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Items 1- 4

Instructions:

1. Read the article.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Make the most of your free time

Studies say that people nowadays have more free time than ever before. Then why doesn't it feel that way? These days, we usually spend our free time watching television, using computers, or communicating on our phones. To have fun and relax, it is important to use our free time wisely. Here are some tips:



Tip 1: Think about what you want to achieve in your free time. Do you want to get fit, get creative, or simply relax? Don't worry about what you must be doing, just think about what will make you feel happy and relaxed.

Tip 2: Plan when you are going to enjoy your free time and treat it in the same way as anything else on your calendar. If something else more important comes along, you can choose whether to postpone it, but never cancel it!

Tip 3: Make sure you have everything you need to enjoy your free time in advance. If you want to get out in the countryside, get your boots and map ready, and don't forget to check the weather forecast.

Tip 4: Many people worry too much about their free time activities. They want to do things that will impress their friends, look good on their résumés, or help them get a better job. But free time isn't about that. It is about doing an activity for enjoyment, so don't let outside pressures influence your choice.



- 1) What is the article about?
 - A) Popular free-time activities
 - B) Tips to spend free time better
 - C) Ways people waste their free time

- 2) Which tip suggests readers establish their goals?
 - A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 4

- 3) What is the third tip about?
 - A) Planning ahead
 - B) Doing what you want
 - C) Setting up your goals

- 4) What does tip 4 suggest?
 - A) Impressing your friends
 - B) Doing activities to enjoy
 - C) Organizing your free time



Items 5 – 8

Instructions:

1. Read the posters.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

<p>1.</p> <p>Annual Sports Event</p> <p>It's time to get your game on!</p> <p>Join us to celebrate!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery battle classic • Softball and 3 on 3 basketball • Soccer tournament  <p>Sunday, August 21st</p> <p>2:00 p.m./4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Work hard, play hard</p> <p>Join our annual golf day!</p> <p>October 30th</p> <p>The Winslow Country Club</p>  <p>The activity starts at 8:00 a.m. Contact Katie at 8777-0000</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>5th Annual Golf Tournament</p> <p>Classic charity fundraiser</p> <p>Starts at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Finishes at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>November 4th</p> <p>At the golf course</p> <p>38 Flores Street</p> <p>Come And Join Us!</p> 	<p>4.</p> <p>The Red River Rockies</p> <p>vs</p> <p>The Northern Thunder</p>  <p>We want to invite you to the official hockey annual season opener at Loren Skating Center.</p> <p>Starts at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Entrance at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>We'll Be Waiting For You!</p>



- 5) What are the posters about?
- A) Weekly sporting events
 - B) Annual fundraising activities
 - C) Invitations to sporting events
- 6) Which activity is for collecting money?
- A) 2
 - B) 3
 - C) 4
- 7) Which event takes place in the evening?
- A) The hockey match
 - B) The annual golf day
 - C) The annual sports event
- 8) How often do the activities take place?
- A) Weekly
 - B) Monthly
 - C) Every year



Items 9 – 12

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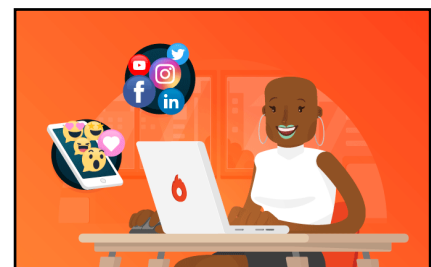
1. Read the blog.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Can I stop using social media for a while?

Nowadays many people are social media fanatics. They are always looking at their mobile phones or tablets and updating their Instagram or Facebook accounts. They are taking pictures of what they eat or taking pictures of themselves. When people are not oversharing, they are constantly reading or looking at what friends and family members are posting. Social media is becoming addicting.

While some people need and use social media for work or to stay in touch with friends, other people find that using social media so much causes anxiety and stress. People also tend to use social media to postpone tasks. So just as many religions ask people not to have certain foods or drinks for a certain time, many people are taking social media fasts. It means they are not updating their status, and they are also reading what other people are posting. They choose to stay away from social media for 30 days.

The reasons people undertake a break are varied. Some people want to reconnect with their families or friends by disconnecting from their cell phones. Some people want to be more productive at work. What do some users do instead of logging on? Some connect with friends by sitting down and having face-to-face conversations. If friends or loved ones are far away, they call them on the telephone instead. Some even write handwritten postcards or letters. The results are mixed. Some people feel that not using social media makes them more anxious. Others develop more positive habits like journaling or meditating.





