

PRUEBA DE ACREDITACIÓN NIVEL B1

PRUEBA ESCRITA DE INGLÉS

La prueba consta de:

- Reading
- Test (30 preguntas)
- Composition (1 hora y 15 minutos)
- Listening
- Speaking (máximo 10 o 15 minutos)

READING

Read the text and questions below. For each question, mark the letter next to the correct answer – A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Active Villagers

Residents of a small Welsh-speaking community have clubbed together to buy the post office and shop, ten years after buying the pub.

The people of Llithfaen, Caernarfonshire were determined to prevent their village losing its focal point. Ten years ago they paid £40,000 for the pub, called the Victoria, and now they have helped to keep the shop open. Most of the cost, £19,500, was met by the local council and a European Union grant, but the villagers needed to raise a further £6,000 to buy the shop from the owner who is retiring.

John Jones, chairman of the community committee, said: "We went around every house and came back with £500 more than we needed. The post office and the pub are essential to the life of the village. There are no other amenities.

"We were not prepared to stand by and let the heart and soul be ripped out of our community. No one else was going to help us so we decided to buy them ourselves." Llithfaen had a population of 600 but that halved when nearby granite quarries were closed. The primary school was shut because of the population decline but the locals turned it into a leisure centre and youth club.

The shop has been leased to Ffion Medi Llywelyn, 24, who lives in the village with her husband, Dillon. She said: "There is a wonderful community spirit here."

1- The Llithfaen Post Office ...

- a. closed ten years ago.
- b. has been saved by the local people.

c. has now closed.

2- The shop has been bought ...

- a. by the local council
- b. for £40,000.
- c. with the help of the people who live in the area.

3- The shop was going to close ...

- a. because of a decision by the European Union.
- b. because the owner needed the money.
- c. because the owner thought he was too old to run the shop

4- £500 ...

- a. was paid by every person in the village.
- b. was paid by the owner of the pub.
- c. was the amount of money the villagers still had after the village post office had been bought.

5- Llithfaen no longer has ...

- a. a school.
- b. a leisure centre.
- c. a pub.

Read the following texts and match them to the most suitable heading from the list supplied. Each heading can only be used ONCE. There are three headings you will not need.

eBay tips for selling successfully

Text 1

Getting that first bid is critical, as buyers are more likely to jump in if there are already bids on auction. Buyers may lose interest if they assume an item is overpriced. Many successful sellers set a low opening bid to jumpstart bidding and increase their final selling price.

Text 2

Specifying reasonable shipping and handling costs in your listing is essential for smart selling. eBay's free Shipping Calculator provides real-time shipping costs to buyers all over the world, so you can increase your chances of success. Remember that a long wait can be both boring and frustrating for customers.

Text 3

Maximizing your item title is a must if you want to sell your product. Be sure to include key words that buyers will search for, such as unique or descriptive attributes, and always check your spelling. Your item title is critical in helping users find your items, so use each character wisely.

Text 4

A good description is concise, well organized, and easy to read. Create bold section headlines, bulleted lists, and be sure to include item style/type, brand, condition, and other attributes. Think about your listing from the buyer's perspective – the more information you provide, the more likely buyers are to place a bid.

Text 5

A picture really is worth more than a thousand words! Use clear, well-lit photos from a variety of angles to accurately showcase your item. Use good lighting and an uncluttered background to get the most out of your photo. Add additional photos to showcase details and unique features of your item.

Text 6

Always respond quickly to any buyer questions. Include extras or a handwritten note in the box to really surprise and delight your customers. Make sure to leave feedback for your buyer so they'll do the same for you. Successful communication is one of the keys to successful business.

Text 7

After the sale make sure that you pay for shipping, print labels on your home printer, and schedule free carrier pick-up-all online and at no additional charge – so you can save money, time, and a trip to the post office! We make it easy for you, so please make it easy for us.

- a. A modest start is more intelligent
- b. A well-planned explanation can attract buyers
- c. Attractive and correct descriptions are essential
- d. Delivery prices can help you sell
- e. Exchanging messages will help you sell
- f. Once you sell a product follow the procedures
- g. Put your photographs in the background
- h. Request your buyers' opinion
- i. Reserving a product can be difficult
- j. Show what it looks like

MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

1. The car has broken down again. The car is useless. It _____.
a) Is always breaking down

- b) Breaks down always
 - c) Is breaking down always
 - d) Has broken down always
2. Tell me about Sir Francis Drake. When _____ and when did he die? _____ I'm sorry, I don't remember.
 - a) Did he born
 - b) Did he borned
 - c) Was he borned
 - d) Was he born
 3. This soup tastes _____. What's in it?
 - a) Real well
 - b) really good
 - c) Really well
 - d) Real good
 4. The pyramids of Egypt _____ about three thousand years ago.
 - a) they built them
 - b) built themselves
 - c) were builded
 - d) were built
 5. The police asked me _____ about the things I had seen.
 - a) to not tell no one
 - b) that I tell no one
 - c) to not tell anyone
 - d) not to tell anyone
 6. If your parents could see you now, _____ surprised?
 - a) couldn't they be
 - b) wouldn't they be
 - c) weren't they
 - d) aren't they
 7. Where can I get _____ about flights to Chicago?
 - a) an information
 - b) any informations
 - c) some information
 - d) some informations
 8. I thought the exam was relatively easy _____. -I knew all the answers except one.
 - a) Me, too
 - b) Also, me
 - c) So, I do.
 - d) I, too
 9. If the worst _____, we could sell the car.
 - a) of cases occurs
 - b) of cases arrives
 - c) comes to the worst
 - d) goes to the worst

