

INGLÉS C1 - COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

TASK 1 (20 items x 0.5 marks = 10 marks)

Read this article about immigration in Japan. Complete each gap (1-20) with ONE suitable word from the box included in your answer sheet. Each word can only be used ONCE. There are four extra words you will not need to use. Gap 0 is an example.

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CAN JAPAN SURVIVE WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS?

By Emiko Jozuka, CNN

Updated June 15, 2018

Demolition worker Yuichi Aoki's face creases up when he thinks about Japan's future. 'I [0] **GOT** asked to resign from my job in the IT industry when I was 55,' Aoki, 59, tells CNN, as he takes a break from [1] _____ down a house in Japan. 'Now I have to work into my sixties'.

Considerably older than most of his co-workers, Aoki is also one of only a [2] _____ of Japanese nationals employed by a demolition company owned by Mehmet Yucel, 28, a Kurdish [3] _____ asylum seeker. The company, the majority of [4] _____ workers hail from Turkey, Iran and various parts of Africa, is unique in Japan, where foreign nationals [5] _____ up just 1.6% of the overall population. The company is part of an unregulated economy that is helping to [6] _____ Japan's labor shortage in so-called undesirable sectors such as demolition and construction.

Since [7] _____ the company in 2016, Yucel has received daily calls from immigrants in search of work - some with the right to work legally and [8] _____ without. 'Japan is turning a blind eye to these workers because it needs them, but it won't [9] _____ up with a proper long-term strategy for them,' says Yucel. Part of an increasing group of 2.23 million legal immigrants, Yucel considers himself one of 'the lucky [10] _____'. In 2016 Japan accepted just 28 refugees from a total of 10,901 applicants.

Japan is a 'super-aged' nation, where more than 20% of the population is over 65 and the birth [11] _____ has reached record lows. With fewer workers paying taxes to support a growing silver population in [12] _____ of pensions and healthcare services, Japan's economy is facing an unprecedented challenge.

Calling Japan's shrinking population an 'incentive' as opposed to a [13] '_____', Prime Minister Abe has attempted to encourage more senior citizens to join the workforce. Yet, large-scale immigration would provide a more obvious fix to Japan's labor crisis and demographic issues, but [14]_____ appears to be little appetite among the political class to increase immigration, [15]_____ important the need.

People in Japan believe that the country's peace and harmony is based on it being a homogenous country where there are few foreigners. Japan's attitude to the outside world is [16]_____ new. During a period of isolation between 1641 and 1853, only traders from China were allowed at the port of Nagasaki. Only in the 1980s, with the threat of a growing labor shortage, [17]_____ the country debate the possibility of accepting foreign workers.

At Yucel's demolition site, 25-year-old Kurdish asylum seeker Nurettin knows [18]_____ it's like to be caught in the system. He is still waiting for his asylum case to be processed. Nurettin has no legal right to work, but he's had no difficulty working alongside his Japanese colleagues [19]_____ the language barriers. 'When we're at work, we just get the job [20]_____', Nurettin says. 'Japan really needs to get over its identity as a homogenous nation. If the country remains closed off, the future is uncertain.'

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TASK 2 (6 items x 1 mark = 6 marks)

Read these extracts from letters. Match each extract number (21-26) to the person who wrote it (A-H) from the list in your answer sheet. Each person can only be used ONCE. There is one extra person you will not need. Extract 0 is an example.

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The Guardian runs a weekly series called **WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING**, in which ordinary people in different situations write a short paragraph revealing their true feelings. This week readers speak their minds about parenting and other family matters.

0 - G	<p><i>When you wave off your child, don't wish me a nice holiday. I've been planning every detail with a mixture of dread and resignation. I need to make sure I tweet a picture of her, so you see her looking happy while abseiling.</i></p> <p><i>[...] Sometimes I think I have performed a kind of miracle, being a parent to so many, bringing them new experiences and then delivering them home safely. So when we return home, please show that you understand the awesome responsibility I have undertaken by helping to get her bags off the coach.</i></p>
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21	<p>I know I'll never be one of you. The playground is still mainly a woman's world and, as hard as I try, I'll never fit in. When we chat, I talk about the issues that affect your lives. Nothing from my life, whether stereotypically male or otherwise, enters the conversation, but to no avail.</p> <p>You're all friendly enough to engage in a bit of small talk, but when your <i>real</i> friends arrive, I'm slowly edged out of conversations. I don't want to be 'one of the girls' – I never expected that – but a bit of solidarity wouldn't go amiss. My days are just like yours. [...]</p>
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22	<p>It could have been any of us, but it happened to be me. A brief 18 months of undivided attention before three more appeared. No doubt, learning the need to share was important. Then came years of seeing the others getting away with stuff I didn't.</p> <p>[...] Then eventually came the chance to be the first to sample life on the outside. The moment I had waited for. But now many years later it's down to me to take the lead in caring for our parents. Everything I was made to learn about sharing no longer seems to apply. The others are too busy, too unconcerned. To me it feels like the right and only thing to do. Sadly, that feeling isn't shared by the second, third or fourth.</p>
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23 'You must be very proud of him' is the standard comment from friends. Well, yes, but also anxious about the future: his ...and ours. I don't want to see the daily struggles of job hunting played out close to me, as the expensive degree goes stale on the shelf. I've done this parenting thing for 21 years and I'm getting tired.

