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MATERIA: INGLÉS

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea cuidadosamente el texto y las preguntas.
2. Después de leer el texto y las preguntas, responda a éstas en inglés.
3. Conteste a las preguntas respetando el orden en el que están planteadas.

Calificación: las preguntas 1,2 y 4 se calificarán de 0 a 2 puntos cada una. La tercera se calificará de 0 a 1, la quinta pregunta de 0 a 3.

Tiempo: 90 minutos.

OPCIÓN A

Owning a pet: a way to improve your health

It has long been known that having a cat or a dog reduces the chances of having a heart attack. Scientific studies have shown that these pets have a calming effect on their owners. For example, blood pressure levels are lower when measured after spending some time with your pet.

A recent research study has shown additional evidence for these beneficial effects. The presence of pets has a relevant impact on the health of their owners, in many different areas. However, before choosing between a dog and a cat, you are advised to take into account your lifestyle and their specific health benefits.

For example, if you want to prevent the complications associated with osteoporosis, having a dog may provide considerable advantages. Walking your dog every day helps to make your bones stronger and avoid painful fractures, although you should be careful to guard against losing your balance or falling.

Cats can offer significant benefits to kids who might develop asthma. In homes where children grow up with cats, they are less likely to suffer from asthma when they get older.

Other results show advantages that are not related to a specific pet. Researchers in Germany carried out a survey among patients at risk from heart diseases. They were asked if they kept a pet. Male pet owners of all ages and women pet owners aged between 43 and 62 had appreciably lower levels of triglycerides. Male pet owners had also significantly lower blood pressure levels.

From this study, it appears that humans are benefiting from the unquestioning love and friendship that animals can give their owners.

Pets can be very helpful to enjoy a healthy life, but we should not forget to follow general recommendations related to our diet, exercise and medication.

QUESTIONS

1. Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write true or false and also copy from the text the statement that supports your decision.

- a) You should choose the pet you like most, independently of your lifestyle.
- b) According to the survey, all male and female pet owners had much lower blood pressure levels.

2. Answer the following questions in your own words, basing your answers on ideas from the text.

- a) Which illnesses is a cat good at preventing?
- b) Why is a dog helpful to prevent symptoms associated with osteoporosis?

3. Find the words in the text that have the following meaning:

- a) cuts down (paragraph 1)
- b) important (paragraph 4)
- c) provide (paragraph 6)
- d) tips (paragraph 7)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets where given.

- a) If he _____(own) a pet, he _____(not/feel) so lonely.
- b) It is said that dogs are _____(good) pets than cats. However, I think my cat is the _____(good) friend I have.
- c) Our dog _____(teach) to catch a bone last summer by our daughter. Toby likes _____(play) with kids in the park.
- d) Before _____(get) a dog, my sister, _____ has a lot of work, has to make sure that she will have enough time to walk it everyday.

5. Write between 80 and 100 words on one of the following topics:

- a) A dog or a cat? Which one do you prefer as a pet? Why or why not?
- b) Which daily habits do you think are more appropriate to enjoy a healthy life?

Give your reasons.

MATERIA:INGLÉS

CRITERIOS ESPECÍFICOS DE CORRECCIÓN

Tiempo: 1 hora y 30 minutos. Puntuación máxima de la prueba: 10 puntos.

Pregunta 1:

Hasta 2 puntos. Esta pregunta tiene por objeto comprobar la comprensión general del texto. Se calificará con cero puntos si la respuesta true / false no está justificada o si la justificación no es correcta. Cada respuesta correcta según el criterio anterior se puntuará con 1 punto cada una.

Pregunta 2:

Hasta 2 puntos. El alumno expresará en inglés una parte concreta de la información transmitida por el texto. Se pretende comprobar dos destrezas: la comprensión lectora y la expresión escrita, mediante la formulación de las dos preguntas abiertas que el alumno deberá contestar basándose en la información del texto, pero utilizando sus propias palabras en la respuesta.

Cada una de las preguntas valdrá 1 punto, asignándose 0,5 puntos a la comprensión de la pregunta y del texto, y 0,5 a la corrección gramatical de la respuesta.

Pregunta 3:

Hasta 1 punto. Esta pregunta permite medir el conocimiento del léxico inglés. Se calificará con 0,25 cada respuesta correcta.

Pregunta 4:

Hasta 2 puntos. Esta pregunta tiene por objeto comprobar los conocimientos gramaticales del alumno en sus aspectos morfológicos y/o sintácticos. Se presentarán oraciones con huecos que el alumno deberá completar. Se adjudicará 0,25 puntos a cada respuesta correcta.

Pregunta 5:

Hasta 3 puntos. Con esta pregunta se pretende evaluar la capacidad de expresión escrita del alumno. Se valorará la riqueza léxica, la complejidad de las construcciones gramaticales utilizadas y el buen uso de la lengua. La respuesta que no se ciña al tema que se pide se calificará con cero puntos, con independencia del buen uso de la lengua, si éste existiera.

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SOLUCIONES

1. A) FALSE: "However, before choosing between a dog and a cat, you are advised to take into account your lifestyle and their specific health benefits."
B) FALSE: "Male pet owners had also significantly lower blood pressure levels."

2. a) A cat may help children to prevent them developing asthma. It also has calming effects and it helps to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It reduces the chances of having heart attacks.

b) Because the exercise associated to walking the dog regularly helps to prevent your bones becoming weaker and suffering fractures.

3. A) reduces
B) significant
C) give
D) recommendations

4. a) If he owns a pet, he will not/won't/may not feel so lonely.
If he owned a pet, he would not/should not/might not feel so lonely.

b) It is said that dogs are better pets than cats. However, I think my cat is the best friend I have.

c) Our dog was taught to catch a bone last summer by our daughter.
Toby likes to play/ playing with kids in the park.

d) Before getting a dog, my sister, who is very busy, has to make sure that she will have enough time to walk it everyday.

5. Students' own answers.