



ES.L4 Theme 2.1/2.3: Where I Live and the Environment - Listening Comprehension

Total Marks

AQA 8692 · Calculators not allowed · about 30 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Read each short transcript carefully as if you heard it. Accents and the enye have been omitted for print compatibility and should be written correctly in any answers that require Spanish. Answer all questions in English. Each question that asks for a short English answer should be concise; questions worth 1 mark need a single correct piece of information. Total time guidance: 30 minutes.

- 1** Transcript A: Ana describes her neighbourhood and local amenities in her town of Vigo.
Transcript: 'Vivo en un barrio pequeno y es muy tranquilo. Hay un parque cerca donde salgo con mi perro. No hay supermercado abierto por la noche, pero hay una farmacia y una panaderia. Me gusta vivir aqui porque todo esta limpio y hay muchas flores.' Listen and answer questions about Ana's neighbourhood, Vigo.
- (a) Multiple choice: Which amenity does Ana say is NOT open at night? A (1)
supermarket, A park, A pharmacy, A bakery.
- ☐ A supermarket
☐ A park
☐ A pharmacy
☐ A bakery
- (b) Decide: True, False or Not mentioned. Ana says she goes to the park with her (1)
dog. Answer in English.
- (c) Short answer in English: Give one reason Ana gives for liking where she lives. (1)
- (d) Multiple choice: Which shop does Ana mention by name type as available? A (1)
supermarket, A cinema, A pharmacy, A bookshop.
- ☐ A supermarket
☐ A cinema
☐ A pharmacy
☐ A bookshop

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Transcript B: A short debate between Jorge and Maria comparing city and country life.

Transcript: 'Jorge: En la ciudad hay muchas tiendas y transporte, pero es ruidosa y hay mas contaminacion. Maria: En el campo es mas tranquilo, aire limpio y conozco a mis vecinos, pero hay menos trabajo y menos opciones de ocio.' Listen and answer questions about each speaker's view.

- (a) Match the speaker to the opinion. Which speaker says there is more pollution in the city? Jorge or Maria? (1)
- (b) Decide: True, False or Not mentioned. Maria says there are many leisure options in the countryside. Answer in English. (1)
- (c) Short answer in English: Give one advantage Jorge mentions about city life. (1)
- (d) Multiple choice: Which negative does Maria attribute to living in the country? A noise, A more pollution, Less work, More traffic. (1)
- ☐ Noise
 - ☐ More pollution
 - ☐ Less work
 - ☐ More traffic

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Transcript C: Short news-style item about a new local recycling scheme in the town of Lugo.

Transcript: 'El Ayuntamiento de Lugo ha empezado un proyecto nuevo para reciclar plástico y vidrio en los barrios. Cada semana, los vecinos pueden dejar bolsas verdes en puntos de recogida. Según el alcalde, con esta iniciativa habrá menos basura en las calles y menos contaminación en el río. El proyecto empieza el lunes y esperan que muchas familias participen.' Listen and answer the questions about the recycling scheme.

(a) Multiple choice: Which materials does the scheme specifically mention for recycling? A paper and cardboard, B plastic and glass, C food waste, D metal cans. **(1)**

☐ paper and cardboard

☐ plastic and glass

☐ food waste

☐ metal cans

(b) Decide: True, False or Not mentioned. The mayor says the scheme will reduce pollution in the river. Answer in English. **(1)**

(c) Short answer in English: On which day does the project start? **(1)**

(d) Short answer in English: Where can residents leave their green bags each week? **(1)**

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

- 4** Transcript D: Lucia talks about differences between her flat in the city and a house her grandparents have in the countryside. Transcript: 'Mi piso en la ciudad es pequeno pero cerca de mi instituto y hay muchas tiendas; sin embargo mi casa en el campo tiene jardin grande, es muy tranquila y hay menos contaminacion. Prefiero ir al campo los fines de semana porque me gusta el aire libre.' Listen and answer the questions about Lucia's comparisons.
- (a)** Multiple choice: Which reason does Lucia give for preferring visits to the countryside at weekends? A she likes gardening, B she likes the fresh air, C she needs to work there, D she prefers shops there. **(1)**
- ☐ she likes gardening
 - ☐ she likes the fresh air
 - ☐ she needs to work there
 - ☐ she prefers shops there
- (b)** Decide: True, False or Not mentioned. Lucia says her city flat is near her school. **(1)**
Answer in English.
- (c)** Short answer in English: Give one advantage Lucia mentions about her grandparents' house in the countryside. **(1)**
- (d)** Multiple choice: How does Lucia describe her city flat? A spacious, B small, C noisy, D isolated. **(1)**
- ☐ spacious
 - ☐ small
 - ☐ noisy
 - ☐ isolated

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

- 5** Transcript E: A student, Tomas, describes environmental problems he sees in his town and simple actions people can take. Transcript: 'En mi pueblo hay problemas con la basura porque algunas personas tiran basura en las calles y hay bolsas en los arboles despues del viento. Tambien hay zonas donde no reciclan y hay demasiado plastico. Propongo mas papeleras, campanas de educacion y puntos de reciclaje para que la gente recicle facil.' Listen and answer the questions about Tomas's ideas.
- (a)** Multiple choice: Which litter problem does Tomas mention as happening after the wind? A bottles on the pavement, B bags in the trees, C graffiti on walls, D oil on the road. **(1)**
- ☐ bottles on the pavement
- ☐ bags in the trees
- ☐ graffiti on walls
- ☐ oil on the road
- (b)** Decide: True, False or Not mentioned. Tomas says there is too much plastic because people do not recycle. Answer in English. **(1)**
- (c)** Short answer in English: Give one action Tomas proposes to improve the situation. **(1)**
- (d)** Short answer in English: Who is mainly responsible for the litter problem according to Tomas? **(1)**

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

- (a) **B1** A supermarket
- (a) **Answer: A supermarket**
- (b) **B1** True
- (b) **Answer: True**
- (c) **B1** gives one reason such as 'it is quiet' or 'everything is clean' or 'there are many flowers'
- (c) **Answer: It is quiet / everything is clean / there are many flowers**
- (d) **B1** A pharmacy
- (d) **Answer: A pharmacy**

Question 2

- (a) **B1** Jorge
- (a) **Answer: Jorge**
- (b) **B1** False
- (b) **Answer: False**
- (c) **B1** gives one advantage such as 'many shops' or 'public transport'
- (c) **Answer: There are many shops / there is public transport**
- (d) **B1** Less work
- (d) **Answer: Less work**

Question 3

- (a) **B1** plastic and glass
- (a) **Answer: plastic and glass**
- (b) **B1** True
- (b) **Answer: True**
- (c) **B1** Monday (or lunes)
- (c) **Answer: Monday**
- (d) **B1** At collection points / puntos de recogida
- (d) **Answer: At collection points**

Question 4

- (a) **B1** she likes the fresh air
- (a) **Answer: she likes the fresh air**
- (b) **B1** True
- (b) **Answer: True**
- (c) **B1** gives one advantage such as 'a big garden' or 'it is very peaceful' or 'there is less pollution'
- (c) **Answer: A big garden / it is very peaceful / there is less pollution**
- (d) **B1** small
- (d) **Answer: small**

Question 5

- (a) **B1** bags in the trees
- (a) **Answer: bags in the trees**
- (b) **B1** True
- (b) **Answer: True**
- (c) **B1** gives one action such as 'more bins', 'education campaigns', or 'recycling points'
- (c) **Answer: More bins / education campaigns / recycling points**
- (d) **B1** Some people / some residents who throw rubbish in the streets
- (d) **Answer: Some people / some residents who throw rubbish in the streets**