- 9) What is a positive aspect of social networking sites? They _____.
- A) make people addicted
 - B) help people to be in touch
 - C) help people develop communication skills
- 10) What does “social media fasts” mean? To _____.
- A) have a lot of friends online
 - B) update social networks constantly
 - C) stop using social networks for some time
- 11) Why do some people decide to stop using social networks?
- A) They want better results at work.
 - B) They want to avoid talking to people.
 - C) They want to be away from their families.
- 12) What activity does the reading suggest instead of being connected? To _____.
- A) work more
 - B) take pictures
 - C) meet with friends



Items 13 – 16

Instructions:

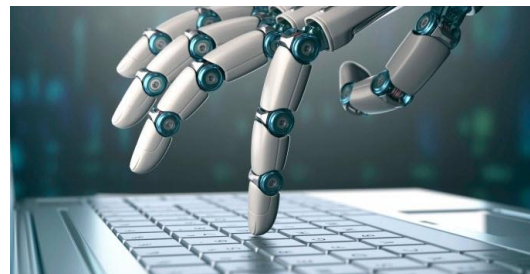
1. Read the article.
2. Choose the appropriate option below to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

6 amazing predictions for the future

Will the world be very different 20 years from now? Futurologists give us some views of life in the future.

1. Many people who are born in the 2040s will live until they are 150. That's because there will be vaccines for most serious diseases, including cancer.
2. Cars will drive themselves. Our cars will take us wherever we want to go, safely and easily. We will be able to relax and enjoy the ride.
3. Learning a second language won't be necessary. We'll be able to buy tiny computers that fit in our ears and translate what we hear into our language.
4. There will be genetically modified crops that will be very healthy. For example, sweets will have vitamins in them. We'll also be able to buy squared fruit and vegetables that fit in the fridge more easily. Now, most fruit and vegetables have just one shape, "round". They will have the same flavor, but different shapes.
5. People will go on holiday to space. Thousands of us will work in space stations, which will have hotels, restaurants, and sports stadiums.
6. We'll be able to play video games just by thinking. The games will be advanced enough to understand what move we want to make. It will make the move for us. We won't need to touch anything.

Probably we all think this will never be possible, but that's what we thought about video calling, the Internet, and some electronic devices. Technology is changing the way we live now, and it will make it for many more years.





- 13) What is going to happen to people after 2040? They are going to _____.
- A) live longer
 - B) drive more sophisticated cars
 - C) suffer from more serious diseases
- 14) Why will it be unnecessary to learn a second language? Because _____.
- A) there will be small devices for translation
 - B) people will think in other languages automatically
 - C) there will be videogames specialized in languages
- 15) How will people spend their holidays? They will _____.
- A) study languages
 - B) travel out of space
 - C) spend their time playing video games
- 16) How will fruit and vegetables be different from now? They _____.
- A) won't have any vitamins
 - B) will have different flavors
 - C) will have different shapes



Items 17 – 20

Instructions:

1. Read the TV guide.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

What’s on this evening?

Channel ATV



Time	Programs	Genre
4:30 p.m.	What’s Going on?	News
5:00 p.m.	Love is Blind	Reality show
7:00 p.m.	Lost Worlds	Documentary
8:00 p.m.	What’s Going on?	News
8:30 p.m.	The National Lottery	Game show
9:30 p.m.	Cruella	Movie
11:30 p.m.	Match of the Day	Sports
Off Air		



- 17) What show is on TV twice?
- A) Cruella
 - B) Match of the Day
 - C) What's Going on?
- 18) What time is there a movie? At _____
- A) 4:30 p.m.
 - B) 8:30 p.m.
 - C) 9: 30 p.m.
- 19) What is a good program for those who like documentaries?
- A) Lost Worlds
 - B) Love is Blind
 - C) The National Lottery
- 20) What kind of program is "Love is Blind"?
- A) Movie
 - B) Reality Show
 - C) Documentary



Items 21 – 24

Instructions:

1. Read the WhatsApp chat.
2. Fill each blank with the corresponding word.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Jose: Hi, there! Any plans for tonight, my friend?

Walter: I don't have any.

Jose: Let's go to the cinema, I want to see a good movie.

Walter: Good idea! What about *Eternals*?

Jose: That's a great idea. I watched the trailer on YouTube, and it was it was amazing.

Walter: I watched it, too. I love superhero films. This movie has excellent special effects. You know, the visual tricks and the illusions are fantastic.

