



ES.G2 Imperfect Tense and Contrasting It With the Preterite

Total Marks

AQA 8692 · Calculators not allowed · about 40 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Answer every question. Note: accents, the enye (n with tilde) and inverted punctuation have been omitted from the printed Spanish for technical reasons; students should write them correctly where required in their answers. Full sentences are required in the tense-choice justification items. Time guidance: 40 minutes.

- 1** Conjugate the verb 'hablar' (to speak) in the imperfect for 'nosotros' to complete the sentence: Cuando eramos pequenos, nosotros siempre _____ con nuestros vecinos.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

- 2** Conjugate the verb 'comer' (to eat) in the imperfect for 'ella' to complete: De nina, ella siempre _____ fruta despues de clase.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3** Conjugate the verb 'vivir' (to live) in the imperfect for 'yo' to complete: Cuando tenia ocho anos, yo _____ en un pueblo pequeno.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

- 4** Conjugate the verb 'jugar' (to play) in the imperfect for 'tu' to complete: Cuando eras pequeno, tu _____ al futbol cada sabado?

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

- 5 Conjugate the irregular verb 'ser' in the imperfect for 'yo' to complete: Cuando era pequeno, yo _____ muy timido.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

- 6 Conjugate the irregular verb 'ir' in the imperfect for 'nosotros' to complete: Antes, nosotros _____ al parque cada domingo.

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

- 7 Conjugate the irregular verb 'ver' in the imperfect for 'ella' to complete: Cuando era nina, ella _____ muchas peliculas con su familia.

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

- 8 Choose the correct tense (imperfect or preterite) to complete the sentence and give a one-word justification in English. Sentence: 'Mientras yo _____ (leer) en la sala, sono el telefono.'

(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)

- 9 Choose the correct tense and give one-word justification in English. Sentence: 'Ayer, Maria _____ (llegar) a las ocho y todos _____ (esperar) en la estacion.'

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

- 10 Choose the correct tense and give one-word justification in English. Sentence: 'Cuando _____ (ser) ninos, mis primos y yo siempre _____ (ir) a la playa.'

(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)

- 11** Choose the correct tense and give one-word justification in English. Sentence: 'De repente, la luz se _____ (apagar) y todos _____ (gritar).'

(Total for Question 11 is 2 marks)

- 12** Choose the correct tense and give one-word justification in English. Sentence: 'Mientras yo _____ (estudiar), mi hermano _____ (poner) la mesa.'

(Total for Question 12 is 2 marks)

- 13** Fill each gap in the short narrative with the correct imperfect form. Text: 'Cuando vivía en Madrid, cada mañana yo _____ (despertar) a las siete, _____ (desayunar) con mi familia, luego _____ (caminar) al trabajo y no _____ (volver) a casa hasta las siete de la tarde.'

(Total for Question 13 is 4 marks)

- 14** Translate the short Spanish passage into English. Passage: 'Anoche, mientras mi padre cocinaba, mi madre llamo a un amigo y nosotros charlabamos en la cocina.' Translate in full into English, preserving tense contrast.

(Total for Question 14 is 6 marks)

15 Translate these three short English sentences into Spanish, using the imperfect where appropriate. (i) I used to read every evening. (ii) Yesterday I read a long book. (iii) When I was young I liked cartoons.

(a) i) I used to read every evening. (2)

(b) ii) Yesterday I read a long book. (2)

(c) iii) When I was young I liked cartoons. (2)

(Total for Question 15 is 6 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** hablabamos
- **Answer:** hablabamos

Question 2

- **B1** comia
- **Answer:** comia

Question 3

- **B1** vivia
- **Answer:** vivia

Question 4

- **B1** jugabas
- **Answer:** jugabas

Question 5

- **B1** era
- **Answer:** era

Question 6

- **B1** ibamos
- **Answer:** ibamos

Question 7

- **B1** veia
- **Answer:** veia

Question 8

- **B1** leia - imperfect of leer for yo, spelled without accent
- **B1** Justification: 'background' or 'ongoing' (one-word) explaining that leer was an ongoing action
- **Answer:** leia; ongoing

Question 9

- **B1** llego / esperaba or llego; esperaba - student chooses preterite llego for llegar and imperfect esperaban for esperar
- **B1** Justification: 'single' or 'completed' for llego and 'background' or 'ongoing' for esperaba
- **Answer:** llego; completed / esperaban; background

Question 10

- **B1** eramos; ibamos - both imperfect because repeated/habitual actions and description
- **B1** Justification: 'habitual' or 'repeated'
- **Answer:** eramos; ibamos; habitual

Question 11

- **B1** apago (preterite) and gritaron (preterite) - both single events
- **B1** Justification: 'sudden' or 'completed'
- **Answer:** apago; gritaron; sudden

Question 12

- **B1** estudiaba (imperfect) and puso (preterite) - background and single completed action
- **B1** Justification: 'background' or 'interruption'
- **Answer: estudiaba; puso; background**

Question 13

- **B1** despertaba
- **B1** desayunaba
- **B1** caminaba
- **B1** volvía
- **Answer: despertaba; desayunaba; caminaba; volvía**

Question 14

- **B1** Anoche, while my father was cooking (or 'my father cooked' depending on wording), correct sense
- **B1** my mother rang a friend / called a friend, correct preterite interpretation
- **B1** and we were chatting in the kitchen, correct imperfect background
- **B1** coherent full-sentence English with tense contrast preserved
- **B1** appropriate linking words 'while' and 'and' used or equivalent
- **B1** overall accurate translation with meaning fully conveyed
- **Answer: Last night, while my father was cooking, my mother called a friend and we were chatting in the kitchen.**

Question 15

- (a) **B1** content: 'Leía' or 'Solía leer' or 'Leía todas las noches' conveys habitual past
- (a) **B1** accuracy: correct imperfect form (leía) or 'solía + infinitive' correct
- (a) **Answer: Leía todas las tardes/noches.**
- (b) **B1** content: 'Ayer lei un libro largo' uses preterite for completed action
- (b) **B1** accuracy: correct preterite 'lei' (lei without accent in printed Spanish)
- (b) **Answer: Ayer lei un libro largo.**
- (c) **B1** content: 'Cuando era pequeño, me gustaban los dibujos animados' uses imperfect for ongoing past likes
- (c) **B1** accuracy: correct imperfect forms 'era' and 'gustaban' agreeing with plural object
- (c) **Answer: Cuando era pequeño, me gustaban los dibujos animados.**