

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)

12. the lottery a. not in the city

13. cruise ship14. in the countryside15. a place where horses live16. a type of competition

15. stable d. relaxed feeling after you resolve a problem

16. relief e. big, expensive boat

17. crazy f. not normal

Read the article and do the activity.

Woman With Gucci Bag Says No

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 Tokyo. front of her or in the compartment above her seat, Apple Daily said "There 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

"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 <u>full</u> 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 <u>short</u> <u>answers</u>. (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 <u>it</u> !
44. Freddy and Sally are old school friends, but I
still seea 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 <u>sees</u> a lot of films in her free
time. Last Saturday, she <u>saw</u> a good comedy.
50. John leaves home at 8 o'clock every
morning, but yesterday he
at 7.30.
51. We usually go to Italy on holiday, but last year we to Spain.
52. Paul often has coffee for breakfast, but
yesterday he tea.
53. I meet a lot of interesting people in my job.
Last month, I a famous actor.
54. We climb mountains in our holidays. Last
year, we Mount Chimborazo
in Ecuador.
55. I want to be a doctor now, but when I was a
child I to be a housewife!
56. 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.				
63last summer?				
We stayed in a hotel near the beach.				
64last Saturday?				
He went to the theatre.				
He went to the theatre. 65 yesterday?				

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

66. I get u	ıp 7.	30am.		
a. at	o. on	c. a	d. from	
67. I alwa	ys watch te	levision	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 ha	as lunch	one o'clo	ck the	
afternoor	ι.			
a. at/at	b. in /in	c. in / at	d. at / in	
70. How bottles of water did he drink				
yesterday	<i>7</i> ?			
			1	
a. much	b. some	c. many	d. any	
			d. any at the butcher's?	
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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)

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

III. Listening practice (20 marks)

88-91.Listen to the recording of a conversation in a restaurant. <u>Write</u> 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)