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## **PART I. READING**

### **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TEXTS.**

**You must answer all the questions about the same text. NO POINTS will be given to mixed answers. Clearly identify on your paper which text you have chosen.**

#### **TEXT 1**

### **HOW TO SURVIVE WHEN YOU SHARE A FLAT**

Leaving mom and dad to go to university? Great! You've changed your life forever. Moving away from your parents' house probably sounds like a dream right now. And it is. However, the reality of sharing a kitchen and bathroom with strangers can be quite a shock.

There are some important clues that can help you in this adventure. The most essential matter about sharing a flat is privacy, even if you get along super-well with your flatmates. Although they don't respect your personal, private space, you can change things by acting responsibly and respect theirs. An example: if your flatmate is in his room and the door is closed, knock the door although he is used to simply walking into your bedroom. Especially at the beginning, it's also important to get to know each other at the flat. For this reason, you should organise something fun together with all your flatmates. An idea, for example, can be a movie night or a picnic at a park. Or maybe cooking together.

Doing the shopping and sharing the cost of maintaining a house is also important. One option is to make a list of essentials that everyone in the flat uses (toilet paper, hand soap, olive oil, etc.) and take turns at buying them. Another good idea is to get one of those blackboards and make a note of who bought what, when and how much was spent. It avoids embarrassing arguments. And remember: if you accidentally use somebody's else things (milk, shower gel,..), always make sure to replace or pay for it.

And finally, cleaning the flat. This is the most controversial issue. To live in a clean student house seems almost impossible, but the truth is that with a little bit of organisation, it can be done. It's also easier to keep a house tidy and clean by doing a bit every day rather than waiting for a big "cleaning operation" once a month.

The most important rule is to decide right from the beginning how you are going to split responsibilities, and that will make your experience memorable.

*Adapted from <https://nytimes.com>*

#### **TEXT 1. QUESTIONS**

**1.READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer).** Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. No marks are given for T or F.



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1. Privacy is not necessary when you have a good relationship with your flatmates. **FALSE. The most essential matter about sharing a flat is privacy, even if you get along super-well with your flatmates.**
2. According to the writer, when you start sharing a flat, you don't need to learn things about your flatmates. **FALSE. Especially at the beginning, it's also important to get to know each other at the flat.**
3. Writing down how the expenses of the flat are paid avoids disagreements. **TRUE. Another good idea is to get one of those blackboards and make a note of who bought what, when and how much was spent. It avoids embarrassing arguments.**
4. If you tidy a little daily, you will get better results than if you do a massive cleaning less frequently. **TRUE. It's also easier to keep a house tidy and clean by doing a bit every day rather than waiting for a big "cleaning operation" once a month.**

**TEXT 1 LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):**

**A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Accustomed: **used**
2. Quarrels, disputes: **arguments**
3. Substitute: **replace**
4. Share, divide: **split**

**B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

1. Look for one word from the same vowel as in "meet" /i:/ **leaving, dream, reason, cleaning, clean, easier, keep, seems**
2. How do you pronounce the "th" in "truth", /ð/ or /θ/? **/θ/**
3. Is the final "-s" pronounced /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/ in "sounds"? **/z/**
4. How is the "a" pronounced in "flat" /æ/, /ɑ:/ or /ʌ/? **/æ/**

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## NEW SPORTS IN TOKYO 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic did not only change our daily lives in that horrible year that was 2020, but has also left us without the most appealing sporting event in the world: the Olympic Games. In 2021, one year later, Tokyo will host the event.

In 1940, the Second World War forced the Olympic Games to be suspended. They were supposed to be held in Tokyo (Japan). Therefore, it is not the first time that Tokyo has faced drawbacks when it comes to organising the Games.

On 24 March 2020, with the Tokyo Olympic Games just a few months away, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that they would be postponed. The news was expected, but it was still a heavy blow for sport lovers. The measure, according to the IOC itself, was aimed at "protecting the health of athletes, other people involved in the event, and the international community" because of the COVID-19 pandemic and called for it to be held on "a date no later than the summer of 2021". The thousands of athletes who were going to participate in the Tokyo 2020 received the news of the suspension with relief, since most of them had been forced to suspend their training because of the pandemic and were not going to arrive at the summer event in their best condition. Despite this, a feeling of frustration ran through their minds, especially among the representatives of the new Olympic sports. Surfing is one of these new sports. The best surfers in the world will celebrate the Olympic debut of their sport on the spectacular Pacific coast of Japan. The state of the waves and the direction and strength of the wind make surfing an event in which athletes compete against each other while facing the changing conditions of nature. The Organising Committee also incorporated a sport as young and vibrant as skateboarding into the Olympic programme with two categories: street and park. In sport climbing, the climbers will put their skill and strength into practice on a vertical wall, and finger strength will decide which athletes will wear the medal around their neck. Finally, two sports which are very popular in Japan, karate (which was originated in Okinawa, a Japanese island) and baseball (the most practised sport in Japanese schools) will complete the list of disciplines for this year.

