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|  | ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL  Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras  CELEX – ESPOL  Basic A  Questions v4 |  |

I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read the article about Elaine Walsh, a lottery winner.

Big winner is a big loser

Elaine Walsh bought her first and only lottery ticket in July 1999. That evening she won £12.5 million. “It was a dream come true,” said Elaine. “I thought I could do everything I wanted.”

Elaine, a single mother, took her parents and two children on a cruise round the world. “It was beautiful,” said Elaine. “We sailed on a fantastic cruise ship. We went to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Sydney, Singapore. It was incredible.”

Things went well until Elaine returned home. “I just wanted to be me. I worked in the local primary school as a cook. When I got back to work my friends were very different. They didn’t speak to me in a normal way. They didn’t understand why I wanted to work. I had the feeling that they didn’t like me any more.”

Elaine left her job and moved with her two children to a large house in the countryside. There was a swimming pool and a stable for their three horses. “It was a beautiful house,” said Anne, Elaine’s twelve-year-old daughter. “For a few weeks I was a very popular girl.”

“Suddenly, I had a lot of friends,” said nine-year-old Tom, Elaine’s son. “They often came round and swam in our pool or rode our horses.”

But Elaine, Anne and Tom soon found out that their “friends” were not real friends. “They only wanted us for our money,” said Elaine. “I wanted to be a normal woman, but it simply wasn’t possible.”

It was January 2001 that Elaine, Anne and Tom took the biggest decision of their lives. They decided to sell their house and give all their money to charity. “It was such a relief,” said Elaine, who now lives in a small flat with Anne and Tom. “Now I am a normal woman again. I got my job back at the school. My colleagues think I’m crazy, but I am happy. I haven’t got the money any more.”

Vocabulary

charity – fundación

Are the statements true or false? (8 marks)

1. Elaine often bought lottery tickets.
2. She is married.
3. When she won the lottery, she went on a trip around the world with her family.
4. After she won the lottery, Elaine didn’t want to work.
5. Elaine lost her friends when she became rich.
6. Tom made lots of new friends and invited them to his house.
7. The money didn’t make Elaine and her children happy.
8. Elaine lost all her money.

Answer the questions. (3 marks)

9-10. What did Elaine and her family like doing when they were rich? Write two things.

11. What didn’t Elaine and her family like when they were rich?

Match the words (12-17) from the article with the definitions (a-f). Write the correct letter next to each number. (3 marks)

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| 12. the lottery  13. cruise ship  14. in the countryside  15. stable  16. relief  17. crazy | a. not in the city  b. a place where horses live  c. a type of competition  d. relaxed feeling after you resolve a problem  e. big, expensive boat  f. not normal |

Read the article and do the activity.

Woman With Gucci Bag Says No

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| Monday July 31, 2006 HONG KONG (Reuters) Police took a woman off an airplane after she refused to put her handbag under the seat.  The woman in the airplane refused to put her Gucci handbag under the seat in front of her or in the compartment above her seat, Apple Daily said Monday.  Passengers on the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong to Tokyo waited for an hour while flight attendants tried to get the woman to put her Gucci handbag on the floor or in the overhead compartment. | Other passengers clapped when armed police took the woman with the bag off the airplane. The woman later apologized. She and four friends who also got off the same flight later took another Cathay Pacific flight to Tokyo.  "There was no problem on the other flight," a Cathay Pacific spokeswoman said.  Vocabulary  seat - chair |

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Answer the following questions. (6 marks)

18. Where did the problem happen?

19. What didn’t the woman want to do?

20. What kind of bag did she have?

21. Which airline company was involved?

22. Did the woman travel to Tokyo?

23. Was there a problem on the second flight?

II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Answer the following questions. Use full sentences. (5 marks)

Example: What´s your name? My name´s Paul.

24. Where are you from?

25. What can a tourist do in Guayaquil? (Write one activity)

26. How old is your best friend?

27. What time do you get up on Sundays?

28. How many brothers and sisters have you got?

Answer the following questions. Use short answers. (5 marks)

Example: Are you Ecuadorian? Yes, I am

29. Have you got a mobile phone?

30. Do you like cats?

31. Is Mr. Sanchez your English teacher?

32. Do people wear jumpers on the beach?

33. Is there a cable car in Quito?

Choose four adjectives from the box and compare Baños and Salinas. Use the comparative form of the adjectives. (4 marks)

noisy boring crowded hot

modern safe friendly

Example: Salinas is noisier than Baños.

34. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

35. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

36. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

37. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Look at the picture. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? If they are false, correct them.

(5 marks)

Example: Tina is wearing a dress.

F She’s wearing a t-shirt and trousers.

38. Mark is wearing jeans.

39. Mark is eating an apple.

40. Mark’s got a video camera.

41. Tina is drinking water.

42. Tina’s got a personal stereo.

43. Mark is wearing a shirt.

Complete the following sentences. Use the correct object (me, you, him, her …) or subject pronoun (I, you , he, she …). (6 marks)

Example: Do you like chocolate?

