government's decision (1) ..... at the end of last year, to integrate some complementary medicines (2) ..... the national Health Service. The decision followed a report by a House of Lords select committee, (3) ..... called for doctors and nurses to listen to patients' growing demands and recognise the potential for good results (4) ..... unconventional medicines. Currently there is (5) ..... scientific evidence to prove the effectiveness of some therapies and so there is continued scepticism in the medical profession (6) ..... to how effective some forms of complementary and alternative medicines are.

*Adapted from Speak up!*

**PART 2. WORD BUILDING.** Read this text about the reasons why leaves change colour in autumn. For questions 1-10, use the word in brackets to help you write a related word which fits the context. The exercise begins with an example(0). Write your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** in your *task booklet*.

**Number of questions included in the exam: 10**

## Why do leaves change colour?

Like hibernating (0) ...**Wildlife**... (LIFE) , trees start to shut down their systems for winter. Food (1) ..... (NUTRITION) move slowly out of the leaves and into the tree's branches, trunk and roots. To (2) ..... (SURE) survival, the tree sheds its leaves to prepare for the deep freeze (3) ..... (HEAD). The colour and timing of peak colours can also vary from one (4) ..... (LOCATE) to another depending on the combination of light and shade the trees (5) ..... (RECEPTION) and the chemicals present in the leaf.

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**PART 3. MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE TEST.** Read the following text and then decide which of the words (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. An example (0) has been done for you. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in your *task booklet*.

**Number of questions included in the exam: 15**

### Get out of my Space!

Even if we have spent all our lives living in a busy city, all human beings have an instinctive (0) ...**need**..... for personal space. Besides attempts to (1) ..... privacy, which are efforts to (2) ..... physically or psychologically from the social world into a private world, city dwellers have had to adapt and make changes to their personal space. Personal space is a psychological construct referring to the physical distance or boundary we all attempt to maintain between us and the people that surround us. In general, this space is (3) ..... circular but with a larger space in front of us than behind. We find ourselves being comfortable with a/an (4) ..... distance between others and ourselves around us and will move to (5) ..... this distance.

Source: "The Human Jungle: An intriguing look at how we have adapted to cope with city life". Newman and Lonsdale. Ebury Press

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|------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 0. A need        | B want     | C lack       | D desire        |
| 1. A keep        | B sustain  | C retain     | D engage        |
| 2. A recede      | B withdraw | C advance    | D depart        |
| 3. A irregularly | B coarsely | C roughly    | D approximately |
| 4. A singular    | B exact    | C particular | D special       |
| 5. A adjust      | B regulate | C arrange    | D set           |

**PART 4. KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS.** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. The activity starts with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in your *task booklet*.

**Number of questions included in the exam: 5**

1. It's quite possible that the emergency call was a hoax.

**WELL**

The emergency call ***might well have been*** a hoax.

1. The managing director never admitted that his strategy had failed.

**TIME**

At .....that his strategy had failed.

2. People only began to realise how talented she was after she had acted for the new soap opera.

**START**

Only after she had acted in the new soap opera ..... how talented she was.

3. He liked people to think of him as a highly respectable man.

**THOUGHT**

He liked .....as a highly respectable man.

**Total score: 45**

**Pass mark: 27 (60%)**

**2. NIVELL C1. COMPRESIÓ LECTORA  
(READING COMPREHENSION)**

**Part 1. GAPPED TEXT. You are going to read an extract from a novel by Paul Auster. Nine paragraphs have been removed from the extract. From the paragraphs A-I, which are in your task booklet, choose the one which fits each gap (1-8). The exercise begins with an example: (0) which corresponds to paragraph D. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in your task booklet.**

**Overture**

I had been collecting stories for years and as I had spent the bulk of my working life in the business of death, I had probably heard too many grim stories to stop myself from thinking about them when my spirits were low.

**0. E. All the people I had visited over the years, all the policies I had sold, and the dread and desperation I'd been made privy to while talking to my clients.**

Eventually, I added another box to my collection. I labelled it "Cruel Destinies," and the first story I put in there was about a man named Jonas Weinberg. I had sold him a million-dollar universal life policy in 1976, an extremely large sum for the time.

1.

We met in his apartment on Central Park West, and once I had talked him through the pros and cons of the various policies available to him, he began to reminisce about his past. He had been born in Berlin in 1916, he told me, and after his father had been killed in the trenches of World War One, he had been raised by his actress mother; the only child of a fiercely independent and sometimes obstreperous woman who had never shown the slightest inclination to remarry.

