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FINAL  
MARK:

Nombre y Apellido: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: 100 marks

DNI: \_\_\_\_\_

1- Read and answer. (10 marks)

**FAMOUS MONUMENTS**



**BIG BEN**

You probably recognise Big Ben, the clock tower at one end of the Houses of Parliament in London. It's London's most famous monument. But perhaps you don't know Big Ben's real name – The Elizabeth Tower. Big Ben dates from 1859. The tower is 96 metres high. There are 334 stairs in it, but tourists can't go inside the tower or climb to the top. There are four clock faces and each face is seven metres in diameter. The minute hands are 4.2 metres long and weigh about 100 kilos. The bell weighs about 13, 760 kilos. Big Ben looks amazing at night because there are lights on the clock faces. On 31<sup>st</sup> December every year – New Year's Eve – TV stations in the UK show pictures of Big Ben at midnight. And all over the country people listen to the twelve chimes of the bell when the old year ends.

**THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**

The Statue of Liberty in New York harbour is the work of the French designer, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. This present from the people of France to the USA in 1886 is the most famous monument in the USA. Every year millions of tourists take a boat trip to Liberty Island to see it. It's the only way to get there, This huge statue weighs 204,000 kilos. Twelve people can stand in the torch and forty can stand in the head!

1. Where is Big Ben?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?

\_\_\_\_\_

**2- Choose True or False. Draw a circle in each case. (4 marks)**

1. Big Ben's other name is the Queen's Tower. TRUE / FALSE
2. The Statue of Liberty stands on an island. TRUE / FALSE
3. You can drive to the Statue of Liberty. TRUE / FALSE
4. People can stand in the Statue of Liberty's torch. TRUE / FALSE

**3- Complete with only one word from the box. There are three extra words.**

**(16marks)**

**DELICIOUS – 'M – VERY – MOST – OLDER – FULL - FROM –  
OLDEST – EXPENSIVE – SHINING - IS**

Hello from London!

The weather's quite good for February. The sun's \_\_\_\_\_ and it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ old. I \_\_\_\_\_ sitting in a café in Covent Garden. It's a bit \_\_\_\_\_, but the chocolate cake is really \_\_\_\_\_. The Transport Museum is \_\_\_\_\_ of old buses and underground trains and it's very interesting. You can also see old tickets. The \_\_\_\_\_ bus ticket is \_\_\_\_\_ 1860!

See you soon

Piers

**4- Read the text and circle the correct option in the box. (15 marks)**

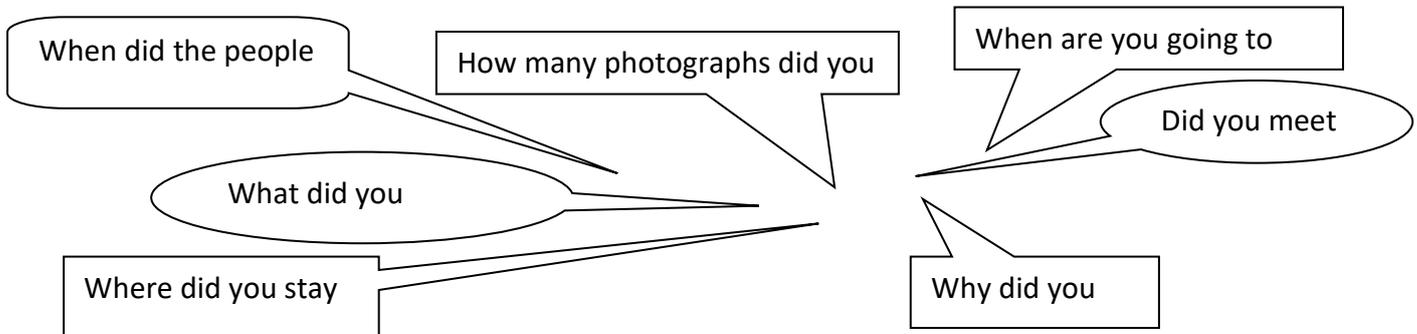
	A	B	C
1.	decide	decided	is deciding
2.	take	took	taken
3.	am	is	are
4.	are	was	were
5.	am	is	are
6.	tell	told	Is telling
7.	look	looks	are looking
8.	are	're going	's going
9.	waiting	waits	wait
10.	be	were	'm

Hello from Bath!

Yesterday we **1)**\_\_\_\_\_ to visit this beautiful city. So, in the morning, we **2)**\_\_\_\_\_ a train, and here we **3)**\_\_\_\_\_ now! The Roman Baths **4)**\_\_\_\_\_ about 1,700 years old. So this is a very old city. The water in the bath is warm. It's about 46 C. There **5)**\_\_\_\_\_ actors in Roman costumes and they **6)**\_\_\_\_\_ visitors about life in Roman times. It's very interesting to listen to them, but some of the costumes **7)**\_\_\_\_\_ a bit silly! It's quite sunny here and we **8)**\_\_\_\_\_ to have a picnic lunch in the park soon. I can't **9)**\_\_\_\_\_. I **10)**\_\_\_\_\_ very hungry!

Love Teresa

**5- Read the following conversation between Piers and a friend called Mario on the phone. Complete the dialogue with the bubbles. There are two extra ones.**  
**(15 marks)**



**MARIO:** \_\_\_\_\_ take?

**PIERS:** More than one hundred.

**MARIO:** And \_\_\_\_\_ in Bath?

**PIERS:** We stayed in a very nice hostel.

**MARIO:** \_\_\_\_\_ new people?

**PIERS:** Yes, we did. We met a group of French students.

**MARIO:** \_\_\_\_\_ do?

**PIERS:** We visited some landmarks, parks and rivers.

**MARIO:** One last question. \_\_\_\_\_ return home?

**PIERS:** We are planning to arrive at the City of Buenos Aires next Friday.

**6- Listen and fill in the gaps. (20 marks)**

The Flatiron Building

It is on the \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_ years older than the Empire State Building  
The building is almost \_\_\_\_\_ metres high  
At the front, it is only \_\_\_\_\_ metres wide.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ at this end have great views of the city and the Empire State Building.  
Most visitors just look at the \_\_\_\_\_ and visit the \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground floor.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_ to get to the building.  
The nearest \_\_\_\_\_ station is Twenty-Third Street  
There are also a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Next time you are in New York City, come and see it!

**7- Composition: Write information for a leaflet about a famous monument or building in your town. Answer some of the questions and give other information. (20 marks)**

- Where is it?
- What's it called?
- What's the date of it?
- What's the name of the designer?
- How high/long is it?
- How many visitors visit it every year?
- When is it open?

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