MODELO DE TAREA DEL EXAMEN DE ACREDITACIÓN LINGÜÍSTICA
SERVICIO CENTRAL DE IDIOMAS. NIVEL C1 (MODELO CERTACLES)

Ejemplo de tarea de comprensión lectora (READING)

READING TASK 1 (Questions: 1-6)

- **You are going to read an article on advances in science.**
- **Answer the questions 1-6 by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.**
- **The first one (0) has been done for you as an example.**
- **Write your answers on this exam booklet first. Then, put your answers on the ANSWER SHEET provided separately.**
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New Biotech Site Sparks Hope for Cancer Treatments

The latest victory in the Myriad Genetics case in Australia, allowing Myriad Genetics to patent isolated DNA, has sparked new debate over the development of new drugs to treat cancer.

At the forefront of a grass roots* movement in this debate is Viratech Corp. (VIRA), which claims to have the first open source biotech research and development platform, designed to bring open source development to the biotech industry — something that the software industry has enjoyed and which many attribute to the current IT explosion. Popular products such as Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Android and the Apache Open Office Suite, were all developed with open source.

The premise of Viratech's patent-pending method of open source research and development of biotech inventions is simply to use the social networking phenomena of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, and apply it to the biotech world, where many new treatments and diagnostics are either gobbled up* by Big Pharma and never developed, or never developed for lack of IP [Intellectual Property] protection and financing.

Viratech's platform of promoting biotech development is not completely open source, however. It is designed to protect intellectual property, bypassing the traditional huge expense and worry of IP protection, allowing users of the site to share their IP, develop their technology and amass a body of knowledge from that sharing protected by copyright.

VIRA hopes their site can create a paradigm shift in health care, resulting in treatments that are less costly and more available to those who need them. But the most interesting claim made is that the new social networking website, designed by VIRA for cancer.im, devoted to cancer treatment (http://cancer.im), which is estimated by the American Cancer Society to have reached the $1 trillion mark, can actually improve survival rates in cancer patients. The site, being touted as "Facebook for cancer patients," is based on medical studies that conclude that raising the quality of life of a cancer patient lowers the incidence of morbidity, regardless of treatment.

Much like Facebook, Cancer.im will provide the much-needed support and social interaction that those stricken with cancer thrive on to fuel their recovery. It is premised that, as Facebook has reconnected long-lost friends and acquaintances through a "virtual connection," the same can be

done by friends and family who would otherwise be embarrassed to reach out to someone they know who is afflicted by cancer, or if they don't know exactly what to do to help. (412 words)

*GLOSSARY: Grass roots: ordinary citizens, especially as contrasted with the leadership or elite; **to gobble sth up**: to use up, buy up, or occupy all of something.

*0. The debate on new drugs to treat cancer is strong again because _C_*
- *a)   Australia's government has won their case against Myriad Genetics.*
- *b)   Myriad Genetics has been isolated from the pharmaceutical business.*
- *c)   Myriad Genetics have won permission to do what they wanted.*
- *d)   Myriad Genetics develop new drugs for cancer that are not patented.*

1. Viratech Corp. says that they are ___
- a) the first users of open source software and development platforms.
- b) the first to bring Information Technology into the field of biotech.
- c) pioneers in the biotech industry to apply open source to their field.
- d) the most successful in copying the model of the software industry.

2. The use of social networks will help ___
- a) big pharmaceuticals to find new treatments they want to buy.
- b) to encourage big pharmaceuticals to develop new treatments.
- c) to work on new treatments that would otherwise not be developed.
- d) to develop new treatments in collaboration with pharmaceuticals.

3. Viratech's platform shares ___
- a) a lot of knowledge that would otherwise be expensive to buy.
- b) a lot of knowledge but only after protecting the creator's rights.
- c) knowledge with all other researchers using similar platforms.
- d) knowledge that is completely open source, buy only after you pay.