2.

He was seventeen when Hitler took control of the government, and within months his mother was making preparations to get him out of Germany. Relatives of his father's lived in New York, and they agreed to take him in.

3.

Her family had been Germans for hundreds of years, she told her son, and she'd be damned if she allowed some two-bit tyrant to chase her into exile. Come hell or high water, she was determined to stick it out.

4.

**This text has 530 words.**

A. He left in the spring of 1934, but his mother, who had already proved her alertness to the impending dangers for non-Aryans of the Third Reich, stubbornly rejected the opportunity to leave herself.

B. In contrast to the headstrong Frau Weinberg, the young Jonas was a quiet, bookish boy who excelled at his studies and dreamed of becoming a scientist or a doctor.

C. By some miracle, she did. Dr. Weinberg offered few details (it's possible he never learned the full story himself), but his mother was apparently helped by a group of Gentile friends at various critical junctures, and by 1938 or 1939 she had managed to obtain a set of false identity papers.

D. Because of his profession, Dr. Weinberg had a keen sense of the frailty of human existence, of how little it takes to remove our names from the book of the living.

**Number of questions included in the exam: 8**

**PART 2. MULTIPLE CHOICE. You are going to read a text about a journey. Questions 1 – 8, which are in your *task booklet*, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. The exercise begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in your *task booklet*.**

### **The Trip to McCarthy**

McCarthy is a couple of hundred miles east of Anchorage, on the way to the border with the Yukon territory of Canada. It is surrounded by one of the largest areas of wilderness in the world, where four of the great mountain ranges of North America collide. Nine of the highest peaks in the USA are there, surrounded by enormous glaciers, rivers and canyons, and teeming with seriously wild wildlife. McCarthy, old by Alaskan standards, dates from the first decade of the twentieth century, when it developed as a social hub for the copper mines at Kennicott, five miles away. When the mines closed it went into decline, and for a while became a ghost town. The current year-round population, depending on which source you consult, is somewhere between fourteen and twenty. There seems a good chance I'll be able to meet them all, if only I can get there.

Unlike the other places I have been visiting, McCarthy has no known Irish connection.

Something about it, though, is calling out. Hidden at the end of one of the loneliest roads on earth, the town seems the right place to end a journey that has been driven as much by instinct as by design, and which has paid me back with many happy accidents. So I'm going there because we share a name; and because, like most people, I've always fancied going to Alaska, because it's big, scary and far away. But as well as all this, I also have a hunch. I didn't have it when I first set out, but now I want to pursue it all the way to the end of the road.

0. This article is taken from a ...
  - a) report on flying in hazardous conditions.
  - b) book about a very long journey.**
  - c) natural history book.
  - d) book about living in Alaska.
  
1. In the area around McCarthy you would NOT be surprised to find...
  - a) that the wild animals had retreated to the highest mountain peaks.
  - b) a few examples of dangerous wild animals.
  - c) that a lot of animals had been hunted to extinction.
  - d) a lot of dangerous wild animals.
  
2. Around a hundred years ago McCarthy was...
  - a) a small mining town located at a distance from the rest of the mining community.
  - b) an important centre for the mining community.
  - c) scarcely populated.
  - d) inhabited mainly by young people.
  
3. The reason the writer wants to visit McCarthy is because ...
  - a) he and the town share the same history and a name.
  - b) he wants to visit a huge, frightening place where his ancestors lived.
  - c) he has a feeling that he is going to find something there.
  - d) the town is the next to last stop of a long journey.

*Adapted from Advanced Placement English Tests. Macgraw Hill. 2008.*

**This text has 835 words**

**Number of questions included in the exam: 7**

**Total score: 15**

**Pass mark: 9 (60%)**

### **3. NIVELL C1. COMPRENSIÓ AUDITIVA (LISTENING COMPREHENSION)**

**Part 1: You are going to listen to an interview about English as a global language. You have TWO minutes to read the questions carefully. Choose the best answer from the options (A, B or C). You will hear the recording twice. The task begins with an example (0).**

## Number of questions included in the exam: 7

LISTEN: 

0. The journalist Robert McCrum has written a book about ...
  - a) English linguistics.
  - b) English grammar.
  - c) **The triumph of English.**
  
1. According to McCrum, the Anglo-Saxon language has its origins in what is present day ...
  - a) Sweden.
  - b) Denmark.
  - c) Germany.
  
