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MATERIA: INGLÉS

OPCIÓN A

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

Después de leer atentamente los textos y las cuestiones siguientes, el alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones propuestas y responder en INGLÉS a las cuestiones de la opción elegida.

CALIFICACIÓN: Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos.

TIEMPO: 90 minutos.

Cell Phone Jammers

It might look like a walkie talkie, but that little box is more powerful than you think. When a cell phone jammer is turned on, it can block any cell phone service in the area. Using one is not only a federal crime but it could result in a \$16,000 fine and jail time.

But that did not stop Eric, a man from Philadelphia, who was fed up with the chatty cell phone talkers on the 44 bus. According to a TV channel, Eric would fire up that jammer when he did not want to hear the conversations. "A lot of people are extremely loud, no sense of privacy or anything. When it becomes a bother, that's when I screw on the antenna and flip the switch", Eric told the reporters.

Eric claimed that he did not know it was illegal to block a cell phone signal, and thought it was a "gray area". He said he was under the impression that it was only illegal when blocking television or radio signals. "I guess I'm taking the law into my own hands and, quite frankly, I'm proud of it", he added.

This type of jammers is illegal because they could prevent cell phone communication in emergencies and because they can block other important signals such as police radio. But the bigger issue is that Eric is not alone in this jamming practice. Jammers are easy to buy at sites on the Internet. Police reported that other people in the New Jersey and New York area are using them as well. Maybe Eric's story will remind them all of just how illegal using that powerful device is.

QUESTIONS

1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Eric is not sorry for his action.
- b) The use of cell phone Jammers has been restricted to the Philadelphia area.
(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) According to the text, what is a jammer used for?
- b) Why is using a jammer considered a crime?
(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) penalty (paragraph 1)
- b) tired of (paragraph 2)
- c) nuisance (paragraph 2)
- d) like (paragraph 4)
(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a) _____ (use) a blocking device can _____ (consider) a crime.
- b) _____ would you do if you _____ (bother) by other people's conversation?
- c) It is probably _____ (good) to put _____ with the annoying chatter than calling the police.
- d) **Complete the following sentence to report what was said.**

"I have used cell phones ever since I started going to school", Kate said.
Kate said that she _____.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5.- Write about 100 to 150 words on the following topic.

Describe a situation in which a cell phone could be really useful.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

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OPCIÓN B

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TIEMPO: 90 minutos.

The Key to Choosing the Right Career

When I graduated from college, I liked lots of things. But love? Passion? That would have been an exaggeration. Choosing a career path is usually a confusing and stressing experience. Many will tell you to “follow your passion” or “do what you love”, but this doesn’t seem very useful advice.

We all want to choose a career that will make us happy, but how can we know what that will be? In fairness, how are you supposed to know if you will be happy as an investment banker or an artist or a professor, if you haven’t actually done any of these things yet? Who has ever, in the history of mankind, taken a job and had it turn out exactly as they imagined it would?

So if passion and expected happiness can’t be your guides, what can be? Well, you can begin by choosing a career that fits well with your skills and values. Since you actually have some sense of what those are (hopefully), this is a good starting place. But a bit less obviously, you also want to choose an occupation that provides good motivation for you as well.

There are two ways you can be motivated to reach your goals. Some of us tend to see our goals as opportunities for advancement, success and rewards. The rest of us see our goals as being about security - about not losing everything we’ve worked so hard for. So, if you are starting a new venture, make sure that you've got a healthy balance of promotion and prevention.

QUESTIONS

1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) It is not always easy to decide what career to follow.
- b) In order to make a good career choice you can begin by considering what you are good at.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) Mention two reasons why the author of the text believes it is hard to make a career choice.
- b) Explain two manners of achieving your objectives and choosing the right career.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) puzzling (paragraph 1)
- b) matches (paragraph 3)
- c) achieve (paragraph 4)
- d) risky activity (paragraph 4)

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word(s) in brackets when given.

- a) Usually people _____ (motivate) by both promotion and prevention
- b) Cal Newport’s is the _____ (good) career advice book I _____ (ever read).
- c) Nobody is to blame _____ making a wrong career choice. It is difficult to be sure _____ what you want to do when you are very young.
- d) In Spain there are many places _____ you can find career advice.

e) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

“Choose a job you love”, John told Jennifer.

John told Jennifer _____

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5.- Write about 100 to 150 words on the following topic.

Explain the factors that might influence your career choice.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

