



- Instrucciones:**
- a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.
 - b) No se puede usar diccionario.
 - c) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

A NEW TAX ON RUBBISH

A new tax, known as “pay-as-you-throw,” in which British families will be charged for the amount of rubbish they produce, is to be brought nationwide.

5 The Government thinks there must be a radical revision of the way in which rubbish is thrown away, otherwise there is a real danger that city council taxes will have to rise and the environment will continue to suffer. In this sense, the Environment Minister has said he would look sympathetically at this new system, which would encourage recycling and make the polluter pay, as he is contributing to climate change.

10 According to figures published recently by a prestigious institute, Britain has the third worst recycling rate in the European Union, after Greece and Portugal. So, the Local Government Association has threatened to increase council tax bills if recycling doesn't improve. It has said that this tariff will be needed to cover EU fines.

As in Britain every family owns its waste container, there is a project to secretly fit thousands of bins with microchips with a serial number identifying the home to which waste belongs. This is detected by a sensor on the truck as the bins are lifted for emptying. The weight of the rubbish it contains is calculated by equipment on the truck. This information is then transmitted to a central computer where it is recorded for its later use on household waste bills.

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

- a) **ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.** (1 point per answer)
- 1) What will the “pay as you throw” system prevent? (Give two reasons)
 - 2) Which are the two reasons why microchips are used in bins?
- b) **ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.** (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) Families are already paying extra money for rubbish.
 - 4) The Environment Minister doesn't agree with this new system.
 - 5) Great Britain is the third country in the European Union in recycling waste.
 - 6) The information is sent from a waste lorry to a computer.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) Find in the text one **synonym** for “stimulate” (verb). (0.25 points)
- 8) Give a noun with the same root as PRESTIGIOUS (adjective) (line 7) (0.25 points)
- 9) Find in the text the word which has the following **definition**: (0.25 points)
“sum of money fixed as penalty for offence” (noun). (0.25 points)
- 10) Give one **opposite** for EMPTY (verb) (line 12).
- 11) Join the following sentences using a **relative pronoun**. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)
Citizens have to pay taxes. Local Governments fix them.
- 12) Turn the following sentence into **passive voice**: (0.5 points)
My father has brought us up in the respect for human rights.
- 13) Give a question for the **underlined** words. (0.5 points)
In towns you will pay taxes twice a year.
- 14) Use the words in the boxes to make a **meaningful sentence**. Use all and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

- 15) WRITE A **COMPOSITION** (80-100 WORDS). CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. **SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.**
- a) How would you solve the rubbish problem?
 - b) Are people conscious of climate change? Explain.