



# PRUEBA DE CERTIFICACIÓN

## NIVEL B1

### LENGUA INGLESA

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## INFORME DE RESULTADOS

### Calificaciones por destrezas

Comprensión de lectura	
Comprensión auditiva	
Expresión e interacción escrita	
Expresión e interacción oral	

### Calificación final global

Apto

No apto

### Examinadores

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## COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

Duración de la prueba: 60 minutos

### Calificaciones parciales

Tarea 1	Tarea 2	Tarea 3	Final
___ / 30	___ / 35	___ / 35	___ / 100

### Calificación final

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COMPRESIÓN DE LECTURA

## TASK 1

Read the article about things people should do in a job interview. Choose the most suitable heading (B-H) for each part (1-5) of the article. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use. The first one (0) has been done for you as an example.

### 5 Things You Should Do in a Job Interview

Dec 2013 | By Lindsay Roseman

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One of the most well-received and highly ranked panels from RE:WORK IV was the Human Resources Cage Match. The panel included Mary Beth Barrett-Newman, President of 2nd Career Consulting, and Beth Facette-Dent of Dept. 11. Take a few tips from these human resource professionals to make sure you rock the interview and secure an offer.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

Do everything you can to learn about the company before going into the interview. Scour their website, do a few Google searches, and check out their social-media sites (while you're at it, clean up your own, because they'll be looking, too!). Find out if the company has been in the news lately, how it got started, who the president is, etc. You should know big names and projects and be able to talk about them if the interviewer brings them up.

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Appearances matter! Always dress on the conservative side, although your style may change based on the position and company for which you're interviewing. For business positions, a suit is always a safe bet. For more creative fields, you can never go wrong with a pencil skirt, tucked-in blouse and sensible pumps. Show your personality with accessories or a colored bag.

3) \_\_\_\_\_

"Turn a negative into a positive about what you have done," Barrett-Newman says. For example, if someone asks if you can create budgets and you can't, that's OK, but don't frame it that way. Say that while you haven't created a budget from scratch, you are excellent at managing projects that come in at or below budget. Then proceed to give a real-life example.

4) \_\_\_\_\_

Carefully reread the job description before the interview, and provide specific examples of how you meet the criteria. If a requirement is the ability to write a press release, talk about ones you have written before; better yet, bring one with you to the interview.

5) \_\_\_\_\_

Think of a few questions you'd like to ask the hiring manager about the position, and write them down so you'll remember them at the end of the interview. Not sure what to ask? What should you avoid asking? Whether or not the workplace is "family friendly." Even though your kids may be the most important part of your life, you want to let the interviewer know that the job will be your number one priority.

Source: <http://www.makeitbetter.net/better-you/careers/5698-9-things-you-should-do-in-a-job-interview>

**Headings:**

**A. You've landed a job interview. Congratulations! Now, all you've got to do is nail it.**

**B. Always answer questions positively.**

**C. Ask questions.**

**D. Choose appropriate clothing.**

**E. Demonstrate that you can do the things listed on the job description.**

**F. Do your research.**

**G. Follow up.**

**H. Pick three things you want to say about yourself during the interview and say them!**

	Answer	Examiner
0	A	✓
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
TOTAL		x 6 =

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## TASK 2

You are going to read about some festivities that are popular in some English-speaking countries. Match the festivities (6-10) with the descriptions below (B-H). There are two extra descriptions that you do not need to use. **The first one (0) has been done for you as an example.**

