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PROVA DE CERTIFICACIÓ
NIVELL INTERMEDI B1
ANGLÈS

Prova escrita

CTE	COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS	60 minuts aprox.
CTO	COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS	30 minuts aprox.
PCTE	PRODUCCIÓ I COPRODUCCIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS	60 minuts aprox.
MLE	MEDIACIÓ LINGÜÍSTICA ESCRITA	35 minuts aprox.

Prova oral

PCTO	PRODUCCIÓ I COPRODUCCIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS	16 minuts aprox.
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CTE COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS 60 minuts aprox.

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. Read the following text about the history of a popular dish in the UK. For questions 1-5, choose the most appropriate option (A, B or C). The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. The task is worth a total of 10 marks.

The History of Chicken Tikka Masala

Although chicken tikka masala is very popular in the UK, it's not common in India, and most Indians are not big fans of it. In fact, it's not an Indian traditional dish. For those who don't know, it is made from boneless chicken marinated in yoghurt and spices and it's one of Britain's favourite meals.

Supermarket Sainsbury's sells 1.6 million chicken tikka masala meals every year. It's served all over the UK, especially in curry houses in the main streets of big cities like Brick Lane in London or Oxford Road in Manchester, which are known as the 'Curry Mile.'

The origin of chicken tikka masala is not clear. It's not a dish found in Indian cuisine, and it isn't in most Indian cookbooks. Food historians believe Bangladeshi chefs who moved to Britain in the 1960s created the dish to please British tastes. Others think it started in Pakistan. By 1983, British supermarket *Waitrose* was already selling chicken tikka masala as a ready-made meal. There's also a story that the dish was invented in Glasgow, Scotland. According to Asif Ali, the son of a chef at the *Shish Mahal* restaurant, his father created the dish in 1971 to please a customer. A bus driver ordered chicken tikka but complained that it didn't have gravy, a typical brown sauce that goes with British meat dishes. The chef quickly made a sauce using tomato soup, yogurt, and spices, calling it chicken tikka masala. The dish immediately became very famous in Britain.

There isn't a single recipe for chicken tikka masala. The sauce usually has tomato purée, cream, and spices like paprika. Some versions use food coloring or turmeric to make it orange. The cooking process starts with Indian techniques, like using a tandoor oven, which has been used in Asia for thousands of years. Chicken tikka, small boneless chicken pieces, is a common dish eaten as a starter in India.

For Chef Ranveer Brar, chicken tikka masala is basically a curry. Sauces became popular in India after the Portuguese brought tomatoes and chili peppers. Today, chicken tikka masala is served worldwide, from Britain to North America. It consists of British tastes with Indian origins. In 2001, British politician Robin Cook called chicken tikka masala a "British national dish."

Source: adapted from www.scmp.com

0. What is a good description of chicken tikka masala?

- A. It's a popular British dish.
- B. The Indian population loves it.
- C. It's a meat dish with lots of flavours.**

1. What is 'the curry mile' according to the text?

- A. A brand of tikka masala meals sold in some supermarkets.
- B. A chain of curry restaurants you can find all over the UK.
- C. A main street filled with curry restaurants in some cities.

2. What do we know about the origin of chicken tikka masala?

- A. It could originate from a Bangladeshi cook.
- B. Food historians agree with its origin.
- C. *Waitrose* supermarket invented it around 1980.

3. What happened in a restaurant in Glasgow?

- A. Asif Ali invented the dish with his father.
- B. A customer was unhappy with his meal.
- C. The chef put too much sauce in one order.

4. What is true about chicken tikka masala?

- A. It is a recipe that allows a variety of ingredients.
- B. Anybody can cook it at home with their oven.
- C. The chicken is cooked in the oven in one piece.

5. Why is chicken tikka masala considered a fusion dish?

- A. It is a mix of Indian and Portuguese cooking styles.
- B. It includes techniques from both North America and Britain.
- C. It was born in India but it is filled with British likes.

PART 2. MULTIPLE MATCHING. You will read five paragraphs about day trips around the UK. Match each question (1-6) with paragraphs A-E. When two answers are required, you can put them in any order. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. The task is worth a total of 6 marks.

Day Trips around the UK**A. Explore the Peak District National Park**

The Peak District offers amazing natural beauty with hills, trails with views, and lovely villages. Visitors can enjoy hiking, cycling, and even rock climbing. The area is family-friendly, with picnic spots and guided tours for all ages. Don't leave without trying the famous scones with cream, a famous dessert, in one of its cute cafes. Public transport and parking are widely available, making it easy to access.

