

# PRÁCTICA (B) INGLÉS

Para la prueba N°.2  
Bachillerato a tu medida  
2019

## Recomendaciones para realizar la práctica

1. Esta práctica contiene 50 ítems de selección única.
2. Lea cuidadosamente cada uno de los ítems.
3. Resuelva cada ítem y elija una respuesta de las cuatro opciones (A, B, C, D) que se le presentan.
4. Una vez realizada la práctica, revise sus respuestas con el solucionario que aparece al final.
5. Se le sugiere repasar los contenidos y objetivos que le presenten mayor dificultad, previo a la realización de la prueba.

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

50 ÍTEMS

Read the text.

BREAST CANCER

In the world, breast cancer is the fifth most common cause of cancer death. In the United States, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, and the second most common cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer. In 2007, breast cancer caused about 40,910 deaths, mainly women, in the U.S.

There are many more people being diagnosed with breast cancer since the 1970s. This is because of how people in the Western world live. Since the breast is composed of identical tissues in males and females, breast cancer also occurs in males, though it is less common.

The causes of breast cancer are unknown. Doctors seldom know why one woman develops breast cancer and another does not. When a person gets breast cancer, they can treat it in three ways. Doctors can cut out the cancer (mastectomy or lumpectomy). They can give the person drugs (chemotherapy) or they can also try to kill the cancer with energy (radiation).



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 1 to 4)

- 1) Breast cancer \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) affects only women
- B) is less common in men
- C) develops more in men than in women
- D) is the main cause of death among men

- 2) In 2007, breast cancer killed \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.
- A) mainly men
  - B) about 40,910 people
  - C) more men than women
  - D) about 40 million people
- 3) The causes of breast cancer are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) still unknown
  - B) easy to identify
  - C) always the same
  - D) well-known by doctors
- 4) Breast cancer is treated \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) in three different ways
  - B) only with radiotherapy
  - C) with some special pills
  - D) only with chemotherapy

Read the text.

### WHAT IS ZIKA FEVER?

Zika fever is an illness caused by the Zika virus. The Zika virus belongs to the genus *Flavivirus*, like dengue fever and chikungunya. It is transmitted by a mosquito. However, Zika fever is usually not as bad as those illnesses. Most people who get the Zika virus have no symptoms.

People who have symptoms usually have a low fever, conjunctivitis, joint pain and a rash. The symptoms are not usually very bad, and get better after two to seven days.

Scientists think that when a woman with the Zika virus is pregnant, she can transmit the virus to her fetus. Scientists think this can cause microcephaly in newborn babies, a birth defect that causes a baby to have a smaller head than usual. This can cause intellectual disability and other problems in the brain.



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 5 to 8)

- 5) The Zika virus is transmitted by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) scientists
  - B) mosquitoes
  - C) ordinary people
  - D) pregnant women

- 6) Zika fever can cause \_\_\_\_\_ in adult people.
- A) a low fever
  - B) microcephaly
  - C) intellectual problems
  - D) problems in the brain
- 7) Most people feel better \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) after a month
  - B) with a vaccine
  - C) with some special pills
  - D) after two to seven days
- 8) Scientists believe that Zika fever may \_\_\_\_\_ in newborn babies.
- A) provoke a rash
  - B) provoke a low fever
  - C) cause minor effects
  - D) cause microcephaly

Read the text.

### COSTA RICA'S POLITICAL SYSTEM



The political system of Costa Rica is based on a democratic republic with the President as the head of government. Besides the President, there are two vice presidents with a nineteen-member cabinet. The President and vice presidents as well as fifty-seven Legislative Assembly delegates are elected by popular vote for a term of four years. The members of the cabinet are selected by the President.

In addition, there is a Supreme Electoral Tribunal that oversees the election of the President, vice Presidents and deputies of the Legislative Assembly. The Supreme Court is the highest court of law in Costa Rica which exercises judicial power in the country. The Supreme Court has twenty-two magistrates selected for eight-year terms by the Legislative Assembly.

Adapted from <http://www.123independenceday.com>

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 9 to 12)

9) Costa Rica has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) two Presidents
- B) only 22 deputies
- C) two vice Presidents
- D) a 57-member cabinet

- 10) The Supreme Electoral Tribunal supervises the election of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) cabinet
  - B) magistrates
  - C) President only
  - D) President and deputies
- 11) The Legislative Assembly \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) has 22 deputies
  - B) has 57 members
  - C) elects the President
  - D) elects the vice presidents
- 12) The magistrates are selected \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) by direct vote
  - B) by the President
  - C) for a four-year term
  - D) for an eight-year term

Read the text.

