



**UNIVERSIDADES DE ANDALUCÍA
PRUEBA DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD**

**BACHILLERATO
ANÁLISIS DE TEXTO EN
LENGUA EXTRANJERA
(INGLÉS)**

Instrucciones:

- a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.
b) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

PEACE AND SILENCE

Visitors who leave behind the city centre of Charleston, South Carolina, and drive only 30 miles south, may come upon the monastery of Our Lady of Mepkin. Twenty-eight monks live at Mepkin Abbey, following the same routine established in France 900 years ago: praying, reading the Bible, and working.

- 5 Monasteries and spiritual centres throughout the United States find that demand for temporary accommodation is increasing. More and more visitors come to this peaceful abbey every day, men and women who are tired of the fast pace of life and work in 21st-century America. These people usually stay in the abbey between one and six days. "Most come for the silence," explains one of the monks. They pray with the monks (attending the first service of the day, at 3.20 in the morning, if they wish), observe the same silence as the monks, eat the same vegetarian food. The abbey's guest rooms, most with private
10 baths, are full much of the time, and rooms for the weekend are booked for the next six months. The monks hope that their visitors will "find peace, joy and perspective on life."

(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) Why have monasteries and spiritual centres become popular in the USA?
2) What is it that visitors find most appealing in monasteries?
- b) **ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.** (0.5 points per answer)
3) Mepkin Abbey was founded in France 900 years ago.
4) Visitors have to wake up at 3.20 in the morning.
5) All guests have to do some work in the Abbey to pay for their accommodation.
6) It is difficult to get a room at Mepkin Abbey.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) Find in the text **the word** which has the following definition: (0.25 points)
"sequence of actions regularly followed" (noun)
- 8) Give one **synonym** for "PEACEFUL" (line 5). (0.25 points)
- 9) Turn the following sentence into the **passive voice**. (0.5 points)
Visitors find peace and joy at the monastery.
- 10) **Join** the following sentences using an appropriate linker (do **not** use **AND** or **BUT**). Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)
Lindsay is the eldest child. She has to look after the other children.
- 11) **Fill in** the gap with a correct **preposition**. (0.5 points)
My friend insisted _____ paying the bill.
- 12) **Give** a question for the **underlined** words. (0.5 points)
This dictionary cost fifty dollars ten years ago.
- 13) **Complete** the following **sentence**: (0.5 points)
If the visitors wish...

(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

- 14) **WRITE A COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS). CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.**
a) Would you stay for a month in a monastery? Why?
b) Spiritual life today.