

**Instrucciones:** a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

**OPTION B**

**TATTOOS**

- 1 The discovery of mummies with very simple decorative tattoos has proved the existence of tattooing
- 2 since prehistoric times. Scientists have not been able to explain the symbolism of these designs made up of
- 3 lines and dots, but it is thought they were part of a medical healing process.
- 4 However, for nearly as long as there has been tattooing, there has been condemnation. The Romans
- 5 used tattoos to mark slaves and criminals and the Japanese also considered them punishment. If you were
- 6 a convicted criminal, you would get a mark on your forehead, convicted twice get another, and if you were
- 7 convicted a third time, you would receive a third and final mark making the Japanese symbol for "dog".
- 8 In some other societies, tattoos gained respect and assured the owners status for life. The Polynesians
- 9 developed them to mark rank, and there is evidence that the Incas tattooed their warriors to remind them
- 10 and others of their success and bravery in battle.
- 11 In the late 1700s Captain Cook and his men reintroduced tattooing in Europe. Returning from one of his
- 12 trips, he brought a heavily tattooed Polynesian man who was a sensation among London upper-class. They
- 13 were so fascinated that they began adorning themselves with body marks in discreet places and, for a short
- 14 time, tattooing became a trend.
- 15 After World War II, tattoos had a terrible reputation because newspapers reported stories of blood
- 16 poisoning and other diseases and the people who wore them were associated with delinquents. Today they
- 17 are becoming so popular that it is getting harder and harder to find individuals without a tattoo. This rise in
- 18 popularity has placed tattooists in the category of "fine artists".

**I \* COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)**  
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

**1. Tattooing...**

- (a) has always been fashionable. (b) is no longer related to delinquency.  
(c) was forbidden after World War II. (d) has been considered art since prehistoric times.

**2. In Japan ...**

- (a) murderers were marked with the symbol for "dog". (b) third-time offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog".  
(c) no criminals were marked with the symbol for "dog". (d) all offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog".

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT (0.5 points each)

**3. According to some experts, the earliest tattoos may have been used to cure diseases.**

**4. In some cultures prominent citizens had their bodies tattooed.**

**5. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century Londoners wore visible tattoos.**

**6. In the mid 1900s tattooing was considered a harmful practice by some media.**

**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)**

**7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE for "rise" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 17)**

**8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "laugh" (verb).**

**9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "courage" (noun).**

**10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION: "She is always complaining ..... her school."**

**11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "A proof of something."**

**12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "I'm tired because I ..... (work) since lunchtime."**

**13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "It is not necessary for them to attend the lecture." They .....**

**14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "He was hit by a falling rock while skiing up in the mountains."**

**15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known the truth, ...."**

**16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "My neighbour watered the plants." "It had been raining for five hours."**

**17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Tattoos are created by inserting ink below the skin."**

**III \* PRODUCTION (3 points)**

**18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

**Tattoos, piercings, clothes, hairstyle, ... do you like to follow trends? Explain.**

## SOLUCIONES

1. b
2. b
3. T: it is thought they were part of a medical healing process.
4. T: In some other societies, tattoos gained respect and assured the owners status for life.  
The Polynesians developed them to mark rank.
5. F: ... a heavily tattooed Polynesian man who was a sensation among London upper-class. They were so fascinated that they began adorning themselves with body marks in discreet places.
6. T: After World War II, tattoos had a terrible reputation because newspapers reported stories of blood poisoning and other diseases.
7. decrease
8. laughter
9. bravery
10. about
11. evidence
12. have been working
13. They don't need to / don't have to....
14. A falling rock hit him while skiing up in the mountains
15. ... I would have acted differently. (a possible answer)
16. .... *in spite of / despite* the fact that it had been raining for five hours.  
.... *in spite of / despite* having been raining for five hours.
17. How are tattoos created?