10. I need something _____ this bottle with.
- a) so that I can open
 - b) to open
 - c) for open
 - d) for opening
11. There's a fence around the garden to prevent _____ on the grass.
- a) that people walk
 - b) that people walks
 - c) people to walk
 - d) people from walking
12. I don't fancy _____ at home by myself on New Year's Eve.
- a) to stay
 - b) staying
 - c) the staying
 - d) that I stay
13. That fellow has been in trouble with the police dozens of times. In my opinion, he's a really _____.
- a) bad job
 - b) bad lot
 - c) poor lot
 - d) poor job
14. I didn't enjoy the play. I was sitting at the back of the theater, you see, so I _____ very well.
- a) couldn't hear
 - b) haven't heard
 - c) wouldn't hear
 - d) wasn't hearing
15. I've met that woman before somewhere. I recognize her face. I only wish I _____ remember her name.
- a) Should
 - b) Would
 - c) Could
 - d) Can
16. Anyone _____ to apply for the job should contact the Personnel Manager.
- a) What wants
 - b) Who wants
 - c) Who want
 - d) Which wants
17. If your parents invite us to stay with them at Christmas, we'll have to go, I suppose. I mean, there's no way we can get _____ it, is there)
- a) out from
 - b) off from
 - c) away of
 - d) out of
18. I can't remember _____. Can you?

- a) Tom's sister's name
 - b) the name of the sister of Tom
 - c) the sister of Tom's name
 - d) the sister's name of Tom
19. Your secretary told me to hold _____ while she tried to find you.
- a) the phone
 - b) the line
 - c) on to the line
 - d) on to the phone
20. I've thought _____ your suggestions and decided to take your advice.
- a) about
 - b) of
 - c) on
 - d) in
21. I was stuck in a traffic _____ for nearly three hours.
- a) Block
 - b) Bottle
 - c) Jar
 - d) jam
22. Is this the first time you _____ Irish stew?
- a) 've made
 - b) made
 - c) 're making
 - d) make
23. I got a letter from an old girlfriend. We hadn't spoken to each other for more than twenty years, so it was completely _____
- a) into the blue
 - b) out of the blue
 - c) into the rea
 - d) out of the red
24. After a long delay because of the fog, passengers were at last allowed to board the plane, which took _____ almost immediately.
- a) of
 - b) off
 - c) away
 - d) up
25. Are you leaving already? – Yes, I'm sorry, but I have to go. I really wish I _____ stay longer but I have to get up early for work tomorrow.
- a) can
 - b) would
 - c) could
 - d) should
26. I miss you, my darling. I _____ here.
- a) desire you are
 - b) wish you would be

- c) wish you were
d) wish you are
27. – I'd like to live somewhere else.
– _____ I hate this neighbourhood.
a) Also, I would
b) I would so
c) So, I would
d) So, would I
28. They stood in front of the mirror and looked at _____
a) them selves
b) themselves
c) their selves
d) their self
29. It's an interesting town to visit. There are _____ things to see.
a) many
b) lots
c) much
d) plenty
30. It's better to avoid _____ on public holidays, if you can.
a) That you travel
b) Your travelling
c) Travelling
d) To travel

COMPOSITION:

Choose one of the topics and write about: (150 words):

- Why is speaking English important?
- How have Covid-19 changed our daily life? What do you think the post Covid-19 life would be like?

LISTENING:

You will hear an interview with a woman called Vicky Prince, a champion swimmer who now works as a swimming coach. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. Vicky first went in for competitions because
- a) she had joined a swimming club
 - b) her parents were keen on swimming
 - c) her swimming teacher encouraged her

2. As a teenager, Vicky's training involved

- a) exercising on land as well as in the water
- b) going without meals during the day
- c) travelling to a pool once a day

3. What did Vicky find hard about her training programme?

- a) She couldn't go on school trips
- b) She lost some of her friends
- c) She missed lots of parties

4. What helped Vicky to do well in the national finals?

- a) She was not expected to win
- b) She trained harder than usual
- c) She wanted to take a cup home

5. As a swimming coach, Vicky thinks she's best at teaching people

- a) to deal with failure
- b) to improve their technique
- c) to get swimming qualifications

6. Why has Vicky started doing long-distance swimming?

- a) She needed to get fit again
- b) She thought it would be fun
- c) She wanted to do some travelling