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Bi testu independente ditu (A aukera eta B aukera).

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***No olvides incluir el código en cada una de las hojas de examen.***

Consta de dos textos independientes (opción A y opción B).

Debes elegir una de las opciones y responder a las preguntas según las indicaciones.

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## OPTION A

### BEING LATE

You probably know someone who never shows up when you want them to and when they finally appear 20 minutes later, they always have an excuse. They just are “late people”.

Punctual people often say that those who arrive late are selfish. Blogger Greg Savage says late people don't think your time is as valuable as theirs. Technology makes it worse because it seems texting that you are late somehow means you are no longer late, so there is no need to apologise or try to be on time. However, reasons for lateness are generally more complex.

People who are often late tend to be unreasonably optimistic about how many things they can do or how long it takes to do something. They remember the one time they got ready in 20 minutes or they got to work in seven, instead of realising that most days it takes twice as long.

Some people are motivated by the excitement of completing a task just on time, so they risk being late. Punctual people tend to be more cautious, preferring to meet deadlines with plenty of time to spare. They leave room in their plans for unpredictable problems, like traffic or misplacing their keys, whereas late people think that showing up early is a waste of time.

Other people are late because they lose themselves in whatever they are doing and don't discover what time it is until it's too late, or don't like having to end one activity and start another. Stopping something we are enjoying in order to do something else can be annoying and it takes willpower.

Being late may be part of a power game, showing who is in charge, who holds the power to make others wait. It can also be a way of complaining when we are being forced to do something against our will.

There are many explanations for why people are late all the time. Nevertheless, late people may still be able to change, unless they don't want to. It must be a conscious decision; if they just say they will “try” to be on time, they won't be.



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## OPTION A

I.- Answer 4 out of the following 6 questions according to the information given in the text. **WRITE COMPLETE SENTENCES USING YOUR OWN WORDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT.** (Choose 4 out of the 6 questions) (4 marks)

1. Why does technology make things worse regarding people who are usually late?
2. Why are late people too optimistic about how long doing things takes?
3. What do punctual people do to avoid being late?
4. Why does being punctual take willpower?
5. Why can being late be part of a power game?
6. How can late people change and start being punctual?

II.- Are these statements **True** or **False**? **Justify** your answers based on information from the text, rewriting the original sentences in your own words or quoting properly. (Choose 2 out of the 3 statements) (2 marks).

1. The only reason people are late is that they are selfish.
2. Some people are late because they don't realise what time it is when they are very focused on one activity.
3. Being late is a way of showing we are doing something we don't want to do.

III.- Find the words or expressions in the text that mean: (Choose 4 out of the 6 questions) (1 mark)

1. someone who cares only about himself or herself
2. worthwhile, important
3. to ask for forgiveness
4. time limits by which things must be done
5. irritating, troublesome
6. resolution, choice

IV.- Write a **composition** of about 130 words on **one** of these topics. Specify your option. (3 marks)

1. "Being late shows a lack of respect for others". Write an opinion essay about this topic.
2. Have you or somebody you know ever had a big problem due to being late? Explain.



## OPTION B

### LHAKPA SHERPA

Lhakpa Sherpa was the first Nepalese woman to climb and descend Everest in 2000. The term "Sherpa" does not actually mean "mountain guide," as many people believe, but instead refers to an ancient ethnic community located in the mountainous regions of Nepal in the Himalayas.

The economy and culture of the Sherpa people changed drastically in the early 1900s, when mountaineers made Everest, the world's highest mountain, a key destination for climbing and Sherpas achieved worldwide fame as mountain guides. That brought an era of mountain tourism to the area. Before that, Sherpas were known as farmers and salt traders.

At the beginning, not many Sherpas agreed to climb Everest since it is a sacred mountain to them and they were afraid of offending their God. However, nowadays most of them are proud of their role as climbing guides. Money has a lot to do with it. According to the Washington Post, during the three-month climbing season, a good Sherpa guide can earn as much as \$6000. This is a fortune to many Nepalese, who earn \$48 a month on average.

Hiking Everest has many risks and a safe return home is never guaranteed. Lhakpa Sherpa explains that each climbing season, six to ten climbers die on the mountain because of snow storms, avalanches, falls or the high-altitude lack of oxygen. She adds that if there weren't any Sherpas, nobody could climb Everest. "Why do we do this dangerous job?" she asks. "Because the alternative is to make very little money growing potatoes."

Lhakpa Sherpa grew up in a remote village without electricity in the Nepalese Himalayas. She was born at home and there were no birth certificates in her small village at the time, so she isn't sure of her exact age. When she was a little girl, she used to dream of being a doctor or an airplane pilot, but she wasn't allowed to attend school because she had to help her mother with the farm and the housework.

Lhakpa Sherpa has climbed Mount Everest nine times and she holds the world record for women. She plans to climb the world's highest mountain again in 2020. However, she is having trouble finding a sponsor to raise the money she needs for her expedition.

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**OPTION B**

**I.-** Answer 4 out of the following 6 questions according to the information given in the text. **WRITE COMPLETE SENTENCES USING YOUR OWN WORDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT.** (Choose 4 out of the 6 questions) (4 marks)

1. Who are the Sherpas?
2. What happened at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that changed the Sherpa economy and culture?
3. Why didn't the Sherpa people want to climb Everest at first?
4. Why do Sherpas agree to climb Mount Everest nowadays?
5. What did Lhakpa Sherpa want to be when she grew up?
6. What problems is Lhakpa Sherpa having with her next expedition?

**II.-** Are these statements **True** or **False**? **Justify** your answers based on information from the text, rewriting the original sentences in your own words or quoting properly. (Choose 2 out of the 3 statements) (2 marks).

1. Everest is a dangerous mountain and every year people die trying to climb it.
2. Lhakpa Sherpa knows her exact age.
3. Lhakpa Sherpa is planning her 10th Everest expedition.

**III.-** Find the words or expressions in the text that mean: (Choose 4 out of the 6 questions) (1 mark)

1. very old, having existed for a very long time
2. a very large sum of money
3. risky, unsafe
4. far from civilization, isolated
5. regular work done in housekeeping, especially cleaning and tidying
6. promoter, backer, patron

**IV.-** Write a **composition** of about 130 words on **one** of these topics. Specify your option. (3 marks)

1. "Lhakpa Sherpa holds the female world record for climbing Everest but she is having trouble finding a sponsor. The gap between males and females in sport is quite obvious if you compare salaries, audiences, and recognition in almost any event." Write an opinion essay on this topic.
2. Some sports, like mountaineering, rock climbing or sky diving, are dangerous. Are you in favour of extreme sports? Why? Do you practise any of them or do you know anybody who does? Explain.



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