

**INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN**

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**TIEMPO Y CALIFICACIÓN:** 90 minutos. Las preguntas 1, 2 y 4 asociadas al texto elegido se calificarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3 asociada al texto elegido sobre 1 punto y la pregunta elegida entre A.5 o B.5 sobre 3 puntos.

**Ramadan**

Every year, Muslims around the world anticipate the sighting of the new crescent moon that signifies the official first day of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and the most sacred month in Islamic culture. The start of Ramadan fluctuates each year because the lunar Islamic calendar follows the phases of the moon. The beginning and end of Ramadan are determined by a moon sighting committee in Saudi Arabia. It begins the day after the committee spots the new crescent moon, which can be tricky since it's quite faint and can be seen for only about 20 minutes. If the moon isn't visible to the naked eye because of haze or clouds, lunar calculations are used to predict whether it's in the sky.

This year Ramadan is predicted to begin on April 2, and to end May 2 with *Eid al-Fitr* celebrations. Muslims believe that in A.D. 610, the angel Gabriel appeared to Prophet Muhammad and revealed to him the Quran, the Islamic holy book. That revelation, *Laylat Al Qadar*—or the “Night of Power”—is believed to have occurred during Ramadan. Muslims fast during that month as a way to commemorate the revelation of the Quran.

During Ramadan, Muslims aim to grow spiritually and build stronger relationships with Allah. They do this by praying and reciting the Quran, making their actions intentional and selfless, and abstaining from gossiping, lying, and fighting. Throughout the month, fasting between sunrise and sunset is obligatory for all Muslims, except for the ill, pregnant, traveling, elderly, or menstruating. Days missed fasting can be made up throughout the rest of the year, either all at once or one day here and there.

The spirit of this centuries-old tradition will remain the same as a time for piety and self-reflection.

Adapted from “Why Ramadan is the most sacred month in Islamic culture” in [March 23, 2022 by National Geographic](#)

**QUESTIONS**

**1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. Use a complete sentence. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.**

- Ramadan starts when the moon becomes visible again after the New Moon conjunction.
  - Muslims don't have to fast during the daylight hours of Ramadan.
- (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

**2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.**

- What makes the beginning of Ramadan change the date?
  - Which groups of people are the ones exempt from fasting?
- (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

**3.- Find the words in the text that mean:**

- vision (paragraph 1)
  - varies (paragraph 1)
  - avoid food (paragraph 2)
  - generous (paragraph 3)
- (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

**4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.**

- Eid al-Adha, marks the end of the hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) to perform at \_\_\_\_\_ once in their lives if they are financially and physically able.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to Islamic tradition, the site of the Kaaba was originally a sacred place \_\_\_\_\_ angels would worship God in the days before man was created
  - This was back before Mohammed \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) his first revelation \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - What \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) if they \_\_\_\_\_ (not travel) to Mecca last year?
- (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

**5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.**

Do you consider traditions to be important in a country's culture? Explain why and mention a tradition that most interests you.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

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**Seventeen-year-old Robin West is an anomaly among her peers - she doesn't have a smartphone.**

Instead of scrolling through apps like TikTok and Instagram all day, she uses a so-called "dumbphone". These are basic handsets, or feature phones, with very limited functionality compared to say an iPhone. You can typically only make and receive calls and SMS text messages. And, if you are lucky, listen to the radio and take very basic photos, but definitely not connect to the internet or apps.

Ms West's decision to ditch her former smartphone two years ago was a spur of the moment thing. While looking for a replacement handset in a second-hand shop she was lured by the low price of a "brick phone".

The Londoner adds that she doesn't think she'll ever buy another smartphone. "I'm happy with my brick - I don't think it limits me. I'm definitely more proactive".

"It appears fashion, nostalgia, and then appearing in TikTok videos, have a part to play in the dumbphone revival," says E.Doku, mobiles expert at price comparison site Uswitch.com. "Many of us had a dumbphone as our first mobile phone, so it's natural that we feel a sense of nostalgia towards these classic handsets and it is an affordable alternative.

However, he soon realised that there were other benefits: "Before I would always be stuck to the phone, checking anything and everything, browsing Facebook or the news, or other facts I didn't need to know," he says. "Now I have more time for my family and me. A huge benefit is that now I have more privacy". However, Mr Ole, who lives in a city, admits that initially the switch was challenging. "Before I'd be checking everything, such as buses and restaurants, on my smartphone. Now that is impossible, I have learned to do all those things beforehand at home. I got used to it." *Additional reporting by New Tech Economy series editor Will Smale. March 2022*

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- Old phones did never allow people to take pictures.
- Ms West had long carefully decided to buy that type of phone.

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

**2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.**

- Did new technology and applications help old phones to become fashionable again?
- Did the dumbphone have any advantages?

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

**3.- Find the words in the text that mean:**

- attracted (2nd paragraph)
- restricts (3th paragraph)
- economical (4th paragraph)
- demanding (5th paragraph)

(Puntuación máxima: **1 punto**)

**4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.**

- ..... smartphones are really useful, brick phones are getting more and ..... fashionable nowadays.
- You can get used to ..... (handle) a dumbphone just for calling instead of ..... (look for) information in a smartphone.
- If you ..... (buy) your handset in a second hand shop you..... (not spend) as much money as you did and now you wouldn't be in red.
- Transform into reported speech: She said: "Please, do not call me tomorrow. I Will tell you when "  
She .....

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

**5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.**

Do you think technology is good for kids? How can it improve our lives?

(Puntuación máxima: **3 puntos**)