B. Discover the History of Bath

Bath is famous for its Roman baths and Georgian buildings. Explore the ancient Roman Baths, learn about their history, and even take a spa day at the Thermae Bath Spa. The Jane Austen Centre provides information into the famous author's life. Bath also has great shopping streets. Trains from major cities connect to Bath, and walking tours are a must.

C. Walk through Stratford-upon-Avon

Stratford-upon-Avon is the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Visit his childhood home and see his plays performed at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Have a walk along the River Avon and enjoy its peaceful views. The town has plenty of cafes, and gift shops. Plenty of public transport options make it convenient for visitors.

D. Cruise the Canals of Birmingham

Birmingham’s canals are perfect for exploring by boat or on foot. Canal boat tours offer unique views of the city. You’ll find waterside restaurants and pubs to enjoy local food and drinks. Many paths are bike-friendly, and the area is suitable for families. It’s a great way to see the city from a different perspective.

E. Step back in Time in York

York’s historic beauty makes it a favorite destination. Visit York Minster, a stunning Gothic cathedral, or explore the medieval streets of The Shambles. Learn about the city’s Viking history at the Jorvik Viking Centre. The city is walkable, with plenty of cafes and shops to enjoy. Public transport and parking facilities are well-organized for visitors.

Source: adapted from *visitbritain.com*

Which of these options...

0. are perfect for nature lovers?	<u>A</u> / <u>C</u>
1. are a great choice for those who enjoy literature?	___ / ___
2. should you visit if you like architecture?	___ / ___
3. offer water related activities?	___ / ___
4. give you the chance to try typical food?	___ / ___
5. are the perfect destination for cyclists?	___ / ___
6. are convenient if you want to drive your car there?	___ / ___

PART 3. WORD SELECTION. Choose the word that best fits from the box below to fill in the gaps. There are TWO extra words you will not need. The task begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. The task is worth a total of 6 marks.

amount	only	trash	sick	bags
other	<u>surface</u>	bad	species	

Plastic Pollution

A sea turtle swims through the water and sees something floating near the **(0) surface**. The sea turtle thinks it’s food, so it swallows it. But the floating thing is not food at all - it’s a plastic bag that could make the sea turtle **(1)** .

This sea turtle isn’t alone: Over 700 **(2)** of marine animals have been reported to have eaten or been covered in plastic. Scientists think that the **(3)** of plastic in the ocean might triple by 2050. However, by understanding the issue and taking action, you can help stop that from happening.

First, let’s get real! Not all plastic is **(4)** . Bike helmets, air airbags, and many medical supplies made with plastic save lives. Plastic water bottles can bring clean drinking water to people who don’t have it.

There's a lot of **(5)** in the ocean. Scientists think that 8.8 million tons of plastic ends up in the ocean every year - that's as if you put together five plastic grocery bags full on top of each **(6)** on every foot of coastline in the world.

Source: text adapted from www.nationalgeographic.com

PART 4. GAP FILLING. VERB TENSES. Read the text about a special day at work and fill in the gaps 1-8 with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. The task is worth a total of 8 marks.

Casual Friday

Casual Friday **(0. BE) is** a special day at many workplaces. On this day, employees forget about their formal business clothes and wear more comfortable ones. Usually, people wear jeans, T-shirts, or other casual outfits. This tradition **(1. HELP)** employees feel more relaxed and enjoy their work environment.

Right now, many companies **(2. ADOPT)** this idea because it makes workers happy. When employees feel comfortable, they often work better. Some companies also use Casual Friday to introduce teamwork: small events or team lunches are organized to have fun at work.

The idea of Casual Friday started in the past, around the 1950s, in Hawaii. It **(3. BEGIN)** as "Aloha Friday," where people enjoyed **(4. WEAR)** Hawaiian shirts to work. Later, this concept spread to other parts of the world and it **(5. BECOME)** the Casual Friday we know today.

If your company **(6. CELEBRATE)** Casual Friday, you can plan your outfit the night before. For example, if you have a meeting, you can choose something casual but still professional. But don't worry if your office **(7. NOT HAVE)** Casual Friday, you can suggest it to your boss. Maybe they **(8. LIKE)** the idea, and next week, everyone could enjoy a more relaxed day.

Source: adapted from apparelstarusa.com

CTE ANSWER SHEET

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. The History of Chicken Tikka Masala

0.	<u>C</u>		2.			4.		
1.			3.			5.		

PART 2. MULTIPLE MATCHING. Day Trips Around the UK

0.	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>		2.				4.				6.			
1.				3.				5.							

PART 3. WORD SELECTION. Plastic Pollution

0.	<u>surface</u>		2.			4.			6.		
1.			3.			5.					

PART 4. GAP FILLING. VERB TENSES. Casual Friday

0.	<u>is</u>		3.			6.		
1.			4.			7.		
2.			5.			8.		

