



ES.G6 Ser and Estar: Choosing the Right Verb for To Be

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Answer every question. Write full sentences where requested. Note: accents, the enye and inverted punctuation have been omitted from the Spanish in this pack for printing compatibility; write them correctly in your answers where required.

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

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3** 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 3 is 1 mark)

- 4** 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 dormi bien.' Context: how someone feels today.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

- 5** 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 5 is 1 mark)

- 6** 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 6 is 1 mark)

- 7** 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 7 is 2 marks)

- 8** 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 8 is 2 marks)

- 9** Choose the correct verb (ser or estar) and give a short English reason: 'El concierto ____ en el teatro central.' Context: giving the location where an event takes place.

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

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

- 10** 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 10 is 1 mark)

- 11** 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 11 is 1 mark)

- 12** 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 12 is 1 mark)

- 13** Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite the full corrected sentence: 'Mi tío esta 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 13 is 2 marks)

- 14** 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 14 is 2 marks)

15 Correct the wrongly chosen verb in this sentence and rewrite it: 'El concierto esta 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 15 is 2 marks)

16 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 16 is 3 marks)

17 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 17 is 3 marks)

18 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 18 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** es
- **Answer:** es

Question 2

- **B1** estan
- **Answer:** estan

Question 3

- **B1** es
- **Answer:** es

Question 4

- **B1** estoy
- **Answer:** estoy

Question 5

- **B1** somos
- **Answer:** somos

Question 6

- **B1** es
- **Answer:** es

Question 7

- (a) **B1** esta
- (a) **B1** Reason: indicates temporary state 'ready' not permanent cleverness
- (a) **Answer:** esta; reason: indicates temporary state 'ready', not permanent cleverness.

Question 8

- (a) **B1** esta
- (a) **B1** Reason: current condition or state due to wind
- (a) **Answer:** esta; reason: current condition due to wind.

Question 9

- (a) **B1** es
- (a) **B1** Reason: location of an event uses ser
- (a) **Answer:** es; reason: location of an event uses ser.

Question 10

- **B1** estoy leyendo
- **Answer:** estoy leyendo

Question 11

- **B1** estan practicando
- **Answer:** estan practicando

Question 12

- **B1** esta explicando
- **Answer:** esta explicando

Question 13

- (a) **B1** Replace 'esta' with 'es' in first clause
- (a) **B1** Corrected sentence: 'Mi tío es muy simpático; es muy generoso.'
- (a) **Answer: Mi tío es muy simpático; es muy generoso.**

Question 14

- (a) **B1** Replace 'es' with 'esta'
- (a) **B1** Corrected sentence: 'La sopa está fría porque lleva horas en la mesa.'
- (a) **Answer: La sopa está fría porque lleva horas en la mesa.**

Question 15

- (a) **B1** Replace 'esta' with 'es' because events use ser for location
- (a) **B1** Corrected sentence: 'El concierto es en la plaza principal a las ocho.'
- (a) **Answer: El concierto es en la plaza principal a las ocho.**

Question 16

- (a) **B1** Mi padre está en la cocina
- (a) **B1** porque está cocinando ahora
- (a) **B1** Overall accurate sentence punctuation and word order
- (a) **Answer: Mi padre está en la cocina porque está cocinando ahora.**

Question 17

- (a) **B1** Somos de Sevilla
- (a) **B1** pero hoy estamos en Londres
- (a) **B1** Correct contrasting conjunction and word order
- (a) **Answer: Somos de Sevilla pero hoy estamos en Londres.**

Question 18

- (a) **B1** Ese estudiante es listo
- (a) **B1** pero ahora está cansado
- (a) **B1** Correct contrast and register
- (a) **Answer: Ese estudiante es listo pero ahora está cansado.**