### AN OLD DEMOCRACY

Generally speaking, countries have a military to protect their soil and freedoms from being overrun by other countries. However, Costa Rica has a different philosophy and they have abolished their military. After the civil war ended in 1948, President José Figueres Ferrer abolished the military to reinforce peace in the country. Then in 1949, article 12 of the Costa Rican Constitution was introduced banning the military.

In 1986, President Oscar Arias declared December 1<sup>st</sup> as *Military Abolition Day*. Therefore, Costa Rica has no regular military forces. In 1996, the Ministry of Public Security established the Public Force which reorganized the Civil Guard, Rural Assistance Guard and Frontier Guards as separate entities. Their main responsibilities are ground security, law enforcement, counter-narcotics and border patrol functions.



Adapted from [www.costarica-information.com](http://www.costarica-information.com)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 13 to 16)

13) The army was abolished \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) in 1949
- B) in 1986
- C) by Oscar Arias
- D) by José Figueres Ferrer



14) A civil war in Costa Rica took place in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) 1948
- B) 1949
- C) 1986
- D) 1996

15) The army was dissolved to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) reinforce peace
- B) finish a civil war
- C) establish a dictatorship
- D) reinforce the Public Force

16) Nowadays, Costa Rica has a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) civil war
- B) violent army
- C) Public Force
- D) regular military

Read the ads.

 <p>Day Translations Inc. is looking for an assistant recruiter to help us find the right people to join our company.</p> <p>We are looking for a candidate who possesses the qualities listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• experience in recruiting different positions and levels within companies</li> <li>• honest and hardworking</li> <li>• experience with Google documents and Office programs</li> <li>• able to post ads in various platforms</li> </ul>	<p>Global School needs English teachers to teach Chinese students online. Work from home and make between \$ 16-\$ 22 per hour. Flexible schedule, you decide when and how much you work once you are hired.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a minimum of a Bachelor's degree (Does not have to be a teaching degree)</li> <li>• any teaching experience</li> <li>• must be a native speaker</li> </ul> 
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Adapted from [www.costarica.craigslist.org](http://www.costarica.craigslist.org)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous ads.  
(Items from 17 to 20)

17) Day Translations Inc. is seeking for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) a translator
- B) an interpreter
- C) an assistant recruiter
- D) a computer specialist

18) Day Translations Inc. offers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) two posts
- B) five posts
- C) one position
- D) different positions

19) Global School is looking for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Chinese teachers
- B) Chinese employees
- C) non-native speakers
- D) native English teachers

20) Global School offers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) training
- B) computers
- C) a strict schedule
- D) a flexible schedule

Read the text.

### STILL AN ICON

Madonna began her career in entertainment singing with various New York groups. She exploded into the music scene in 1983 and she looks like she will continue to impress the world with her songs and performances.

Madonna is in fact her real name. She was born in the state of Michigan in 1958 and moved to New York City as a teenager to seek her fame and fortune.

She never looked back following the spectacular success of her debut album. Her hit singles include rock and dance classics and timeless love songs. She is also famous for her sexy dance routines in her music videos.

Madonna has had a sparkling and varied career. She has acted in successful Hollywood movies and won a Golden Globe award for her role in *Evita*. She has also appeared on stage in London's West End and published a book for children.



Adapted from [www.famouspeoplelessons.com](http://www.famouspeoplelessons.com)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 21 to 24)

21) Madonna started singing in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) London
- B) Michigan
- C) New York
- D) Hollywood

- 22) Madonna's real name is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Evita
  - B) Golden
  - C) Michigan
  - D) Madonna
- 23) During her career, Madonna \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) only sang love songs
  - B) never acted in a movie
  - C) has acted in Hollywood
  - D) never recorded a music video
- 24) Madonna is famous for her \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) books
  - B) novels
  - C) love poems
  - D) music videos

Read the text.

### SAMSUNG GALAXY S8 AVAILABLE IN COSTA RICA

The Samsung Galaxy S8 Android smartphone has arrived in Costa Rica and is available at some stores in the country. This phone is characterized by the introduction of the Infinity Display; it is described as an incredible end-to-end screen that spills over the phone's sides, forming a completely smooth, continuous surface with no bumps or angles. Besides, with Bixby Vision, Galaxy S8's camera is not just better, it is smarter. Just point your camera and Bixby will recognize landmarks, and even translate text.