### Festivities

0. *It takes place the 31<sup>st</sup> of October and the typical festive activities are trick-or-treating, going to costume parties (vampires, witches, monsters...), decorating pumpkins, telling scary stories, watching horror films...*
6. The first of May is an international bank holiday which is also known as Labour Day in most countries. Recently in the United Kingdom, the anti-capitalism movement has organised protests and more peaceful demonstrations, especially in central London. Special fireworks are thrown in the evening
7. This day is mainly celebrated in the United Kingdom and the United States, but it is not a bank holiday. On this day, people play jokes on their friends and relatives. This day is known as "April Fool's Day". It takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and it has been popular since the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
8. Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated mainly in the United States (mid November) and Canada (late October). It is a time when families join together and have a special meal consisting of several dishes, being turkey the main one.
9. Boxing Day takes place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. Traditionally servants and tradesmen used to receive money and presents, a Christmas box, from their bosses. Nowadays it is a bank holiday in some countries, especially in the United Kingdom. It is also a relevant day because shops offer special discounts and bargains.
10. This religious and cultural holiday is celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. It commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland and the heritage of the Irish. The green is the colour of Irish Catholics (supposedly, St. Patrick used shamrock to teach the Irish about the Trinity, so the colour green and the shape of shamrock came to symbolize the Irish Christianity).

### Descriptions

- A.** *The goal of this celebration is to frighten evils and bad spirits. Especially in England and the United States, children knock at people's doors asking for some sweets.*
- B.** In the past, domestic service was given boxes containing food that was not eaten during Christmas in Britain, Canada and some states of Australia. Currently, this day is considered the start of the winter sales period in Great Britain.
- C.** It is a labour day in which funny stories are reported by the mass media on that day and over the following days in some English-speaking countries. Others have similar celebrations, but they take place on a different time of the year, although the purpose is the same: laughing at each other!
- D.** On this special family lunch celebration, popular dishes are served. These include, apart from the main dish, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, etc. Depending on the country, this celebration takes place one or two months before Christmas' time.
- E.** This festivity started being celebrated after some event that occurred in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Although it was originally conceived as a protest against the government and the Catholic Church, it is now celebrated with parties around bonfires and fireworks at night. Its celebration in Northern Ireland remains controversial.
- F.** It's a traditional spring celebration in some countries. It coincides with International Workers' Day in most countries, where marches and gatherings are held. However, some others, such as the United States, celebrate this bank holiday on other dates significant to them.
- G.** This Christian celebration is represented in festivals and public parades and in the wearing of green vestments and accessories as a symbol of the colours of the country.
- H.** This day means the beginning of Christmas shopping season, when you can get price reductions in shops and online. It was common that shops opened at 6:00 PM for many years. A new extreme took place in 2011 when several shops opened at midnight for the first time.

	0	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Answer</b>	A					
<b>Examiner</b>	✓					
<b>TOTAL</b>				_____ x 7 = _____		



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### TASK 3

**Read this text about a girl and her experience in Sheffield. For questions 11-15, choose the best answer (A, B or C). Write your answers below. There is an example (0) at the beginning.**

#### MY EXPERIENCE IN SHEFFIELD

I travelled to Sheffield 4 years ago, when I was studying my languages degree at university. Sheffield is an industrial (metallurgy and steel-making) city and the third largest English district by population.

I went there with my best friend, and we started working at a restaurant, where we learned a lot of English and met many new friends. We did not want to have any contact with Spaniards because we went there to learn how to speak the language fluently. Every time a Spanish person wanted to talk to us, we pretended to be from Italy. We lied, but our goal was so clear and we were seriously aware that we had to make the most of the time there. Therefore, we did not mind telling a white lie to our own compatriots.

For example, one thing that I found very shocking was that every time I said, "thank you", the British answered, "you are welcome", and at first I thought they were really polite, and I kept repeating the word "thank you" over and over again. Since I had a very strong Spanish accent, I took it as they were welcoming me to their country all the time!

One day I was sitting on a bench in a park reading a grammar book, and a lovely kid playing football approached me because he came after a ball that was thrown towards me. We had a chat for a little while and I asked him his age (he was 6), and when he asked me mine (I was 20 by then), he looked surprised and said, "if you are so old, why do you speak so badly?". He was ever so funny!

When you visit a country for the first time, there are always pleasant anecdotes to tell. In contrast, you might experience some negative ones as well. But the most important thing is that they will make you open your mind and help you learn about yourself, which will help you get by in different situations and contexts, in other words, to survive in some other circumstances.

**0. When did the author go to Sheffield?**

- A. When she was at university.
- B. When she was four years old.
- C. When she finished her degree in languages.

