

**PRUEBA DE ACCESO Y ADMISIÓN A LA  
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**LENGUA EXTRANJERA**  
**(Inglés)**

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**OPTION A: ROSA PARKS: THE WOMAN WHO INSPIRED A MOVEMENT**

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10 "Within the African American community, it was seen as an opportunity to make progress, and to bring attention and pressure on  
11 the white power structure," says Pretzer. Parks' act of defiance inspired the Montgomery Bus Boycott, through which Martin Luther  
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CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

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ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

**3. William Pretzer lived in the same city as Rosa Parks.**

**4. The police handled Rosa Parks' arrest as a common event.**

**5. Martin Luther King was already a leader before Rosa Parks' incident.**

**6. Finally, bus integration was legally regulated.**

**7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "accept" (verb).  
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "truthful" (adjective).

**8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "separated or set apart from others."  
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**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)**

**9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

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- 10.1. "I haven't applied... that job yet." to / for / about / on 10.2. "They don't want to fight... that army." on / against / towards / at

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"I'm agree with John, but not with hers parents."

**12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I visited England last month."**

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**OPTION B:**

**SEA SALT AROUND THE WORLD IS CONTAMINATED BY PLASTIC**

1 Recent studies have shown that tiny plastic particles have been found in sea salt in the UK, France and Spain, as well as  
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3 that “sea products are hopelessly contaminated by microplastics” and that there is “a background presence of microplastics in the  
4 environment.”

5 Researchers from other countries have confirmed these findings. They believe the majority of the contamination comes from  
6 microfibrils and single-use plastics such as water bottles. “Plastics are in the air, in the water, in the seafood we eat, in the beer  
7 we drink, and the salt we use —plastics are just everywhere,” said Sherri Mason, a professor at the University of New York.

8 The health impact of ingesting plastic is unknown. Scientists are having difficulties to research the impact of plastic on the  
9 human body because they haven’t managed to find a control group of humans who have not been exposed. Some researchers  
10 believe sea salt could be more vulnerable to plastic contamination because of how it is made, through a process of dehydration of  
11 sea water.

12 The solution is not an easy one. “I hope what comes from this is not that consumers just switch brands and try to find something  
13 that is not sea salt —like mined salt,” Mason said. “I’m afraid people just want to go to fast food restaurants and get their disposable  
14 cups. We have to focus on the flow of plastic and the widespread overuse of plastics in our society and find other materials instead.”

**I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)**

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **It is difficult to research the effects of plastics because...**

- (a) most people have ingested plastics. (b) the sea is too polluted.  
(c) people just want to disconnect and do not cooperate. (d) plastics are hard to research.

2. **Sea salt is produced by...**

- (a) using a specific type of microfibrils. (b) separating the plastics from the water.  
(c) removing water. (d) focusing on the flow of plastic.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The effects of plastic in the human body have already been described by scientists.**

4. **Sea salt can become easily contaminated by plastic.**

5. **Using mined salt instead of sea salt is the solution to the problem.**

6. **We need to stop using so many disposable plastic items.**

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“Young people is usually louder that old people.”

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: “If people stopped using disposable plastic containers, ...”

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: “Plastic particles have just been found in sea salt.”

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “Up to 12.7m tonnes of plastic enter the world’s oceans every year.”

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3. William Pretzer lived in the same city as Rosa Parks. *FALSE (line 3) "...lived more than 2,000 miles away in Sacramento, California."*  
4. The police handled Rosa Parks' arrest as a common event. *TRUE (line 7) "...he is surprised at how ordinary the arrest was." / (line 9) "...the police dealt with this situation just like any other of these incidents."*  
5. Martin Luther King was already a leader before Rosa Parks' incident. *FALSE (lines 11-12) "Parks' act of defiance inspired the Montgomery Bus Boycott, through which Martin Luther King emerged as a civil rights leader."*  
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3. The effects of plastic in the human body have already been described by scientists. *FALSE (line 8) “The health impact of ingesting plastic is unknown.”*

4. Sea salt can become easily contaminated by plastic. *TRUE (lines 9-10) “(Some researchers believe) sea salt could be more vulnerable to plastic contamination (because of how it is made).”*

5. Using mined salt instead of sea salt is the solution to the problem. *FALSE (lines 12-13) “I hope what comes from this is not that consumers just switch brands and try to find something that is not sea salt —like mined salt.”*

6. We need to stop using so many disposable plastic items. *TRUE (lines 5-6) They believe the majority of the contamination comes from microfibrils and single-use plastics such as water bottles.” / (lines 14-15) “We have to focus on the flow of plastic and the widespread overuse of plastics in our society and find other materials instead.”*

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*They / researchers have just found plastic particles in sea salt.*

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*How much plastic enters the world’s oceans every year? / How many tonnes of plastic enter the world’s oceans every year?*

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