1.7 Ser and Estar: Choosing the Right Verb for To Be: 30-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer every question. Write full sentences where requested.

1 Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite it: 'El concierto está en la plaza principal a las ocho.' Context: stating the location and time of an event.

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

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Translate into Spanish: 'We are from Seville but today we are in London.' Context: contrasting origin with current location.

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

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 Translate into Spanish: 'That student is clever, but right now he is tired.' Context: contrasting a characteristic with a temporary state to show difference between ser and estar.

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

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence expressing origin: 'Mi profesora de música ___ de Gales y habla galés con su familia.' Context: saying where someone is from.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about location: 'Los libros ___ en la mesa del salón.' Context: physical location of objects.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

6 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about location: 'Perdona, ¿dónde ___ la estación de tren?' Context: asking where a building is.

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about material: 'Mi casa ___ de piedra y tiene un jardín muy grande.' Context: saying what something is made of.

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

8 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence describing a temporary feeling: 'Tú ___ muy contento hoy porque has aprobado el examen.' Context: how someone feels today.

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

9 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about identity: 'Vosotros ___ mis mejores amigos.' Context: saying who people are to you.

(Total for Question 9 is 1 mark)

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10 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence describing a position: 'Los alumnos ___ sentados en círculo alrededor de la profesora.' Context: the position the students are in now.

(Total for Question 10 is 1 mark)

11 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence giving the time: 'Ahora ___ las cuatro y media de la tarde.' Context: telling the time.

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

12 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about possession: 'Estas botas ___ de mi hermano.' Context: saying who something belongs to.

(Total for Question 12 is 1 mark)

13 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence about a temporary situation: 'Mi hermano y yo ___ de vacaciones en Málaga esta semana.' Context: a temporary situation this week.

(Total for Question 13 is 1 mark)

14 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence that gives a general opinion: 'Para la salud, ___ importante beber agua después de hacer deporte.' Context: a general statement with no person as the subject.

(Total for Question 14 is 1 mark)

15 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence describing a date: 'Hoy ___ martes y hace buen tiempo.' Context: giving the day of the week.

(Total for Question 15 is 1 mark)

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16 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) and give a short English reason: 'El señor Vargas ___ muy rico: tiene tres casas y un yate.' Context: the sentence says how much money he has.

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

(Total for Question 16 is 2 marks)

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17 Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite the full corrected sentence: 'Mi primo es en el hospital porque se ha roto la pierna.' Context: saying where he is at the moment.

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

(Total for Question 17 is 2 marks)

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18 Translate into Spanish: 'My room is small, but today it is very tidy.' Context: contrasting a characteristic with a temporary state.

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

(Total for Question 18 is 3 marks)

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19 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence describing a temporary physical state: 'Esta mañana yo ___ cansado porque no dormí bien.' Context: how someone feels today.

(Total for Question 19 is 1 mark)

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20 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence expressing origin: 'Nosotros ___ de Valencia pero vivimos en Madrid.' Context: saying where people are from.

(Total for Question 20 is 1 mark)

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21 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) in the present tense for this sentence using a characteristic adjective: 'Esa película ___ muy aburrida para mi gusto.' Context: describing the nature of a film.

(Total for Question 21 is 1 mark)

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22 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) and give a one phrase reason in English: 'Marcela ___ lista para el examen.' Context: saying someone is ready or clever; choose the verb that means 'ready'.

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

(Total for Question 22 is 2 marks)

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23 Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) and give a short English reason: 'La puerta ___ abierta porque hay viento.' Context: stating why a door is in a certain condition right now.

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

(Total for Question 23 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

(a) Replace 'está' with 'es' because events use ser for location **B1**

(a) Corrected sentence: 'El concierto es en la plaza principal a las ocho.' **B1**

(a) Answer: El concierto es en la plaza principal a las ocho.

Question 2

(a) Somos de Sevilla **B1**

(a) pero hoy estamos en Londres **B1**

(a) Correct contrasting conjunction and word order **B1**

(a) Answer: Somos de Sevilla pero hoy estamos en Londres.

Question 3

(a) Ese estudiante es listo **B1**

(a) pero ahora está cansado **B1**

(a) Correct contrast and register **B1**

(a) Answer: Ese estudiante es listo pero ahora está cansado.

Question 4

es **B1**

Answer: es

Question 5

están **B1**

Answer: están

Question 6

está (accent required: 'esta' means 'this') **B1**

Answer: está

Question 7

es **B1**

Answer: es

Question 8

estás (accent required: 'estas' means 'these') **B1**

Answer: estás

Question 9

sois **B1**

Answer: sois

Question 10

están (accent required) **B1**

Answer: están

Question 11

son **B1**

Answer: son

Question 12

son **B1**

Answer: son

Question 13

estamos **B1**

Answer: estamos

Question 14

es **B1**

Answer: es

Question 15

es **B1**

Answer: es

Question 16

(a) es **B1**

(a) Reason: being wealthy is a characteristic of the person (accept: permanent; describes what he is like; 'rico' with estar would mean tasty) **B1**

(a) Answer: es; reason: being wealthy is a characteristic of the person.

Question 17

(a) Replace 'es' with 'está' **B1**

(a) Corrected sentence: 'Mi primo está en el hospital porque se ha roto la pierna.' **B1**

(a) Answer: Mi primo está en el hospital porque se ha roto la pierna.

Question 18

(a) Mi habitación es pequeña (accept cuarto or dormitorio, with the adjective agreeing: pequeño, chico); ser for the characteristic **B1**

(a) pero hoy está (any order of 'hoy'; accent on está required, 'esta' means 'this'); estar for today's state **B1**

(a) muy ordenada (accept limpia, recogida; the adjective must agree with the noun used, feminine with habitación) **B1**

(a) Answer: Mi habitación es pequeña, pero hoy está muy ordenada.

Question 19

estoy **B1**

Answer: estoy

Question 20

somos **B1**

Answer: somos

Question 21

es **B1**

Answer: es

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Question 22

(a) está **B1**

(a) Reason: indicates temporary state 'ready' not permanent cleverness **B1**

(a) Answer: está; reason: indicates temporary state 'ready', not permanent cleverness.

Question 23

(a) está **B1**

(a) Reason: current condition or state due to wind **B1**

(a) Answer: está; reason: current condition due to wind.

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