



Nro. De Control :

LEVEL 5

PART 2 - READING COMPREHENSION

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Estimated time needed: 40 minutes

Exercise 1 – You will read the text below to do exercises A and B

THE SANFERMINES PAMPLONA MADNESS



1.Eight days of collective madness when the people of the town and others from all over the world go without sleep, drink and dance without a pause in the streets of the capital of Navarre. At eight in the morning each day, the old quarter is the setting for the traditional *encierro*, in which thousands of people run through the streets in front of the brave bulls which will be fought in the ring in the afternoon.

2.Then everyone starts to jump and dance and the corners of the square fill with empty champagne bottles. The Sanfermines, the fiesta that Ernest Hemingway made world famous in his book, are under way and for a week the people of the city forget their daily worries and plunge headlong into the revelry. They are joined by thousands of foreigners who flock to Pamplona year after year; during the festival there is not a single hotel room to be found.

3.At four in the afternoon the *Riau Riau* is held; this is an event attended by the town councilors, in party dress, who walk from the Town Hall to the chapel of San Fermín in the church of San Lorenzo, whilst the *mozos* or boys try to hinder them, jumping and chanting a typical song. On previous occasions this has led to the suspension of the *Riau Riau* without the dignitaries ever reaching the chapel where the image of the saint is kept.

4.The *peñas* eat dinner in restaurants or in their special haunts, lining their stomachs to prepare for the huge amounts of alcohol that they will be

drinking as the night goes on. While the Sanfermines are on, Pamplona does not sleep and only when exhaustion overcomes the body, which cannot make another jump or absorb another drop of alcohol, does it become necessary to find the corner to snooze for an hour or two, just enough to get up again and go on with the party or run with the bulls at eight in the morning.

5.At this time of day alcohol is replaced by a cup of broth or chocolate with doughnuts to tone up the body. Meanwhile, the valiant prepare to run in front of six brave bulls which, every morning at eight o'clock on the dot, are driven from the pens to the bull-ring, where they will fight in the afternoon.

A) Insert the corresponding sentence at the beginning of the correct paragraph.

- a. About a quarter to seven reveille sounds and the stoutest or those who have managed to snatch a few hours sleep have no intention of missing this musical trip through the old streets of the town.
- b. When dusk begins to fall, the bars of the old quarter of Pamplona fill with people.
- c. Thousands of people, most of them dressed in the traditional white costume with red sash and neckerchief, gather every year at midday on 6 July beneath the balcony of the Pamplona Town Hall, from where a councilor of the corporation fires the rocket which is the starting signal for the fiesta with a cry of “Viva San Fermín”.
- d. As soon as the signal has been given, the merry-making spreads out through the streets of the old quarter to the music of friends who meet to watch the bullfight and drink wine.
- e. With the launching of the rocket or “opening salva”, on 6 July the Sanfermines begin in Pamplona.

B) Now, mark “T” for “TRUE”, “F” for “FALSE” or “IDS” for “IT DOESN’T SAY”.

1. San Fermín became known by thousands of people centuries ago.
2. Everyone dresses up especially for this occasion.
3. There’s joy in every corner for 8 days.
4. It’s a good time to do business in this city.
5. The “Riau Riau” is the beginning of the celebration.
6. This event forms part of a legend.
7. There were times when the city authorities were not able to reach the Church San Lorenzo.
8. The “peñas” eat before drinking.
9. Even the strongest men usually rest before the bullfight.
10. The fights take place at night.

Exercise 2 - Read this text and do the exercises below.

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(Passengers: 267,808 international; 1.584.390 domestic)

When we recently visited all the airports in Britain to look at them from the passengers' point of view, we judged Edinburgh to be an extremely well-planned airport which met most of the standards we were expecting.

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Good signposting to the airport starts in the city itself, although there is a confusing stretch along the route where directions disappear for a while. The L-shaped terminal is "wrapped" around the car-park and getting from the car to the terminal is consequently trouble-free. Plenty of flight notices and signs greet travelers immediately inside the terminal and a moving stairway makes it easy to reach the upper levels.

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The large bar and café on the ground floor are well furnished with proper chairs and tables and there is wide range of appetizing food. Upstairs there is another bar- clean and uncrowded - and a bright, cheerful restaurant (test meal 2,27\$) with newspapers to read. Flight notices were easily seen.

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There aren't many seats outside the refreshments areas, although some are provided opposite the "arrivals" door. There is an excellent area for watching planes arriving and departing - decorated with masses of plants - a large shop and bank, plenty of payphones and telephone directories. The terminal is long and pleasant with much to interest a visitor with time to spare. Countless little touches add up to an enjoyable building.

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Not surprisingly for an airport in which about 85% of the traffic is domestic, passengers on internal flights are put first for comfort and convenience. Moving staircases take them speedily up to first floor holding lounges; air bridges make boarding the planes easily. International passengers wait in a large and naturally-lit departure lounge, but must then walk along the corridor, down some stairs to the gates and cross the concrete to the planes. Only one gate had an air bridge. International arrivals walk back up these stairs, through passport control and then downstairs to collect their baggage.

A - Now, circle the correct option.

1- From this report Edinburgh Airport seems to be

- A very crowded.
- B sub-standard.
- C easy to reach.
- D pleasant for passengers.

2- What is reported about the signs and notices?

- A the route from the city was easy to follow.
 - B the signposting is confusing as you enter the terminal.
 - C you could read the flight notices from the restaurant.
 - D there is no complaint about the matter.
- 3- What is reported about refreshment areas?
- A refreshments are more expensive on the ground floor.
 - B the café has a good choice of food.
 - C the restaurant menu is a limited one.
 - D the upstairs bar is uncomfortable.
- 4- The report says that in the “landside” areas there is
- A a shortage of telephones.
 - B a good supply of seats.
 - C a lot of empty spaces.
 - D plenty to keep you occupied.
- 5- What did the authors of the report criticize about Edinburgh Airport?
- A arrangements for international passengers
 - B the number of car-parking spaces
 - C most of the domestic part of the airport
 - D delays at the terminal building

B - Choose the most suitable headings from the list a-e for each part of the article and write them on the line of dots before each paragraph.

- a- Airside
- b- Food and drink
- c- Waiting (Landside)
- d- Getting in and about
- e- Edinburgh Airport

KEY TO READING COMPREHENSION. LEVEL 5.

Passage 1

- A)** 1. e
2. c
3. d
4. b
5. a

- B)** 1. IDS 6. IDS
2. F 7. T
3. T 8. T
4. IDS 9. T
5. F 10. F

Passage 2

A-Circle the correct option

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A

B-Choose the most suitable heading

1. e
2. d
3. b
4. c
5. a

Passage 1: 10 points. A) 5 points. 1 point each correct answer. B) 5 points. 0.50 points each correct answer.

Passage 2: 10 points each correct answer.

TOTAL: 20 POINTS.