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## PREGUNTAS

### INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

**TIEMPO:** Una hora. Se recomienda dedicar cuarenta minutos para responder las preguntas 1, 2, 3, 4, y veinte minutos para la número 5.

Puntuación máxima: 10 puntos.

#### INSTRUCCIONES:

1. Haga una primera lectura cuidadosa del texto y de las preguntas.
2. Lea una segunda vez y conteste a las preguntas.
3. Conteste en LENGUA INGLESA y según el texto dado.
5. Compruebe sus respuestas antes de entregar la prueba.
5. Escriba sus respuestas en el cuadernillo de examen respetando el orden de las preguntas.

#### TEXTO

##### *The Englishman's home is his castle*

People often say that the Englishman's home is his castle. They mean that the home is very important and personal. Most people in Britain live in houses rather than flats and they tend to own them. Owning your house means that you can make it individual, can paint it, and change it in any way you like. Most houses have a garden, even if it is a very small one, and people love it. The house and the garden are the private space of the individual. In a crowded city a person knows that he or she has a private space which is only for him or herself and for invited friends.

People usually like to mark their space. Are you sitting now in your home or in a library, or on a beach or on a train? Have you marked the space around yourself as yours? If you are on the beach you may have spread your towels around you; on the train you may have put your coat or a small bag on the seat beside you; in a library you may have spread your books around you. If you share a flat you may have one corner or chair which is your own.

Once I was travelling on a train to London. I was in a section for four people and the man on the opposite side to me had his briefcase on the table between us. There was no space on my side of the table at all. I was annoyed. I thought he thought that he owned the whole table. I had been reading a book about non-verbal communication so... I took various papers out of my bag and put them on his case! When I did this he stiffened and his eyes nearly popped out of his head. I had invaded his space! A few minutes later I took my papers off his case in order to read them. He immediately moved his case to his side of the table. (Of course, it is possible that he just wanted to be helpful to me!).

1.- In your own words and based on the ideas from the text answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar. Write precise answers. (Puntuación máxima: 2)

- a) Why do British people like to live in houses?
- b) What kind of things do people usually do to make themselves comfortable in public places?

2.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only True or False. (Puntuación máxima: 2)

- a) Gardens are very popular in Britain.
- b) One of the two passengers on the train occupied the whole table with his belongings.

3.- Find the words or phrases in the text that mean: (Puntuación máxima: 1)

- a) *apartments* (paragraph 1)
- b) *full of people* (paragraph 1)
- c) *angle enclosed by two walls* (paragraph 2)
- d) *irritated* (paragraph 3)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the words in brackets when given. (Puntuación máxima: 2)

- a) I would like to buy a house \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than the \_\_\_\_\_ I am living in now.
- b) "Your parents \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new house last year, \_\_\_\_\_ they?"
- c) I am interested \_\_\_\_\_ having a house \_\_\_\_\_ a big garden.

Reorder these words to make a meaningful sentence.

- d) /countries / different/ have / I/ in / lived / three/

5.- Write about 60 to 100 words on ONE of the following topics. Do not copy from the text. (Puntuación máxima: 3)

- a) Advantages and disadvantages of living in a rented flat.
- b) What would you do to reduce the price of flats for young people?