CTO COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS 30 minuts aprox.

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. You will hear a conversation between Richard and Jackie about growing up. Choose the option (A, B or C) which best answers the questions according to what you hear. You will hear the recording twice. You have ONE AND A HALF minutes to read the questions. The activity begins with an example (0). The task is worth a total of 6 marks.

Growing Up**0. What are they talking about?**

- A. Something some of us do.
- B. Leaving home.**
- C. Going out at night.

1. What do they mention about money when they were young?

- A. They already knew how to save and spend money.
- B. They opened a bank account and felt like adults.
- C. When they paid their bills, they felt good.

2. What was Jackie's accommodation while at university?

- A. She stayed in college with all the commodities.
- B. She was first in a big room that she didn't like.
- C. She eventually moved to a house with more people.

3. Which was Richard's experience with accommodation?

- A. He shared a flat when he was at university.
- B. He shared a flat with two responsible men.
- C. He had problems with a flatmate.

4. What do they say about cooking and meals?

- A. Jackie was unable to cook.
- B. Richard was not good at it.
- C. It's still a problem for students.

5. What do they mention about washing clothes?

- A. Jackie had a laundrette near home to wash her clothes.
- B. Laundrettes are more popular now than before.
- C. Richard's mum washed his clothes when he was young.

6. What is something they mention about being independent?

- A. You know how to organise your time.
- B. Staying out all night is a great plan.
- C. You choose when to work or study and meet friends.

PART 2. SENTENCE SELECTION. You will hear a recording talking about a chocolate factory. Decide which sentences are TRUE (✓) and which are FALSE (X) according to what you hear. You will hear the recording twice. You have ONE minute to read the sentences. The activity begins with an example (0). The task is worth a total of 9 marks.

The Chocolate Factory

	TRUE ✓	FALSE X
0. <i>Roald Dahl died in 1990 and he wrote 30 books during his life.</i>	✓	
1. In the story, Charlie Bucket wins a golden chocolate bar.		
2. Beth says she visited a chocolate factory once.		
3. In the programme they interview Willy Wonka.		
4. Hela has a job that most people would dislike.		
5. More than 6,000 workers are part of Fazer's team in Finland.		
6. Hela feels satisfied with her team and their creations.		
7. After creating a new chocolate bar, Hela's team decides when to start selling it.		
8. One of Hela's successful bars uses berries.		
9. <i>Mars</i> bars are very popular: 3 million bars are eaten daily.		

Source: audio adapted from *bbc.com*

PART 3. SENTENCE COMPLETION. You will hear someone talking about films and real life. Complete each sentence with one or two words you hear in the recording. You will hear the recording twice. You have ONE AND A HALF minutes to read the sentences. The activity begins with an example (0). The task is worth a total of 10 marks.

Films and Real Life

- Film **(0) directors** make changes because real life is boring.
- In real life, when we go to a restaurant we wait to get our **(1)** _____ and sit.
- People in films always find a(n) **(2)** _____ / **(3)** _____ just outside the restaurant.
- They don't often wear a(n) **(4)** _____ / **(5)** _____ because they want to seem cool.
- When they drive, they often don't **(6)** _____ that a car is following them.
- They never **(7)** _____ their car doors after they leave.
- When they drive in the films, the driver looks at the **(8)** _____ when they talk.
- When on holiday, they **(9)** _____ / _____ light suitcases.
- In film hospitals, it's easy to kill the **(10)** _____ because there is nobody around.


Source: adapted from podcasts.inenglish.com

PCTE PRODUCCIÓ I COPRODUCCIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS 60 minuts aprox.

You must complete **PART 1** and choose **ONE** option from **PART 2**. Make sure you follow the instructions for each task carefully and include all the information required. Write your answers in the space given. Each task is worth a total of 10 marks.

PART 1

You receive an email from your French friend Julie inviting you to join her next week in Paris.

Hi!
 How are things on your island?
 Guess who has two tickets to go to Roland Garros-Paris  to see your favourite tennis player...
 We could go together and have a great time! Are you available next week? How long can you stay?
 Please, tell me what you did last time you came to visit me, because I've forgotten and I don't want to take you to the same places again.
 In my neighbourhood there are lots of new and exotic restaurants, can you tell me what you would like to try this time?
 I'm so excited...I can't wait!
 Sending you a big hug, *Julie*

Write an **informal email** to Julie answering all of her questions. Use **80-100 words**.

PART 2

Write about **ONE** of the following topics. Use **130-150 words**.

OPTION A

You want to take a gap year but you don't have much money. You think that a good option is to apply for a volunteering programme in the UK in the *Animal Care Support Centre* you've read about on Instagram. You should write a letter where you include:

- age, personal description and allergies (if any),
- studies and previous experience,
- when you are available (days of the week and times),
- favourite pets,
- reasons why you apply.