2. According to what you have heard, which of the following statements is true?
  - a) There is no written history of the period around 500 AD.
  - b) The invasion of the people who spoke Anglo- Saxon was chronicled.
  - c) The Celts spoke English.
  
3. Many present day Anglo-Saxon English words are closely related to ...
  - a) farming and artisan activities.
  - b) the language of warriors.
  - c) courtly language.
  
4. Modern English is a mix of ...
  - a) Anglo-Saxon, Viking Norse and French.
  - b) Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and French.
  - c) German, Scandinavian and Anglo-Saxon.

Source: <http://www.npr.org>

**Part 2. You are going to hear a talk about Impressionist painting. You will have TWO minutes to read the text below carefully. Fill in the numbered gaps with ONE or TWO words that you will hear in the recording. You will hear the recording TWICE. The activity begins with an example (0).**

LISTEN: 

### ***The Impressionists***

Two great influences on Impressionists were (0) **indutrialization** and (1) \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_ .

The start of the Impressionist movement coincided with the upper classes going to the Normandy coast to bathe in the sea for (2)\_\_\_\_\_ reasons . The Impressionists followed these people attracted by the light, the sandy beaches and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ views.

Monet's painting, *Impression Sunrise*, depicting a (4)\_\_\_\_\_ball, actually gave the movement its name, although it was called (5)\_\_\_\_\_ by its critics.

Source: <http://www.npr.org>

**Number of questions included in the exam : 13**

**Total score: 20**

**Passmark: 12 (60%)**

#### **4. NIVELL C1. EXPRESSIÓ ESCRITA (WRITTEN COMPOSITION)**

**Write TWO of the following composition exercises. You must choose ONE topic from PART 1 and ONE from PART 2. Make sure that you follow the instructions for each task carefully and include all the information required.**

##### **PART 1.**

Write about **ONE** of the following topics (220-250 words):

**A.** You recently attended an exhibition. The exhibition was either in an Art Gallery or a museum. Write a **review** of the exhibition for a guidebook.

In your writing you should:

- describe the artist's work / the content of the exhibition
- describe your reaction to it
- evaluate the success of the exhibition

**B.** A catastrophic oil spill has caused damage to wildlife and destroyed people's livelihoods. Write an **article** for an international magazine.

In your writing you should:

- express your concern at the severity of this incident
- give ideas on how the disaster could have been avoided
- urge the need for closer regulation in future

##### **PART 2.**

Write about **ONE** of the following topics (280-300 words):

**A.** Write a **narrative** for a writing competition about a young person who decided to spend a year travelling at the age of 18, before going to university. Describe his/her initial expectations and the realities he/she experienced.

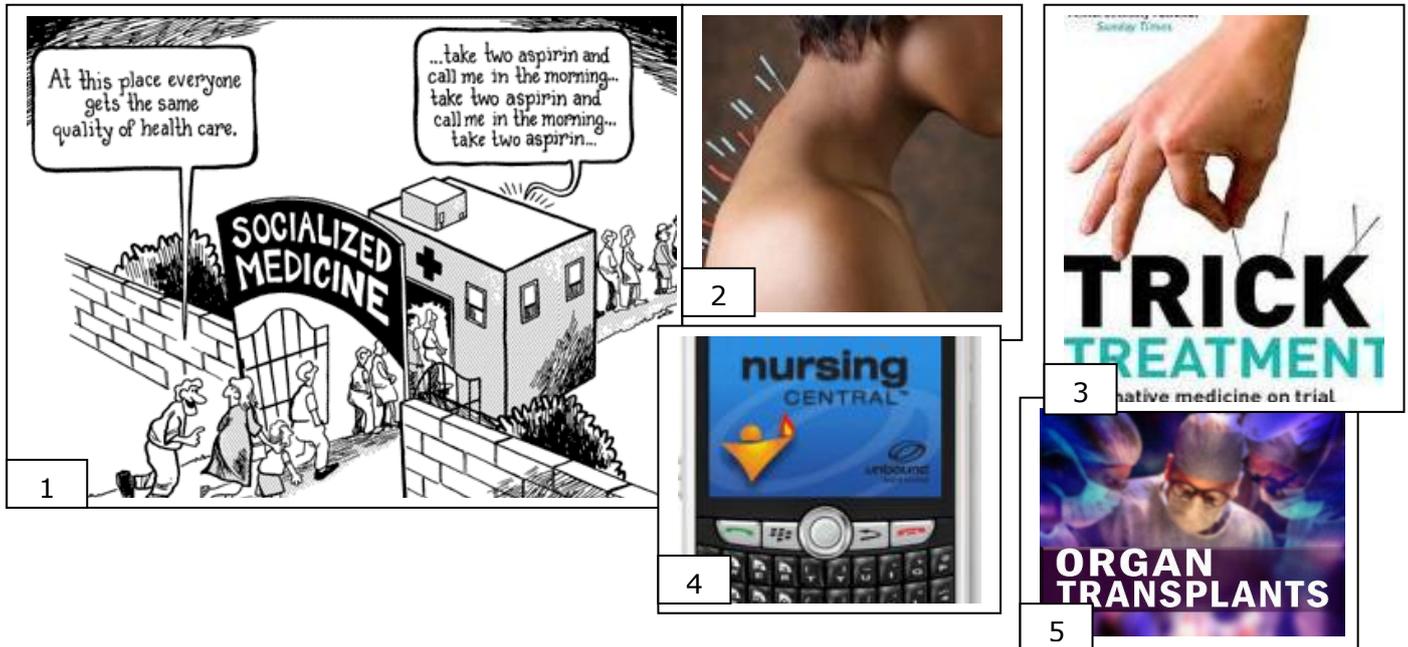
**B.** You were the successful candidate in a local election recently. Write your **diary** for the day the results were announced describing your reaction to your success and saying what you hope to achieve in your first year.