Jose: Who is the director?

Walter: Chloé Zhao is the one directing the film. She's Chinese. She is amazing.

Jose: I know. She's won different awards.

Walter: Yes, I know. I'm looking forward to watching the film.

Jose: Me too!



- 21) What does Jose want to do?
- A) To see a movie
 - B) To watch a comedy
 - C) To watch a superhero film
- 22) What does Jose watch on YouTube?
- A) Trailer
 - B) Episode
 - C) Premiere
- 23) What detail of the film does Walter think is excellent?
- A) Actors
 - B) Scenes
 - C) Special effects
- 24) Who is Chloé Zhao?
- A) Director
 - B) Main actor
 - C) Supporting actor



Items 25 – 28

Instructions:

1. Read the movie review.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Encanto

What do parents need to know?

Don't worry about action violent scenes or scary scenes that won't let your kids sleep. *Encanto* is an animated Disney musical set in Colombia about Mirabel Madrigal, the youngest granddaughter in a family that protects their enchanted village with the magical powers they have had for two generations, except for Mirabel.



As she helps her cousin prepare for his coming-of-magical-age ritual, she begins to question her role in the family. Expect a few scenes of violence: Mirabel's grandfather is killed by armed men (the actual death isn't shown), and supernatural events and catastrophes threaten the characters. There's also mild name-calling and affection between married characters. Themes of empathy, teamwork, and courage are clear, and there's strong diverse representation on screen, with White, Black, and multi-racial characters all part of the same family and voiced by famous Colombian and Latin American actors.

Colombian culture is also well portrayed in the form of music, costumes, dance sequences, and even food, but the filmmaking team, including songwriter Lin-Manuel Miranda, isn't of Colombian heritage.



- 25) What kind of movie is *Encanto*?
- A) Horror
 - B) Action
 - C) Animation
- 26) What can parents expect from the movie?
- A) A movie full of music
 - B) A lot of violent scenes
 - C) Scenes from Latin American countries
- 27) Who is the only member of the family without a magical power?
- A) Mirabel
 - B) A cousin
 - C) The grandfather
- 28) What is a fact about the movie?
- A) It is based on Colombian culture.
 - B) The songwriter of the movie is Colombian.
 - C) The main character of the movie is the grandfather.



Items 29 – 32

Instructions:

1. Read the text.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Who is Barack Obama?

In November 2008, Americans elected Barack Obama as their 44th president. He was the first African American to hold that office. He was president for two terms until 2016. Barack Hussein Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 4, 1961.

Barack was an excellent student and a good basketball player. With the help of scholarships, he attended college in Los Angeles and New York City. After graduating in 1985, he moved to Chicago where he worked as a community organizer. His work with tenants and with people who had lost their jobs led Barack to develop an interest in the law. He was accepted to Harvard Law School where he became the first African American to be editor of the Harvard Law Review.

After law school, Obama returned to Chicago where he did community legal work and got minorities registered to vote. In Chicago, he met Michelle Robinson, who was also a lawyer. They married in 1992 and had two daughters - Malia and Sasha.

Obama's political career began in 1996 when he was elected to the Illinois State Senate. He continued to fight for the poor and gained a reputation for being a good speaker. This talent served him well and helped him win a seat in the U.S. Senate in 2004 and defeated Hillary Clinton in 2008 to become the Democratic candidate for president.





- 29) Where did Barack Obama work after law school?
- A) Chicago
 - B) Honolulu
 - C) Los Angeles
- 30) What did Obama do in Chicago?
- A) He studied law at Harvard.
 - B) Obama did community legal work.
 - C) He wrote articles for the Harvard Law Review.
- 31) When did Obama start getting involved in politics?
- A) 2008
 - B) 1996
 - C) 2004
- 32) What is a fact about Barack Obama?
- A) He is very good at speaking.
 - B) Obama was originally from Chicago.
 - C) He started his political career in 2004.



Items 33 – 36

Instructions:

1. Read the text carefully.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

An outstanding athlete



Keilor Navas Gamboa is a Costa Rican professional football player. He plays as a goalkeeper for Ligue 1 club Paris Saint-Germain and the Costa Rica national team.

After starting at Saprissa in his home country, where he won six titles and the CONCACAF Champions League, he subsequently moved to Spanish club Albacete in 2010, and then to Levante in La Liga the following year, where he won the LFP Award for Best Goalkeeper in his final season with the latter club. Navas later joined Real Madrid in 2014. He won a total of twelve titles with Real Madrid, including one La Liga title and three consecutive UEFA Champions League titles as the first-choice goalkeeper. In 2019, he was signed by French club Paris Saint-Germain.

