1.7 Ser and Estar: Choosing the Right Verb for To Be: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer every question. Write full sentences where requested.

1 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about identity: 'Mi hermana ___ profesora en la escuela de al lado.' Context: stating someone's occupation.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Complete the sentence with the correct form of estar plus gerund to describe an ongoing action: 'Ahora mismo yo ___ (leer) un libro sobre historia.' Context: present continuous describing what the speaker is doing now.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Complete the sentence with the correct form of estar plus gerund to describe an ongoing action: 'Mis amigos ___ (practicar) tenis en la pista ahora.' Context: present continuous for a group doing sport.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Complete the sentence with the correct form of estar plus gerund to describe an ongoing action: 'El profesor ___ (explicar) la tarea en este momento.' Context: teacher currently explaining homework.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

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5 Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite the full corrected sentence: 'Mi tío está muy simpático; es muy generoso.' Context: two clauses where one verb choice may be wrong given permanent vs temporary meaning.

(a) Identify the incorrect verb, supply the correct verb form and give the rewritten sentence. **(2)**

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

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6 Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite it: 'La sopa es fría porque lleva horas en la mesa.' Context: describing a temporary temperature of food.

(a) Identify the incorrect verb, supply the correct verb form and give the rewritten sentence. **(2)**

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

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7 Translate into Spanish: 'My father is in the kitchen because he is cooking now.' Context: includes both location and present continuous.

(a) Full Spanish translation. **(3)**

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

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8 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) and give a short English reason: 'Mi abuelo ___ malo desde ayer y el médico viene a verlo hoy.' Context: the sentence is about his health, not his character.

(a) Provide the correct Spanish verb form and a one phrase reason in English. **(2)**

(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)

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Mark scheme · 1.7 Ser and Estar: Choosing the Right Verb for To Be: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

es **B1**

Answer: es

Question 2

estoy leyendo **B1**

Answer: estoy leyendo

Question 3

están practicando **B1**

Answer: están practicando

Question 4

está explicando **B1**

Answer: está explicando

Question 5

(a) Replace 'está' with 'es' in first clause **B1**

(a) Corrected sentence: 'Mi tío es muy simpático; es muy generoso.' **B1**

(a) Answer: Mi tío es muy simpático; es muy generoso.

Question 6

(a) Replace 'es' with 'está' **B1**

(a) Corrected sentence: 'La sopa está fría porque lleva horas en la mesa.' **B1**

(a) Answer: La sopa está fría porque lleva horas en la mesa.

Question 7

(a) Mi padre está en la cocina **B1**

(a) porque está cocinando ahora **B1**

(a) Overall accurate sentence punctuation and word order **B1**

(a) Answer: Mi padre está en la cocina porque está cocinando ahora.

Question 8

(a) está **B1**

(a) Reason: he is ill at the moment, a temporary state of health (accept: he is unwell; 'malo' with estar means ill, with ser it means bad) **B1**

(a) Answer: está; reason: he is ill at the moment (temporary state of health).

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