

Duración de la prueba : 1 hora 30 minutos.

Investing in memories.

My uncle organized our family trips very carefully. He used to buy the railway tickets and write special programmes long before the day arrived so we began to look forward to the trip. On the cover of the programme was the name of the place we were visiting and a humorous drawing of everyone in the family. There was even a lucky number on each programme and the winner didn't have to carry the bags on the way home.

All through the day he organized games and competitions, in his view, all the games had to be slightly anti-social. So if the programme said '4 p.m.: Annual Ladies & Gentlemen football match', the match would always take place, even if the beach was very crowded. He organized treasure hunts, modeling competitions and other events. There would be a special prize for the winner of every competition, usually an old sporting cup from a local junk shop.

He made sure that there were as many people on the trip as possible, and invited neighbours and their children as well to join the family for the day. The fun started as soon as we left home. Even the walk down to the station in the morning used to involve a game.

He never thought money spent on a well-organized outing was wasted. When his wife complained about the cost of a family day out, he said, 'Look, it's not wasting money, it's investing in memories'.

Adapted from *Memories are made of this*, by David Randall, *The Observer*.

1. Correct these false statements about the text. Write full sentences. (1 punto)

- a) They used to have boring trips.
- b) They usually went to the mountains.
- c) They went alone.
- d) They never played games.

2. Find the words in the text that mean: (1 punto)

- a) Transport something in your hands. (Paragraph 1)
- b) Something very valuable. (Paragraph 2)
- c) Place where trains leave and arrive at. (Paragraph 3)
- d) Spend a lot of money carelessly. (Paragraph 4)

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3. Answer the following questions in your own words, basing your answers on ideas from the text. (3 puntos)

- a) Why did his uncle organize their trips with so much anticipation?
- b) Why do you think the competitions were *slightly anti-social*? (Line 6)
- c) Did his aunt like the family trips?

4. Follow the instructions for each part of this question. (2 puntos)

- a) Rewrite this sentence in the passive:
A group of students found an iPhone yesterday.

- b) Rewrite the sentence in reported speech starting with the words given:
A teacher declared : "I want to create a great documentary about insects".
He declared

- c) Put the verbs in the correct tense:
Yesterday some people _____(say) that love _____(be)like a wheel,
when you _____(bend) it you _____(can) mend it

5. Write about 60 to 100 words on one of the following topics. Do not copy from the text. (3 puntos)

- A. Do you think that planning a trip with so much detail is a good idea? Why?

- B. Are they investing in memories or wasting money?