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## PROPUESTA A

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Do you celebrate Valentine's Day in your country? In the UK it's the most romantic day of the year. February 14th is traditionally a celebration of love, so how do people in the UK mark the occasion? Sending a Valentine's card to someone you love is a custom that started more than a century ago. Couples give cards to each other. It is also traditional to send an anonymous card to anyone you secretly love. This practice is particularly common in schools and can be a source of great amusement and embarrassment as everyone tries to work out who sent a card and who has a secret admirer!

Millions of people use digital means of creating and sending Valentine's Day greeting messages such as e-cards, or printable greeting cards. Texting your Valentine message is an easy (although maybe not very romantic!) option.

As well as cards, February 14th is also a day for giving gifts. Traditionally, men give chocolates or flowers to their wives or girlfriends. There are many websites offering advice on which Valentine's present to buy. Popular gifts last year included: red roses, a box of chocolates, a CD of romantic songs, a phone, jewelry, a photo frame or perfume.

Some people think that flowers and chocolates seem a little ordinary and so they look for a more unusual gift. For romantic people with plenty of cash these gifts could include: a helicopter flight, a balloon ride, the chance to test-drive a Ferrari. Some men complain that Valentine's Day is yet another opportunity for ever-increasing commercialism. For true romantics the gift of love is enough. Valentine's Day is a popular day to either propose or get married - you'd never forget your wedding anniversary!

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### QUESTIONS

#### I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer.

**NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for "V".**

1. It is traditional to send cards secretly on St. Valentine's Day.
2. Chocolates and flowers are popular presents on February 14th.
3. Most men think that Valentine's Day is too commercial.
4. Valentine's Day is an unusual day to propose or get married.

**II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):**

**A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. nameless.
2. enjoyment.
3. money.
4. make an offer of marriage.

**B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

1. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as “love” /ʌ/.
2. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as “people” /i:/.
3. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “included”, /t/, /d/ or /ɪd /?
4. How is the “-s” pronounced in “chocolates”, /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/?

**III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)**

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. People think that Fito is a talented musician.  
Fito .....
2. “Did you play football with your cousin last week?” She asked him.  
She asked him.....
3. My girlfriend was very tired. That’s why she didn’t go to the party yesterday.  
If .....
4. Despite the good weather, we didn’t enjoy the walk in the woods.  
Although .....
5. I have never met a more attractive person than Jane.  
Jane .....
6. Write the correct question for the underlined words.  
.....?  
John is picking her up at the airport tomorrow.

**IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)**

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:

**How important is love in your life? Are you a romantic person?**



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## PROPUESTA B

### J. K. ROWLING

Joanne Rowling is a British novelist, best known as the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series. The Potter books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, and sold more than 400 million copies. They have been the basis for a series of films which has become the highest-grossing film series in history.

Born in Yate, Gloucestershire, Rowling was working as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International when she conceived the idea for the Harry Potter series on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990. In 1997 Rowling finished the first novel in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. She subsequently published 6 sequels—the last, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (2007).

Rowling has led a "rags to riches" life story. She progressed from living on state benefits to multi-millionaire status within five years. She is the British best-selling author, with sales in excess of £238m. The 2008 Sunday Times Rich ranked her as the twelfth richest woman in the United Kingdom. Forbes ranked Rowling as the forty-eighth most powerful celebrity of 2007. In October 2010, Rowling was named the "Most Influential Woman in Britain" by leading magazine editors. She has become a philanthropist, supporting such charities as "One Parent Families" and "Sclerosis Society of Great Britain".

Anticipating that the target audience of young boys might not want to read a book written by a woman, her publishers demanded that she use two initials ("J. K."), rather than her full name ("Joanne"). As she had no middle name, she chose "K" as the second initial of her pen name, from her paternal grandmother. Following her marriage, she has sometimes used the name Joanne Murray when conducting personal business.

Adapted from <<http://saberingles.com.ar/reading/j-k-rowling.html>>

## QUESTIONS

### I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

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1. The Harry Potter series have only attracted readers in Britain.
2. Rowling has always been a wealthy woman.
3. No other British author has sold more books than Rowling.
4. "K" was the second initial of Rowling's middle name.

**II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):**

**A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. numerous.
2. aids.
3. prominent.
4. readership.

**B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

1. Write one word from the text that includes the same diphthong sound as “gained” /eɪ/.
2. Write one word from the text that includes the same consonant sound as “than” /ð/.
3. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “ranked”, /t/, /d/ or /ɪd /?
4. Is the “ch” in “charities” pronounced as /ʃ/ or as /tʃ/?

**III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)**

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. A mechanic repaired my car yesterday.  
I .....
2. My friend Alice is your new neighbour. She is from Bristol.  
My friend Alice .....
3. John will probably pass his driving licence tomorrow.  
John .....
4. My father is too old to understand computers.  
My father is not .....
5. Her daughter started living abroad ten years ago.  
My daughter has .....
6. To work abroad is OK for me.  
I don't mind .....

**IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)**

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:

**Advantages and disadvantages of becoming a celebrity**