



COLEGIO INGLÉS

— DE PUEBLA —

English Test for Junior High School

Name: _____ Date: _____
Time you begin: _____ Time you finish: _____

Read each text. Then fill in the circle that best completes each sentence or answers each question.

A. *Have you ever heard a haiku? A haiku is a type of short poem that developed in Japan. Each haiku has only three lines and 17 syllables. The first and last lines have five syllables each. The second line has seven syllables. Because of their small size, a haiku doesn't express long, complicated ideas. Usually, it simply tries to capture a single moment in time. Still, haiku is a very powerful form of poetry. Often, the subject is nature. Although haiku developed years ago, the form is still popular in modern Japan. Many people make a hobby of composing haiku. Haiku clubs and magazines are also very popular.*

1. How many syllables does a haiku contain?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 15
- D. 17

2. You can conclude from this text that

- A. Haikus are not as popular as they were in the past.
- B. Every haiku contains images from nature.
- C. Long poems are more interesting.
- D. Haiku was developed in Japan.

B. *When people think about the countries of Europe, Andorra rarely comes to mind. That's probably because it's so tiny—just 180 square miles in all. It's located on the border of Spain and France, in a mountain range called the Pyrenees. Andorra became independent in 1993. That year, its 50,000 citizens voted in elections for the very first time. Most Andorrans speak a language called Catalan. Like French and Spanish, Catalan is a Latin-based language. Visitors come to Andorra to hike or ski in the mountains, and also to shop. Andorra has a low sales tax, so bargain hunters' stream in from the neighboring countries. And there's no need to change currency; Andorra uses the Euro.*

1. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. "The World's Tiniest Countries"
- B. "Andorra, a Mountain Country"
- C. "The Border of France and Spain"
- D. "Why You Should Shop in Andorra"

2. From this article, you might guess that

- A. France and Spain also have a low sales tax
- B. countries should charge sales tax
- C. Andorra will soon raise its sales tax
- D. both France and Spain probably have a higher sales tax

3. Most Andorrans speak

- A. Catalan
- B. Latin
- C. French
- D. Andorran

C. *The world's tigers are rearing back to life. Tiger experts had once predicted the big cats would be nearly extinct by the year 2000. But in a recent report from the National Tiger Conservation Authority, conservationists, or people who save wildlife, agreed that the population of the largest member of the cat family appears to be on the rise.*

Most tigers live in Asian nations, including Sumatra, Burma, India, and Thailand. In these countries, tigers have faced serious threats to their survival. Poachers, or people who kill wild animals and sell the body parts, hunted tigers for profit. Historically, many people in China have used tiger bones to make medicine for muscular aches and pains.

Now, many Asian countries are arresting poachers. And many Chinese people are trying to use alternatives to tiger bones for their medicines.

In the early 1970's, 50,000 to 70,000 tigers lived in Asia. Today, only a few thousand survive in the wild. But instead of falling even lower, the number is on the rise once again. In India, for example, the numbers have increased nearly 60% since 2008. Now that's something to roar about!

1. Which is a fact?

- A. Tigers belong in the zoo
- B. Most tigers live in Asian nations
- C. Most tigers are scary
- D. It's important to help save tigers

2. How is the number of tigers in Asia today different from the number of tigers there in 1970s?

- A. There are fewer tigers in Asia today
- B. There are more tigers in Asia today
- C. There are the same number of tigers in Asia today
- D. There are no tigers in Asia today

3. In this article, the word extinct means

- A. smelly
- B. alive
- C. rising
- D. dead

D. Read the underlined word in each phrase. Mark the word below that has the same (or close to the same) meaning.

1. rigid material

- A. stiff
- B. red
- C. natural
- D. soft

2. elevate the book

- A. read
- B. criticize
- C. describe
- D. raise

3. became hysterical

- A. emotional
- B. calm
- C. tired
- D. energetic

4. a vague idea

- A. bad
- B. sketchy
- C. new
- D. great

5. an outlandish outfit

- A. outgrown
- B. handsome
- C. silly
- D. common

6. surprising triumph

- A. solution
- B. victory
- C. friend
- D. day

7. tattered clothing

- A. colorful
- B. new
- C. worn-out
- D. clean

E. Read the underlined word in each phrase. Mark the word below that means the opposite or nearly the opposite.

1. a defiant attitude

- A. unhappy
- B. respectful
- C. confused
- D. poor

3. the courage to persist

- A. speak
- B. continue
- C. act
- D. quit

2. an earned privilege

- A. punishment
- B. paycheck
- C. treat
- D. position

4. renew the friendship

- A. end
- B. begin
- C. enjoy
- D. abuse