**11. How big and important is Sheffield in England?**

- A. In terms of number of inhabitants, it is considered the third district in England.
- B. Due to its industry, metallurgy and steel-making, it is the third most important district in England.
- C. It is on the average among the industrial cities.

**12. How was the author's and her friend's attitude towards Spanish people?**

- A. They liked mixing up with them and that is why they met many friends.
- B. They wanted to learn the language and, therefore, they tried not to be in touch with them.
- C. They did not mind being friends with Spaniards and they also mixed with Italians.

**13. Do British people tend to welcome foreigners to their country?**

- A. Not necessarily and try to use complicated words to laugh at them.
- B. They use the same word as when they show a response to gratitude.
- C. All the time and they like foreigners visiting their country.

**14. Why was the little child so funny?**

- A. He could not understand why this person could not speak English fluently at her age.
- B. Because he was lovely and very young and had a funny accent.
- C. He was not funny at all and this person did not like his comment.

**15. Visiting a new country will make you...**

- A. Live awful situations that are not positive.
- B. Sort out problems that you also have in your own country.
- C. Learn to overcome difficult situations.

Question	Answer	Examiner
0	A	✓
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
TOTAL		_____ x 7 = _____



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## COMPRENSIÓN AUDITIVA

Duración de la prueba: 40 minutos (aprox.)

#### Calificaciones parciales

Tarea 1	Tarea 2.1	Tarea 2.2	Total
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#### Calificación final

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COMPRESIÓN AUDITIVA

**TASK 1**

You will hear six different people talking about their holidays. For questions 1 to 5, choose from the list (B–H) which place each person has visited. You will hear each piece twice. Use the letters only once. There are two extra letters that you do not need to use. **Speaker 0 and letter A has been done for you as an example.** You have 1 minute to read the sentences below.

- A. Farm
- B. Bed and breakfast
- C. Campsite
- D. Caribbean resort
- E. Mediterranean cruise
- F. Museum
- G. Safari
- H. Zoo

	Answer	Examiner
Speaker 0	A	✓
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		
Speaker 4		
Speaker 5		
TOTAL: _____ x 6 = _____		



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COMPRESIÓN AUDITIVA

## TASK 2

You will now hear two different interviews. For questions 6 to 15, choose the best answer (A, B or C) according to what you hear.

### INTERVIEW 1

Listen to James talking about his blog about technology. For questions 6 to 10, choose the best answer (A, B or C) according to what you hear. You will hear the recording twice. **The first question (0) has been done for you as an example.** You have 1 minute to read the questions below.

**0. What kind of blog does James have?**

- A. A blog about technology.
- B. A blog about science.
- C. A blog about engineering.

**6. Why did James start his blog about technology?**

- A. Because he thought it could be useful for some people.
- B. Because some experts recommended that he should create it.
- C. Because this was the teacher's favourite topic.

**7. In his opinion, his blog is now a big success because...**

- A. he uses a lot of audiovisual content and this is very attractive for people.
- B. other texts are too difficult and he makes things easier.
- C. some experts have recommended people to visit his webpage.

**8. What was difficult for James at the beginning?**

- A. Adjusting photos and videos to be uploaded to the server.
- B. Not receiving feedback from visitors.
- C. Asking for help because of a problem with the server.

**9. Why did James film the documentary?**

- A. As part of a subject at university.
- B. Because that was the topic chosen by the teacher.
- C. To take part in a TV programme.

**10. What does James say about conferences?**

- A. The audience does not always like what he does.
- B. The organisers are happy because he is good at speaking in public.
- C. The organisation has rules that must be respected.

	0	6	7	8	9	10
Answers	A					
Examiner	✓					
<b>TOTAL</b>		_____ x 7 = _____				

## INTERVIEW 2:

Listen to Mrs Harris talking in a job interview. For questions 11 to 15, choose the best answer (A, B or C) according to what you hear. You will hear the recording twice. This first question (0) has been done for you as an example. You have 1 minute to read the questions below.

### **0. What are Mrs Harris qualifications?**

- A. A bachelor's degree in Nursing.
- B. A master's degree in Occupational Therapy.
- C. A master's degree in Nursing.