These five new sports will join classic ones such as athletics, fencing, cycling, gymnastics and swimming in the biggest event we will see in 2021.

<http://bbc.co.uk>

### TEXT 2. QUESTIONS

**1. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer).** Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. No marks are given for T or F.

1. Health problems have always been responsible for the suspension of the Olympics in Japan. **FALSE. In 1940, the Second World War forced the Olympic Games to be suspended. They were supposed to be held in Tokyo (Japan)**
2. The suspension of the Games was a hard shock for sports fans. **TRUE. On 24 March 2020, with the Tokyo Olympic Games just a few months away, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that**



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**they would be postponed. The news was expected, but it was still a heavy blow for sport lovers.**

3. The natural conditions will be significant in surfing competition. **TRUE. The state of the waves and the direction and strength of the wind make surfing an event in which athletes compete against each other while facing the changing conditions of nature.**
4. Skateboarding is a very recent sport. **TRUE. The Organising Committee also incorporated a sport as young and vibrant as skateboarding**

**TEXT 2 LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):**

**A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Attractive: **appealing**
2. Disadvantages, inconveniences: **drawbacks**
3. Directed, intended: **aimed**
4. Feeling of relaxation after anxiety or stress: **relief**

**B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

1. How is the first “u” pronounced in “summer”, /ʊ/, /æ/, or /ʌ/? **/ʌ/**
2. What is the vowel sound in “first”, /ɪ/, /aɪ/ or /ɜ:/? **/ɜ:/**
3. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “postponed”, /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/? **/d/**
4. Write a word from the text that includes the same diphthong sound as “pay” /eɪ/. **change, daily, games, later, away, aimed, date, participate, training, celebrate, state, waves, make, baseball, skateboarding**

**PART II. USE OF ENGLISH.**

**USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer).**

Choose **SIX** of these sentences and rewrite them starting with the words given. Only the first six will be corrected. No points will be given for the extra ones. Clearly identify the sentences you choose using the numbers here.

1. Despite having a lot of books at home, Susan doesn't read very much. Although **Susan has a lot of books at home, she doesn't read very much.**



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2. "Where did you meet Steven", Mary said to me.  
Mary asked me **where I had met Steven.**
3. I love a book. My grandfather bought it for me years ago.  
I love the book **that/which my grandfather bought for me years ago.**
4. It's a pity my team lost again.  
I wish **my team hadn't lost again.**
5. Somebody cleans my grandmother's house every week.  
My grandmother has **her house cleaned every week.**
6. "We won't go there tonight", she said.  
She said **(that) they wouldn't go there that night.**
7. I fell asleep because the film was very boring.  
If the film **hadn't been so boring, I wouldn't have fallen asleep.**  
- Si no ponen la coma, pero el resto está bien, puntuamos 0,25.
8. It's possible that Mark will finish soon.  
Mark **may/might/could finish soon.**
9. Mary has prepared the sandwiches.  
The sandwiches **have been prepared by Mary.**
10. People say that Peter paints really wonderful paintings.  
Peter **is said to paint really wonderful paintings.**
11. Mike began playing football with us ten years ago.  
Mike has **been playing football with us for ten years/since 2011**  
Mike has **played football with us for ten years/since 2011**
12. If this company doesn't give me my money back, I'll make a complaint.  
Unless this **company gives me my money back, I'll make a complaint.**  
- Si no ponen la coma, pero el resto está bien, puntuamos 0,25.

## **PART III. WRITING**



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**Write ONE of these two compositions (3 POINTS). If you write two, no points will be given to the second one. Your composition must have at least 125 words.**

**OPTION 1:** The advantages and disadvantages of sharing a flat when you are a student.

**OPTION 2:** "Sport can be a good help against the pandemic". Express your opinion.