Write your **application letter**.

OPTION B

You are working for a big Irish company. At the moment, some of you are working from home and others at the office. The company is growing, and they want to make sure all employees are happy working with them. They ask you to write an article to publish in the employee's magazine where you explain the advantages and disadvantages of working from home.

Write your **opinion article**.

MLE MEDIACIÓ LINGÜÍSTICA ESCRITA 35 minuts aprox.

There are **TWO** tasks in this test. You must do **BOTH** tasks using the information given. Use your own words as far as possible. Write your answers in the space given. Each task is worth a total of 10 marks.

TASK 1

CONTEXT: Your younger sister, who eats out almost everyday. She often complains about not eating healthily and having very little money left at the end of the month. While scrolling through your favourite social network, you find the image below.


TASK: Write her a **WhatsApp message** with the benefits of cooking at home using your own words as far as possible. Use **70 words** approx.





TASK 2

CONTEXT: Your boss asks you to find a new restaurant in town for work meetings. You find one, *The Perfect Filet*, and read the reviews below to check if it is the correct place.

TASK: Write a short **email** to your boss summarising the main points from the reviews of *The Perfect Filet*. Use **70 words** approx.

 **Review 1:** *The food at this restaurant is amazing! Everything was fresh, hot, and full of flavour. I tried the steak, and it was cooked perfectly. My friend had the pasta, and she loved it too! The portions were just right, and the desserts were so tasty. I can't wait to try more dishes next time!*

 **Review 2:** *I loved this restaurant! The lighting is warm, the music is soft, and the decorations are lovely. It feels cozy but also elegant. It's a perfect place for business. We felt relaxed the whole time. I really enjoyed the experience!*

 **Review 3:** *I made a reservation online, and it took just a few seconds. When we arrived, they already had our table ready. No waiting, no problems! I love how organized they are. I will definitely book again for my next visit!*

PRODUCCIÓ I COPRODUCCIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS

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There are **TWO** parts in this test. You must do **BOTH**.

PART 1: You have **1** minute to read the statements and begin the conversation. The task is worth a total of 10 marks.

PART 2: You have **4** minutes to prepare your monologue. The task is worth a total of 10 marks.

TOPIC: WORK AND LEISURE



PART 1. CONVERSATION (5 minutes approx.)

Talk to each other about some of the following.

1. In the pictures above you can see some photos of different jobs. Which job do you think is the most difficult? Which one would you prefer to do?
2. Would you prefer an indoor job or an outside one? Why?
3. Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job?
4. Why is it important to spend some time in the day relaxing?

PART 2. MONOLOGUE (2 minutes approx.)

Preparation time: 4 minutes

Talk about at least **TWO** of the following ideas. You may make some notes (words, phrases or an outline) for your talk (5 lines max.). The examiner may ask you further questions about the topic.

Student A

- Is it common for people from your country to have one job for life?
- How would you like to spend your days when you retire?
- Do you think people had more or less free time in the past?

Student B

- If you could own your own business, what would it be?
- How have working conditions changed in recent years? Do you think they have improved?
- What were your hobbies when you were a child?

FULL DE RESPOSTES

CTE COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. The History of Chicken Tikka Masala

0.	<u>C</u>		2.	A		4.	A	
1.	C		3.	B		5.	C	

PART 2. MULTIPLE MATCHING. Day Trips Around the UK

0.	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>		2.	B	E		4.	A	D		6.	A	E	
1.	B	C		3.	B	D		5.	A	D					

PART 3. WORD SELECTION. Plastic Pollution

0.	<u>surface</u>		2.	species		4.	bad		6.	other	
1.	sick		3.	amount		5.	trash				

PART 4. GAP FILLING. VERB TENSES. Casual Friday

0.	<u>is</u>		3.	began		6.	celebrates	
1.	helps		4.	wearing		7.	doesn't have	
2.	are adopting		5.	became / has become		8.	will like	

CTO COMPRENSIÓ DE TEXTOS ORALS

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. Growing Up

0.	<u>B</u>		2.	C		4.	A		6.	C	
1.	B		3.	C		5.	A				

PART 2. SENTENCE SELECTION. The Chocolate Factory

	TRUE ✓	FALSE X
0.	✓	
1.		X
2.		X
3.		X
4.		X
5.	✓	
6.	✓	
7.	✓	
8.	✓	
9.		X

PART 3. SENTENCE COMPLETION. Films and Real Life

0.	<u>directors</u>	6.	notice
1.	reservation	7.	lock
2.	parking	8.	passenger
3.	spot	9.	pick up
4.	seat	10.	patient
5.	belt		