### **11. Why did Mrs Harris come to Manchester?**

- a) Because she was going to work in a private practice.
- b) Because she wanted to study and work at the same time.
- c) Because the university offered an interesting training for her.

### **12. Why did Mrs Harris decide to become a nurse?**

- a) Because she had already worked with sick people who couldn't move.
- b) Because, in general, she was delighted with the way nurses treated her grandfather.
- c) Because a nurse didn't want to help her grandfather when having his lunch.

### **13. According to Mrs Smith, what's the most important reason to work in a team?**

- a) Having a good atmosphere to make patients feel comfortable.
- b) Keeping everybody up-to-date about the situation of patients.
- c) Not saying anything if somebody makes a mistake.

### **14. Where did Mrs Harris apply what she had learnt at university in terms of communication?**

- a) At an NGO as a volunteer.
- b) At the students' union.
- c) In hospital as a nurse.

### **15. What is the most important concern expressed by Mrs Harris to the interviewer when talking about the start date?**

- a) Breaking her contract with the café.
- b) Handing in her final project.
- c) Paying her rental.

	0	11	12	13	14	15
Answers	A					
Examiner	✓					
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## EXPRESIÓN E INTERACCIÓN ESCRITA

Duración de la prueba: 80 minutos

#### Calificación (plantilla adjunta)

Total

\_\_\_\_ / 100

#### Calificación final

Apto

Apto  
condicional

No apto

#### Examinadores

Examinador 1

Examinador 2

## TASK 1

You have found this review about Alton Towers theme park (near London) posted by someone on the Internet. You went to this same park last month, but you **DO NOT agree** with the writer's opinion. Write your posting and tell about your experience at the theme park. Give your opinion about the food, the price, the accommodation, the queues and its attractions.

*“Fabulous place, loved every minute of it!!”*

Reviewed 25 July 2013

We had a brilliant 3 days last weekend at Alton Towers, definitely the best theme park in the UK! Yes, we had to queue for everything, from the rides to the toilets to getting food, not to mention the queues getting in and out of the park! The restaurants were OK, but don't expect high quality food, just hamburgers and hot dogs. The hotel where we stayed was the worst part of it: it was old, untidy and with no Wi-Fi or air conditioning. But it was worth it, definitely!

Anyway, we loved the park! We had a great time, just fed up with people complaining about the queues, the price, etc. We shall be going back next month to do it all again, with different accommodation though! By the way, the attraction Smiler, which is a roller coaster, is AMAZING!



Was this review helpful?  Yes

**Write your answer to this post in 100-130 words.**

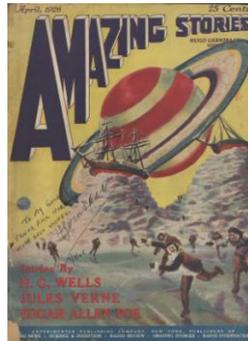




**TASK 2**

Choose **ONE** of the two tasks below and write a text.

**OPTION 1**



The magazine “Amazing Stories” is organising a competition for its readers to win a collection of mystery books. Candidates will have to write a story beginning with this sentence:

*“It was five in the morning and there was a knock on the door...”*

The best story will be published on the next issue of the magazine.

**Write your story in 150-180 words.**

**OPTION 2**

You are planning to spend a year at the University of Bristol in England as an Erasmus student. You want to write a letter to the Erasmus Programme Coordinator explaining why you have decided to do the Erasmus Programme and asking for all the information you need so that you can organise your stay. Ask him about:

- What your particular academic interests are.
- The kind of accommodation you prefer.
- Information about other aspects of your stay in Bristol that you will need to know about before you leave.

**Write a formal letter asking for information in 150-180 words.**







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## EXPRESIÓN E INTERACCIÓN ORAL

Duración de la prueba: 15-20 minutos

### Calificación (plantilla adjunta)

Final

\_\_\_ / 100

### Calificación final

Apto

Apto  
condicional

No apto

### Examinadores

Examinador 1

Examinador 2