Yes, I love it !

44. Freddy and Sally are old school friends, but I still see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a lot.

45. Pop music is terrific. My friends and I like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_very much.

46. Thalía is a great singer, but my brother doesn’t like \_\_\_\_\_\_.

47. My children are good students. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_always get the best grades in the class.

48. Lima isn’t a very nice city. I hated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

49. It’s Gary’s birthday tomorrow. What shall we get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Complete the sentences with the correct past simple form of the verb. (7 marks)

Example: Jenny sees a lot of films in her free time. Last Saturday, she saw a good comedy.

1. John leaves home at 8 o’clock every morning, but yesterday he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30.
2. We usually go to Italy on holiday, but last year we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Spain.
3. Paul often has coffee for breakfast, but yesterday he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tea.
4. I meet a lot of interesting people in my job. Last month, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a famous actor.
5. We climb mountains in our holidays. Last year, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mount Chimborazo in Ecuador.
6. I want to be a doctor now, but when I was a child I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a housewife!
7. I normally buy bread at the baker’s, but yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it at the supermarket.

Put the words in the sentences in the correct order. (2 marks)

Example: jogging / David / always / every / goes / morning

David always goes jogging every morning.

57. television / often / Carl / watches

58. never / is / Tom/ angry

59. Mike / often / radio / listens / the / to

60. office / is / Robert / morning / always / the / in / in / his

Write the questions for these answers.

(5 marks)

Example: What did you have for lunch yesterday?

I had hamburger and chips.

61. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this morning?

I got up at 7.30.

62. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Ireland?

They moved last year.

63. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last summer?

We stayed in a hotel near the beach.

64. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last Saturday?

He went to the theatre.

65. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?

She was at home all day.

Choose the correct item (a, b, c or d) to complete the sentences. (5 marks)

66. I get up \_\_\_\_\_\_ 7.30am.

a. at b. on c. a d. from

67. I always watch television \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the evening.

a. at b. in c. on d. from

68. That boy goes to bed late \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night.

a. in the b. in c. on the d. at

69. She has lunch \_\_\_\_\_\_ one o’clock \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon.

a. at/at b. in /in c. in / at d. at / in

70. How \_\_\_\_ bottles of water did he drink yesterday?

a. much b. some c. many d. any

71. How \_\_\_\_\_\_ meat did you buy at the butcher’s?

a. many b. much c. a d. any

72. There isn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ milk in the fridge!

a. no b. many c. any d. some

73. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurants in Malecón 2000.

a. any b. some c. much d. a

74. You can go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ walks in the historic park.

a. in b. with c. out d. for

75. We stayed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a hotel in Cuenca.

a. in b. with c. out d. for

Write the opposite of these words. (4 marks)

76. beautiful 79. slow 82. laugh

77. wrong 80. poor 83. lose

78. never 81. remember

Match the furniture and the room (a-d). (2 marks)

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| Furniture | Room |
| 84. a double bed  85. a sofa  86. a sink  87. a toilet | a. living room  b. bedroom  c. bathroom  d. kitchen |

III. Listening practice (20 marks)

88-91.Listen to the recording of a conversation in a restaurant. Write the things the customer orders. (4 marks)

Antonio´s Restaurant

Food

Neapolitan pizza £6.50

Margherita pizza £5.50

Burger and chips £5.25

Chicken salad £6.00

Mixed salad £3.50

Drinks

Glass of wine (red or white) £2.95

Bottle of beer £2.50

Bottle of still mineral water £1.75

Bottle of sparkling mineral water £1.75

Coffee £1.50

92. How much is the bill?

Listen to the recording about Patricia’s new flat. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

(7 marks)

Example: Patricia was on holiday last week. F

93. Patricia’s new flat is in Green Street.

94. There are four rooms in her flat.

95. There are some armchairs, but there isn’t a sofa.

96. Patricia hasn’t got a double bed.

97. Martin has got an old table he doesn’t want.

98. Martin can’t take the table to Patricia’s flat.

99. Martin’s phone number is 556043.

Listen to the recording about David’s birthday. Choose the correct answers. (8 marks)

Example: It was David’s birthday yesterday/last week. last week

100. His birthday was on April 7th/17th

101. On his birthday, he went to London/Brighton with his family.

102. He’s got two sons/ a son and a daughter.

103. They went to the beach/shopping in the morning.

104. They had lunch in a Chinese/Italian restaurant.

105. The restaurant name was Parms/Palms.

106. The restaurant is near the station/beach.

107. Julia wants her boyfriend/husband to take her to the restaurant.

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: What is your favourite possession? Describe it. (5 marks)

Question Two: What did you do last weekend? Describe your weekend. (5 marks)