

### TRAVELLING

I don't fly very often, but I always seem to run into trouble. Last year, for example, I wanted to come home from a winter vacation in Miami, Florida. I had to take a plane to Atlanta and then take another plane home. We left Miami on a Sunday morning. The weather there was warm and sunny. We arrived in Atlanta at 12:30 p.m., but then it began to snow. In the next three hours, 10 inches of snow fell, and the plane could not leave. After twenty-four hours at the Atlanta airport, I was able to continue my journey. I arrived home and went to work. "You look tired", the people at work said. "You need a vacation".

This year I had to go to New York for an important business meeting. For the plane journey, I wore sports clothes; they were old, but I felt comfortable in them. My good clothes for the meeting were in my suitcase. I arrived in New York but my suitcase didn't. I went to my important meeting in my tennis clothes. Now that is not a way to do business! People in New York wear suits to business meetings, not shorts and tennis shoes. My meeting did not go well. That was two weeks ago. Now I am home again, and I am still waiting for my suitcase!

### QUESTIONS

1-READING COMPREHENSION. 2 POINTS ( 0,5 each correct answer)

Which of the following options is correct in the context of the passage?

- 1- Last year, the author had trouble....
  - a) on the plane from Miami to Atlanta.
  - b) on his way home from Miami.
  - c) on his way to Miami.
  
- 2- The writer had to wait in Atlanta because .....
  - a) the weather became bad, and his plane could not leave.
  - b) he could not find his suitcase.
  - c) all the planes were full; he could not get a ticket.

- 3- What trouble did the writer have on his trip to New York?
  - a) The plane was late and he was late for his important meeting.
  - b) He got on the wrong plane.
  - c) Someone did not put his suitcase on the New York plane.
- 4- Did the writer recover his suitcase ?
  - a) Yes, he did after two weeks.
  - b) No, he didn't
  - c) Yes, he recovered it immediately.

II- EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. 2 points ( 1 each correct answer)

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words.

1. Why did his colleagues at work say "You need a vacation"?
2. Why did he have to wear sports clothes for the meeting?

III- USE OF ENGLISH ( 3 points; 0,5 each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

- 1 - People consider that he is an expert on cricket.  
He .....
- 2- Please don't shoot.  
He begged us .....
- 3- Learning English is not easy.  
It is .....
- 4- We didn't visit the museum because we hadn't time.  
If.....
- 5- I'm sorry we accepted the invitation.  
I wish .....
- 6- Although she was poor, she was happy.  
In spite of.....

IV- COMPOSITION. ( About 100 words) ( 3 points max.)

Choose ONE of the following options. Specify your option.

( Además del contenido, se tendrá en cuenta la corrección gramatical, la forma de expresión- estructuras correctas.)

- A) Do you like travelling.?
- B) Do you prefer to travel by train or by plane? Give reasons for your answer.

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FORTUNE TELLING

We live in a scientific age, which means that everything we do is based on rational decisions and careful investigations of the facts.

If this is the case, I should like to know what makes so many people read the horoscopes which are to be found in practically every newspaper and magazine in the counhy. They will tell you, of course, that they do not believe a word of it, that it is all nonsense, just a bit of fun. And yet horoscopes are big business.

I recently got someone to do my horoscope. Now, of course, I do not believe in what she wrote, and I think she describes my character accurately for the simple reason that she knows me very well anyway. Similarly, I once had my palm read by a young lady who did not know me at all. My reason for letting her read my palm was that she was a ver-y pretty young lady, and it seemed an excellent excuse for holding her hand. Our relationship I regret to say, did not develop owing to the sudden arrival of her regular boy-friend, but she had had enough time by then to do a character sketch of me that was devastatingly accurate.

QUESTIONS

1- READMG COMPREHENSION. 2 POINTS ( 0,5 each correct answer)

Which of the following options is correct in the context of the passage ?

1 -The writer sees a contradiction between the popularity of horoscopes and the fact that.....

- a) they are quite expensive.
b) we live in a scientific age.
c) they are found in practically every newspaper and magazine.

2-The writer felt his horoscope was accurate because the woman who wrote it.....

- a) already knew a lot about him.
b) was an expert in astrology.
c) charged him a lot of money.

3- The first time the writer had his palm read, it was because he wanted to..

- a) hold a young lady's hand.
b) learn about palmistry
c) spend some money.

4- The young lady who first read his palm gave a description which was...

- a) based on careful investigations.
b) very far from the truth about his character.
c) very close to the truth about his character.

II- EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. 2 POINTS. ( 1 each correct answer)

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words.

- 1. Do you think the author believes in horoscopes? Why?
2- Do you think the young lady and the author are going out together? Why ?

III- USE OF ENGLISH ( 3 points; 0,5 each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1 - Many towns in Central Italy were destroyed by the earthquake. The earthquake . . . . .

2- I'm sorry I didn't book a seat.

I wish .....

3- If he doesn 't phone immediately he won't get any information. Unless .....

4- 'How many people know the combination of the safe?' said the detective.

The detective asked .....

5- I would like you to read this letter.

Would you mind .....

6- Ruth is not as young as Jill.

Jill .....

IV- COMPOSITION. ( About 100 words) (3 points max.)

Choose ONE of the following options. Specify your option.

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A) What do you think about horoscopes?

B) I had my palm read? Do you know anybody who has had his palm read? Could you write about the experience?