Also, the redesigned battery has been built to pass an 8-point battery safety check. This extreme testing process, followed by careful inspection, ensures that Samsung's batteries meet the highest quality standards. However, it is not cheap at all. The price of the device is \$880 in cash.



Adapted from [www.qcostarica.com](http://www.qcostarica.com)

Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text.  
(Items from 25 to 27)

25) What can users do with Bixby Vision? They can \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) translate texts
- B) take only photos
- C) recognize people
- D) charge their cellphone

26) What is a positive feature of the cell phone? It \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) costs little
- B) has a low-quality battery
- C) has a high-quality battery
- D) is unavailable in the country

27) What is a negative feature about the cell phone? It \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) is expensive
- B) is very cheap
- C) has no camera
- D) has a low-quality battery

Read the text.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY IN COSTA RICA

The state-run Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) reported that 97% of the national electricity comes from renewable sources. The country generates most of its electricity using hydroelectric power plants.

Last month ICE's most ambitious project, the Reventazón hydroelectric project, went online, with the first of its five turbines generating electricity for the national power grid. Costa Rica's electricity matrix consists almost entirely of five renewable sources: hydro, wind, geothermal, biomass and solar. ICE now considers fossil fuels —a nonrenewable



source of power— as a backup energy generation source. Most of the electricity (66 percent) generated comes from hydroelectric power plants. Wind farms generate 16 percent, geothermal adds to 14 percent, biomass 2 percent and solar 0.02 percent.

Adapted from [www.ticotimes.net](http://www.ticotimes.net)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 28 to 30)

- 28) Most of the energy that the country generates comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) fossil fuels
  - B) wind power
  - C) geothermal energy
  - D) hydroelectric power



29) A non-renewable resource includes \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) biomass
- B) fossil fuels
- C) wind power
- D) geothermal power

30) ICE will use \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) only hydroelectric power
- B) fossil fuels as a backup energy source
- C) mostly solar power to generate electricity
- D) only geothermal power to generate energy

Read the text.

### IT IS GOOD FOR YOU

Research has shown that friendship can make a positive difference in the health of senior citizens, but a new study shows that relationships can have a similar impact on the health of people at every life stage. And that is especially true for teens and young adults.



The new study, from researchers at the University of North Carolina, suggests that people with good, supportive relationships are also healthier. Besides, friendship helps young people to avoid social isolation, which has a negative impact comparable to a lack of exercise.

Adapted from [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 31 to 33)

31) Friends are \_\_\_\_\_ in people's health.

- A) negative
- B) irrelevant
- C) beneficial
- D) a problem

32) Friendship helps people to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) fitter
- B) isolated
- C) negative
- D) healthier

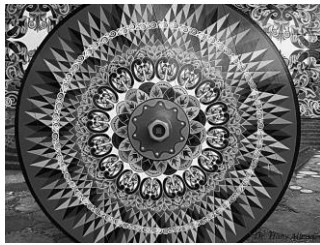
33) Friends may help young people to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) study better
- B) avoid social isolation
- C) exercise more frequently
- D) develop unhealthy relationships

Read the text.

### VALUES IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is a country with an extremely pleasant way of life, often based on solid family values. Costa Ricans are open-minded, friendly and liberal people, willing to consider alternative views. The social side of life is extremely important in Costa Rican life, and nothing is more cherished and sacred than family. It is normal to find the same groups



living, working and playing together, and this promotes a culture of solidarity and unity. In Costa Rica, family values are strong throughout all levels of society and it is quite normal for three generations to live within one household, each one with a role to play. Spending time with their families is something Costa Ricans really love.

Adapted from [www.culturesmartconsulting.com](http://www.culturesmartconsulting.com)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 34 to 36)

34) Costa Ricans are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) open-minded
- B) unsociable people
- C) extremely unfriendly
- D) all conservative people

35) Costa Ricans have \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) a violent society
- B) strong family ties
- C) close-minded beliefs
- D) an unpleasant way of life

36) Costa Ricans really like \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) being conservative
- B) spending time alone
- C) being away from their families
- D) spending time with their families

Read the text.

### COSTA RICAN POPULATION IS CHANGING

The population in Costa Rica is changing. Although the population level has remained stable since 2009, the size of the elderly population in society is rapidly increasing. It means that there will be fewer children, but more elderly people. According to a recent study, it is believed that by 2025 there will be one million people over the age of 65. That is three times the number of seniors today in the country.