**Total score: 20**

**Pass mark: 12 (60%)**

#### **5. NIVELL C1. EXPRESSIÓ ORAL (SPEAKING TEST)**

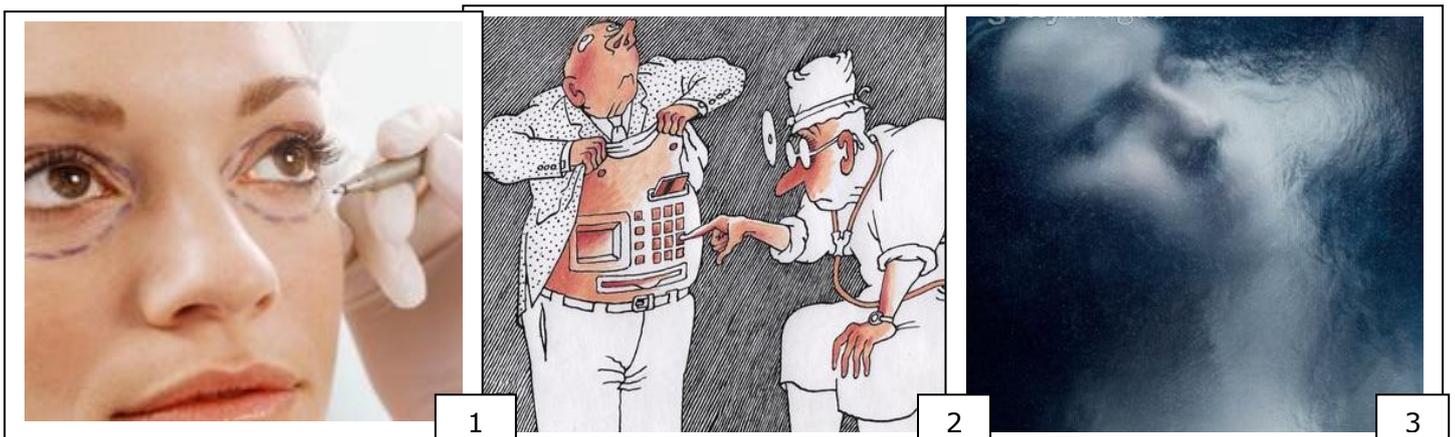
**The oral test includes 14 different topics. An example follows on page 8.**



**1** Pair Work: Discussion. Time: 3 minutes approx.

In pairs, look at the pictures about different aspects of medicine. Do you think alternative medicine is compatible with modern medicine? Do you think the national health service will still exist in 15 years' time? Would you donate your organs if you knew you were going to die? Is medical service on the internet to be trusted?

**2** CANDIDATE A: Talk about the pictures for approximately ONE minute without prompting.



- Are people too concerned with physical appearance? Is plastic surgery a solution in all cases?
- Is medical ethics important nowadays? To what extent is money more important than health?
- If you had the option of freezing your body in hopes that science would some day be able to bring you back to life, would you do it?