So I'm buying another year's peace – expensively. We're funding a further year's study. I hope it helps him to get a job in the end. But, most of all, I want to buy another year's peace for us. Neither son nor husband know why I agreed so readily to this huge expense.

24 I try not to judge you, the parents, but I can't help it. Your children are bright and you don't even know it. You assume they'll be intelligent, but you've never wondered how this will come about: you're too busy. Meanwhile, you've farmed out their development to someone you pay less per hour than your cleaner.

You look down on me. You forget I have a master's degree and speak three languages, though it was on my CV. You see how much your children adore me, how I am a massive part of their world, and you resent it. All I can do is give your children the love they so desperately need. That, I promise you, is the best job in the world.

25 You told me you were pregnant with your first child at the same time I made my decision. Now when you come to visit, you see how relatively stress-free my life is, how I have surplus cash and time to spend on myself, and you moan about the pressures of motherhood. You fail to understand that these 'problems' are all your choice, and they are the same reasons I chose not to go down that road. [...]

But for every piece of freedom I have, you have a little hand that reaches up to hold yours. I still do not regret my decision, and I know you don't yours. Our lives are different but no better or worse. No more moaning, please.

26 I used to be a real person. I did things people noticed. Now retired, I'm an unpaid changer of nappies, a reader of bedtime stories, expected to drop everything and cancel friends' visits [...].

Nothing beats the thrill I feel when they spot me – their faces light up. I *do* love them dearly, but, when I've looked after them for several days in a row, I wonder whether I have a life of my own any more. Even they see me as a willing slave, waiting in the wings to meet them from school, entertain them and listen to the delightful minutiae of their lives.

TASK 3 (8 items x 0.5 marks = 4 marks)

Read this gapped article about pre-holiday stress. To fill in each gap (27-34) choose the best phrase (A-J) from the list included in your answer sheet. There is one extra phrase which does not fit in any gap. Gap 0 is an example.

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BEHIND EVERY GREAT HOLIDAY...

By Anna Hart

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Our time off should be relaxing – but planning these culture-rich, experiential trips is making us anxious. Anna Hart explores the psychology of pre-holiday stress.

Holidays are meant to be a time of rest, but, [0] **B**, it takes a whole lot of work to get relaxation right. Pre-travel we lose hours squinting at screens, comparing room rates and trying to read between the lines of *TripAdvisor* reviews. And the angst doesn't dissipate after we've booked. Will everything run smoothly? There's a lot of uncertainty – and a lot at stake.

'One of the great things about a holiday is that you get to look forward to it before you go, as well as enjoy it, and then enjoy the memories, [27] _____,' says clinical psychologist Dr Hibberd. The thrill of anticipation should be part of the pleasure of travel; it's [28] _____. But, increasingly, the planning is a stress in itself.

'Perfection is a subjective concept,' says therapist Boston. 'Chasing it often leads to complete shutdown, because anything less than perfection is a failure, [29] _____.' In the worst case, we end up abandoning our travel plans, as the task of planning that perfect (not to mention stress-reducing) trip seems too, well, stressful... because modern travellers really, really care about getting travel right. [30] _____ somewhere sunny. Now we have a long list of demands from our time away. We want to return from holiday, not just rested and suntanned but mentally and physically transformed. It's no bad thing that we're demanding more, but the downside is that we put a lot of pressure on ourselves to get it right.

This pre-trip angst is exacerbated by the volume of information available online. It's the sheer number of options [31] _____. 'Comparison is an important evolutionary tool, but nowadays it gets in the way of people's lives,' says Boston. 'Before social media, we would spend more energy comparing how we live in our environment to how people in other cultures live (the food, the lifestyle...). Now we use the same evolutionary tool to compare how [32] _____. Boston advises, 'Ask yourself this: what are you looking to get out of your experience? Do you crave adventure? A chance to switch off? If you feel you must chase perfection when you travel, at least define what it means to you, [33] _____.'

Travel is a chance to take ourselves out of our everyday lives and rewire our brains for new habits. If we're getting it right, that should begin at home [34] _____ of getting het up about holidaying before we've even begun.

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