This is mainly because of the life expectancy in the country, and the high-standard medical services provided to the elderly. Normally, most people live in Costa Rica 79.3 years, an age that is being surpassed quickly by many people. However, the challenge today is that seniors require more specialized medical attention which is increasingly expensive.



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 37 to 40)

- 37) As a group, senior citizens \_\_\_\_\_ in Costa Rica.
- A) are decreasing rapidly
  - B) do not reach 65 years
  - C) are increasing very fast
  - D) do not need medical attention

- 38) The elderly population \_\_\_\_\_ by 2025.
- A) will decrease rapidly
  - B) will be about one million
  - C) won't get medical attention
  - D) won't live more than 65 years
- 39) Most Costa Ricans live about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) eighty years
  - B) sixty-five years
  - C) a hundred years
  - D) less than sixty-five years
- 40) Medical attention for the elderly is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) very cheap
  - B) not expensive
  - C) very expensive
  - D) not specialized

Read the dialogue.

Situation: Liza and Hanna are talking about their grandparents.

Liza: You live with your parents, right?

Hanna: Yes, I live with my parents and my grandparents started living with us five years ago. I love them very much. My grandparents are very important to me.

Liza: Why are they important to you?

Hanna: They are very loving. They always help me and they give me advice all the time. They are retired, but they are still very active.

Liza: Really? I see they are really important in your life.

Hanna: Sure. What about your grandparents?

Liza: Well, I don't live with them. I live with my parents, but we often visit them. They live in Puntarenas.

Hanna: How often do you see them?

Liza: Once or twice a month. As well as your grandparents, my grandparents are very active and dynamic. They have a small store.

Hanna: Interesting. They still work.

Liza: Yes, they do.

Hanna: That's nice.



Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous dialogue.  
(Items from 41 to 44)

41) Who does Hanna live with? With her \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) family
- B) mother only
- C) grandparents only
- D) family in Puntarenas



42) How do Hanna's grandparents help her? They \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) work for her
- B) employ her in a store
- C) take her to Puntarenas
- D) give her advice all the time

43) What are Liza's grandparents like? They are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) lazy
- B) inactive
- C) very active
- D) not dynamic

44) What do Liza's grandparents do? They \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) are retired
- B) do not work
- C) own a small store
- D) do not do anything

Read the text.

### ICE CUSTOMERS TO FACE INTERRUPTIONS

Customers of the Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) in five provinces can expect interruptions in their phone, Internet and cable service this week. ICE announced that it is conducting maintenance work on all its telecommunications networks. The work will cause a rolling suspension of ICE's home and business Internet services, landline and mobile phones, mobile Internet and cable TV.

ICE customers in Alajuela, Guanacaste and Puntarenas will experience interruptions in their mobile lines and mobile Internet, and customers in Guanacaste will have interruptions of all ICE services. Other communities south of San José, including La Y Griega, San Francisco and Palmita, will face interruptions of all the services, too. Limón and Heredia won't have any interruptions in the services.



Adapted from [www.ticotimes.net](http://www.ticotimes.net)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 45 to 47)

45) Some services will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) cancelled in Heredia
- B) cancelled in Alajuela only
- C) interrupted in five provinces
- D) interrupted all over the country

- 46) ICE will \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) offer a new mobile service
  - B) eliminate some services in Limón
  - C) carry out some maintenance work
  - D) interrupt some services in the whole country
- 47) Customers in Alajuela will have interruptions with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) all ICE services
  - B) only their mobile lines
  - C) their cable TV service
  - D) their mobile lines and mobile Internet

Read the text.

### TWITTER

Twitter is an online news and social networking service where users post and interact with messages, called *tweets*, restricted to 140 characters. Twitter was created in March 2006, and the service rapidly gained worldwide popularity. In 2012, more than 100 million users posted 340 million tweets a day. Registered users can post tweets, but those who are unregistered can only read them. Users access Twitter through its website interface, SMS or a mobile device application.



In 2013, it was one of the ten most-visited websites and has been described as the *SMS of the Internet*. In 2016, Twitter had more than 319 million monthly active users.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 48 to 50)

48) Twitter is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) really popular
- B) an unrestricted application
- C) an unpopular social network
- D) available only in the United States

49) Twitter allows unregistered users to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) post messages
- B) read messages
- C) write more than 140 characters
- D) send messages without any restrictions

50) Registered users can \_\_\_\_\_ through Twitter.

- A) post tweets
- B) only read tweets
- C) restrict messages
- D) write more than 140 words

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