

**INSTRUCCIONES** A) DURACIÓN: UNA HORA Y TREINTA MINUTOS.  
B) NO SE PUEDE USAR DICCIONARIO.  
C) LA PUNTUACIÓN DE LAS PREGUNTAS ESTÁ INDICADA EN LAS MISMAS.

### The high price of low-cost airlines

1 No plans yet for the weekend? Berlin-Madrid for 19 euros! Low-cost airlines are conquering the European travel  
2 market with competitive prices, and the aeroplane is fast becoming an everyday means of transport. But this has  
3 dramatic consequences for the environment as no other form of transport has such a damaging ecological effect  
4 as the aeroplane.

5 The recent growth in air travel is above all due to the success of budget airlines. At first sight, they do not  
6 seem to have a worse ecological effect than conventional airlines, thanks to near-full capacity usage. The root of  
7 the problem lies in the acquisition of a new, wider type of customer through aggressive prices. A two-day  
8 shopping trip to London or a relaxing weekend in Majorca would remain a luxury that few could afford without  
9 these carriers.

10 So, for the moment, it is still the traveller's individual responsibility to resist frequent flying. Those who  
11 cannot, or will not, stop flying have the possibility to compensate for the negative effects of travelling by donating  
12 money to climate protection projects. It is obvious that such voluntary initiatives will only be supported by a  
13 minority of environmentally conscious European citizens and can represent no real or credible alternative to a  
14 political solution. The coming months will show if EU states take the Kyoto protocol seriously and put a stop to  
15 cheap flights which are so costly to the environment.

#### A \* COMPREHENSION

(4 points)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS.**

(1 point per answer)

- 1 Why are low-cost airlines so dangerous for the environment?
- 2 Can travellers radically solve the environmental problem? Why?

ARE THESE STATEMENTS **TRUE OR FALSE?** **JUSTIFY** YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.

(0.5 points per answer)

- 3 In one sense, low-cost airlines are more efficient than conventional ones.
- 4 Many people can now afford short pleasure trips thanks to low-cost airlines.
- 5 It is up to travellers to stop flying so frequently.
- 6 EU states have already decided to put a limit on low-cost flights.

#### B \* USE OF ENGLISH

(3 points)

- 7 **FIND** IN THE TEXT **THE WORD** WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: (0.25 points)  
"the action of taking the first step doing something" (NOUN).
- 8 **COMPLETE** THE SERIES WITH **ANOTHER WORD** OF THE SAME **SEMANTIC GROUP**: Damage / Harm / Injure. (0.25 points)
- 9 **FIND** IN THE TEXT A SYNONYM FOR "duty" (NOUN). (0.25 points)
- 10 **WHICH WORD** IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE? Credible / Difference / Conventional / Aggressive. (0.25 points)
- 11 **TURN** THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE **PASSIVE VOICE**: "They never gave me instructions". (0.5 points)
- 12 **REWRITE** THE SENTENCE **WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN** AS INDICATED: (0.5 points)  
"The ticket was too expensive for him to pay". ☐ "The ticket was not ...".
- 13 **FILL IN** THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: (0.5 points)  
"If he (BRING) ..... his passport, he would not have had trouble at the airport".
- 14 **GIVE** A QUESTION FOR THE **UNDERLINED** WORDS: "Peter lost his wife's luggage at the airport two days ago". (0.5 points)

#### C \* PRODUCTION

(3 points)

- 15 WRITE A **COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS)**. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. **SPECIFY** YOUR OPTION.  
a) Where, outside Spain, would you like to go to on a short pleasure trip? Give reasons.  
b) Attracting more tourists is essential for the Spanish economy. Discuss.