Navas has played over 90 times for Costa Rica since making his debut in 2008. He has represented the country at two CONCACAF Gold Cups and the 2014 and 2018 editions of the FIFA World Cup. He was a member of the Costa Rica national team that reached the semi-finals of the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup, in which he was named best goalkeeper. His impressive performances also helped the team reach the quarterfinals of the 2014 World Cup.

Often considered one of the world's best goalkeepers, the best in the history of CONCACAF, and one of the best in the history of Latin America, Navas has also won numerous individual awards. He was named CONCACAF Men's Goalkeeper of the Year for three consecutive years between 2016 and 2018. His performances in the 2017–18 season earned him the 2017–18 UEFA Club Football Award for best UEFA goalkeeper.



- 33) Which was the first award Keylor Navas won in Spain?
- A) The best UEFA goalkeeper
 - B) The CONCACAF Best Goalkeeper
 - C) The LFP Award for Best Goalkeeper
- 34) When did Keylor Navas start his professional career?
- A) 2008
 - B) 2010
 - C) 2014
- 35) How many titles did Keylor Navas win with Real Madrid?
- A) Six
 - B) One
 - C) Twelve
- 36) What was Keylor Navas's performance during the 2014 World Cup?
- A) Average
 - B) Outstanding
 - C) Unimpressive



Items 37 – 41

Instructions:

1. Read the text.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

If you're serious about traveling, here are some things to keep in mind:

Currency: Because of exchange rates, you lose some money if you buy from your bank and even more if you exchange while at the airport. You'll most likely get the best rate if you use the ATM when you arrive at your travel location.

Mode of Transportation: Depending on the country you're in, taxis might not be the best idea. If you need to travel longer distances, it might be best to rent a car, in which case you should look into different companies and rates.

Accommodations: There are a lot of options when it comes to finding a place to stay. Depending on your style, or the kind of traveling you want to do, there are hotels and Bed-and-Breakfasts.

Electronics: You'll probably need an adapter to charge your electronics. Depending on your phone coverage or plan, you might want to get a prepaid phone card for international calls. Otherwise, Wi-Fi might be your friend for communicating with people back home.

Culture: Before you head out, do your research on the different customs (the do's and don'ts) of the country you're traveling to. For instance, are there certain gestures, words, or actions that might be considered offensive?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance exists for things like injury or illness while traveling, trip cancellations, baggage loss or theft, and many other things. Getting travel insurance isn't required, but it is a good idea.





- 37) What could be a suitable title for the text?
- A) Ways to enjoy your travel.
 - B) Things to avoid when traveling.
 - C) Things to consider before traveling.
- 38) Why is it important to consider the exchange rate?
- A) Because you may lose some money.
 - B) Because ATMs are difficult to find in some countries.
 - C) Because you may not find a place to exchange money.
- 39) What is suggested if you have to travel long distances?
- A) To rent a car
 - B) To stay at a Bed-and-Breakfast
 - C) To take a taxi everywhere you go
- 40) What problem might you find with your cell phone?
- A) Your charger might need an adapter.
 - B) Your cell phone won't work with Wi-Fi.
 - C) It will be difficult to find an Internet connection.
- 41) How can travel insurance help you while traveling?
- A) It can help you find cheaper items.
 - B) It can help you cover health issues.
 - C) It is necessary when booking a hotel.



Items 42 – 45

Instructions:

1. Read the text.
2. Choose the most appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Don't forget them!

In an emergency, your pets will be even more dependent on you for their safety and well-being. Your family's disaster plans must include your furry family members too.

Tips for Keeping Your Pets Safe During a Disaster

1. If it's not safe for you to stay in your home during an emergency, it's not safe for them either.
2. Include supplies for your pet in your emergency kit or assemble an emergency kit for your pet.
3. Make an evacuation plan for you and your pets. Many hotels and shelters do not accept animal guests, other than service animals.

Assemble an Emergency Kit for Your Pet

The kit should include:

- Harnesses and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that they can't escape.
- Food, drinking water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and a manual can opener if your pet eats canned food.
- Medications and copies of medical records stored in a waterproof container.
- Current photos of you with your pet(s) in case they get lost. Since many pets look alike, this will help to eliminate mistaken identity and confusion.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you must foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.