4. This new method of research and development wishes to___
- a) improve the price and accessibility of medication within the system.
- b) reach an agreement with health care systems to sell the medication.
- c) sell their medication for a more reasonable price to health centres.
- d) have more medication available in case the hospitals need them.

5. This "Facebook for cancer patients" hopes to ___
- a) give support to those who are dying.
- b) give advice on how to improve your life.
- c) lower the mortality rate among its users.
- d) improve the quality of some cancer treatments.

6. cancer.im can also help family and friends ___
- a) to find friends with cancer with whom they had lost all contact.
- b) to connect with other people who have also lost friends to cancer.
- c) to recover from having had a person with cancer in their circle.
- d) to have a less uncomfortable way of contacting people with cancer.

LISTENING TASK 1 (Questions: 1-7)

- **Listen to a spoken diary by a doctor treating ebola patients. (3min 09sec)**
- **Answer the questions (1-7) by choosing the correct answer A, B or C.**
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(PICAR AQUÍ)

0. The doctor who tells us her diary is in   B
a) Liberia.   b) Sierra Leone.   c) Guinea.

1. At the roadblocks, which of the following is NOT required? _____
    a) To have your temperature checked.
    b) To wash your hands with chlorine.
    c) To be checked for typical symptoms.

2. She says that in many places _____.
    a) you must stay off the streets when it's dark
    b) you must stay at home except to go to work
    c) only officials can go on the streets at night

3. Although it's not written down, everyone understands that _____.
    a) you may become so tired that you can't do the work
    b) personal problems may force you to leave for a while
    c) emotional stress may cause you to take time off

4. Which symptoms does the doctor say lead her to predict a positive result for Ebola? _____
    a) Extreme weakness, pains in joints, bleeding.
    b) Muscle pain, bleeding, a high temperature.
    c) Extreme weakness, fever, abdominal pain.

5. Which advice is correct for women who may have Ebola? _____
    a) They should still breastfeed because their immune system protects the baby.
    b) They can breastfeed because the baby is so close that the risk is the same.
    c) They shouldn't breastfeed because there is a great risk of passing on the virus.

6. The doctor says it's hard to leave _____.
    a) because she still has so much work to do
    b) after getting to know all the people there
    c) when the patients are asking for your help

7. The doctor is really happy because _____.
    a) one of her patients has just had a healthy baby
    b) a patient's results confirm she doesn't have Ebola
    c) a friend she had been worried about is much better

WRITING TASK 1

You work as an agony aunt (advice columnist) for a famous online magazine for young people. You have just received this email from a reader asking for advice. Read the email and write back to him/her. Make sure you answer all his/her questions. **Write between 240-270 words**.

> *I'm in my last year at university. I am expected to do very well, and to go on to get a well-paid job in banking or finance of some sort. Unfortunately, although I'd be good at that kind of work, I don't have the slightest interest in it. I'd be bored rigid in less than six months.*
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> *What I really want to do is to compose music. I play several instruments and at the moment composing is my hobby. The problem is, of course, that it's difficult to make a living out of composing unless you're a genius or know the right people.*
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> *So, what should I do? Get the kind of job that everybody expects me to and live a comfortable life, or do what I really want to do and risk living permanently in debt?*
>
> *I haven't discussed this with anyone yet.*

<u>Ejemplo de tarea de expresión oral (SPEAKING)</u>

Part Three- Interaction

Have a conversation with your partner (6-8 minutes) about the following topic basing your interaction on one or more of the quotations in the box and giving your personal opinion, indicating the basis of your arguments and responding appropriately to your partner's contributions.

Unemployment

"A degree has all but ceased to be a golden ticket to a decent job".

"Young people have limited choices, but they are also useful human resources"

"With every month of unemployment that goes by, young people become less employable"

ANSWERS

READING

READING TASK 1	
0	*C*
1	C
2	C
3	B
4	A
5	C
6	D

LISTENING

LISTENING TASK 1	
0	*B*
1	C
2	A
3	C
4	A
5	C
6	C
7	B