- 42) What is the text about?
- A) Disaster preparedness for pets.
 - B) Things to avoid during an emergency.
 - C) Tips to follow during an emergency at home.
- 43) What is the intended audience of the text?
- A) Veterinarians
 - B) Owners of pets
 - C) Owners of shelters
- 44) What should owners do with their pets before an emergency?
- A) Keeping them at home
 - B) Send them to a shelter or hotel
 - C) Organizing an emergency kit for them
- 45) What should an emergency kit for pets include?
- A) Food utensils
 - B) An evacuation plan
 - C) The contact of a shelter



Items 46 – 50

Instructions:

1. Read the short story.
2. Choose the most appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

It's my nature

One day a scorpion decided to visit his cousin in the next county. He traveled uphill and downhill, under fallen trees and over piles of leaves. Eventually, he came to a stream with a fast current. He walked up and down the stream bank looking for a bridge or a safer way to cross the stream but found none.

The scorpion sat down wondering about his situation when he noticed a frog sitting near the bank of the stream. The scorpion said to the frog, "Kind sir, could you be so kind as to let me get on your back to ferry me to the other side of this stream?" "How do I know you won't sting me, we aren't friends?" asked the frog. The scorpion responded, "Because if I do, I will die too, as I can't swim."

The frog replied, "How do I know you won't sting me once we reach the other side?" "Kind sir, I would be so grateful for your assistance that I wouldn't dream of doing that," responded the scorpion. The frog was satisfied and allowed the scorpion to crawl up onto his back and they set out into the water. The frog was swimming strongly across the stream when the scorpion suddenly stung the frog.

The frog felt the onset of paralysis and started to sink. Knowing they were both going to drown the frog had just enough time to ask, "Why did you sting me? Now we're both going to die." The scorpion replied, "Because it's my nature..." Then they both disappeared under the water.





- 46) What is the short story about?
- A) Two good friends
 - B) A family of scorpions
 - C) A frog and a scorpion
- 47) Who was the scorpion going to visit?
- A) A frog
 - B) A friend
 - C) A cousin
- 48) What did the scorpion ask the frog for?
- A) To become friends
 - B) To teach him how to swim
 - C) To help him cross a stream
- 49) What happened to the characters at the end of the short story?
- A) They disappeared in the stream.
 - B) They crossed the river successfully.
 - C) They went to visit the scorpion's cousin together.
- 50) What is the moral of the short story?
- A) You must help whoever needs you.
 - B) You can't easily change what you are.
 - C) Your friends aren't always close to you.



Items 51 – 55

Instructions:

1. Read the legend.
2. Choose the most appropriate option to answer each sentence.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

La Mona

The legend tells that on hot Guanacaste nights, near midnight and always under the full moon, a horrifying-looking woman stalks those who walk the dark roads. If someone dares to look at her, they will discover a woman with the face of a monkey, of very short stature, completely covered with hair, and her eyes, red and penetrating, will make even the bravest feel an indescribable terror.

Sometimes, she dares to jump onto the roofs of the houses to scare the inhabitants with her screams and scratches on the walls, many times sent to someone, other times she only decides to terrorize the first Christian who appears in her path.

It is said that this woman is a witch who transforms night after night, to go out to do her antics under the cloak of the stars. This character is a cultural mixture, originating with the Chorotega people before colonial times. Then, locals added colonial traditions related to European witches.

Locals, especially older people, explain that to combat *La Mona*, the victim must overcome his fear and say out loud Christian prayers against her, drive a crosshead (a machete in the shape



of a cross) into the ground, throw a fist of corn, mustard seeds, or salt, and finally throw their hat face up. They say this will compel *La Mona* to pick up the grains, without stopping until she reverses her spells and vows never to haunt anyone again.



- 51) What is the legend about?
- A) A tall woman who has a monkey face.
 - B) A witch who transforms into a monkey.
 - C) A beautiful witch that terrifies people at night.
- 52) What time does *La Mona* appear to people?
- A) Early at night
 - B) Close to midnight
 - C) Early in the morning
- 53) How does *La Mona* scare people?
- A) She gets into people's houses.
 - B) She appears to people as a witch.
 - C) She sometimes jumps over people's houses.
- 54) What is the origin of the legend?
- A) It arrived with Christianity.
 - B) It has pre-Columbian roots.
 - C) It arrived with the Europeans.
- 55) What is a way to fight against *La Mona*?
- A) Running away quietly.
 - B) Staying calm and praying quietly.
 - C) Saying out loud Christian prayers.



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