



### INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR EL EXAMEN

El examen consta de tres bloques de preguntas cuyo valor máximo es de 5, 3 y 2 puntos, respectivamente. Es obligatorio contestar las preguntas indicadas en cada bloque para llegar a la puntuación del examen (10). En ningún caso se corregirá un número de respuestas mayor de lo indicado para cada bloque. Para la corrección se seguirá el orden en el que las contestaciones aparezcan desarrolladas por el estudiante. Sólo si el estudiante ha tachado alguna de ellas, se entenderá que esa respuesta no debe ser corregida y se procederá a corregir la siguiente de su mismo bloque.

### PRIMER BLOQUE: COMPRENSIÓN LECTORA

Este bloque contiene dos textos, cada uno de ellos seguido por dos grupos de preguntas de comprensión lectora. El alumno deberá escoger **uno de los dos textos** y contestar las preguntas del texto elegido de la siguiente manera:

- Tres de las cuatro preguntas del primer ejercicio.
- Cuatro de las cinco preguntas del segundo ejercicio.

#### Reading comprehension: Text 1

##### 'I'm not the Chinese on the corner'

Campaign launched by students aims to overcome the 'micro-racism' that labels shops and bars by the origins of their owners.

Within its caramel-coloured walls and neat row of bar stools, there's a sense that something has shifted at Barcelona's Bar Montserrat. As Cai Qin Chen darts between serving coffees and taking orders, she's heard her name called out more often in recent weeks than ever before.

"We noticed it right away," said Chen, who with her husband, Xin Chen, has owned the small bar in the Poble Nou neighbourhood for 16 years. "Perhaps people aren't seeing us as foreigners anymore, but rather people who are part of Spanish society."

What likely set off the transformation is a small, hot-pink sign recently put up in the entryway of the bar. "I'm not 'the Chinese on the corner'," it reads in bold white lettering. "You can call me Cai Qin or Jessi. Or a bar, restaurant, cafe or pub."

It's a direct challenge to the custom, common across Spain, of referring to certain shops and restaurants by the national origin of the people who own them, such as "the Chinese".

It crops up across Europe: in France, the term *l'Arabe* is often used to refer to corner shops run by people with Maghreb heritage while in Rome and beyond, shops run by people originally from Bangladesh are sometimes referred to as *il Bangla*.

Alex Porras and Laia Sánchez hoped to call this practice into question when they launched the campaign #TengoNombre, or I Have a Name.

"We've normalised this language," said Porras, 22. "But if you stop to think about it, it's a bit racist."

*The Guardian*

#### EXERCISE 1. Answer 3 of the following 4 questions, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point each, total 3 points):

- According to the text, has there been any noticeable change in the atmosphere at Bar Montserrat in recent weeks?
- Is it common across Spain to refer to certain shops and restaurants by the national origin of the people who own them?
- Is the practice of labeling based on national origin solely restricted to Spain?
- Decide if the following statement is true or false, according to the text:

*The campaign #TengoNombre was launched by Alex Porras and Laia Sánchez to reinforce the practice of labeling shops and restaurants by the national origin of their owners.*

#### EXERCISE 2. Find in the text words to solve 4 of the following 5 questions. Use just one word in each case, except where otherwise indicated (maximum 0,5 points per word, total 2 points):

- Find a synonym for these words: *clean, tidy, meticulous*.
- A word for this definition: *became aware of or paid attention to*.
- An antonym for *improbable, doubtful, impossible*.
- Find a word for this definition: *something that comes or belongs to one by reason of birth*.
- Find a synonym for *initiated, established, introduced, set up*.

## Reading Comprehension: Text 2.

### Should we fear an attack of the voice clones?

"I sound a little bit like a drunk Australian, but that was pretty impressive," the actual Mr Piling said, as the demonstration ended. It wasn't completely convincing. There were pauses before answers that might have screamed "robot!" to the wary.

The calls were made using a freely available commercial platform that claims it has the capacity to send "millions" of phone calls per day, using human sounding AI agents.

In its marketing it suggests potential uses include call centres and surveys.

Mr Piling's colleague, Ben Jacob had used the tech as an example and to show the capability of the new generation of systems. And while its strong suit was conversation, not impersonation, another system Mr Jacob demonstrated produced credible copies of voices, based on only small snippets of audio pulled from YouTube.

From a security perspective, Mr Piling sees the ability of systems to deploy thousands of these kinds of conversation AI's rapidly as a significant, worrying development. Voice cloning is the icing on the cake, he tells me.

Currently phone scammers have to hire armies of cheap labour to run a mini call centre, or just spend a lot of time on the phone themselves. AI could change all that. If so, it would reflect the impact of AI more generally.

BBC news

### EXERCISE 1. Answer 3 of the following 4 questions, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point each, total 3 points):

- According to the text, is the following sentence true or false?  
*Mr. Piling's colleague demonstrated the capability of a new generation of systems using AI technology.*
- Does the commercial platform claim to have limited capacity for sending phone calls?
- According to the text, is the ability for systems to deploy thousands of conversation AI's considered insignificant by Mr. Piling?
- True or false: *The impact of AI technology on phone scams could potentially reflect broader implications of AI in society.*

### EXERCISE 2. Find in the text words to solve 4 of the following 5 questions. Use just one word in each case, except where otherwise indicated (maximum 0,5 points per word, total 2 points):

- A synonym for *entirely, fully*.
- An antonym for *usable, convenient*.
- Find a word for this definition: *the act or practice of advertising and selling a product.*
- A synonym for *conceivable, plausible*.
- Find a word for this definition: *influence, as in the force carried by a new idea.*

## SEGUNDO BLOQUE: REDACCIÓN

El segundo bloque consiste en una pregunta de redacción con tres opciones, de las cuales el alumno deberá escoger y realizar tan sólo una. La redacción tendrá que contener cien palabras como mínimo. La puntuación máxima es de tres puntos.

- Write a story beginning with the following words: *Jane received a strange call about an online subscription.*
- One of your friends is being discriminated against because he is a Muslim. Write an e-mail giving him some advice.
- Credible voice copies created by AI may replace people in certain jobs such as call centers.* Do you think this change would be beneficial?

## TERCER BLOQUE: TRANSFORMACIÓN GRAMATICAL.

El tercer bloque contiene seis ejercicios de transformación gramatical, de los cuales deberá escoger y contestar exclusivamente cuatro. Cada ejercicio contestado vale medio punto como máximo. La puntuación máxima del bloque en su conjunto es de dos puntos.

- Rewrite the following sentence beginning with: *Porras said ...*  
*"We've normalised this language, but if you stop to think about it, it's a bit racist."*
- Rewrite the following two sentences as one sentence. Use a relative clause:
- Mr Jacob demonstrated produced credible copies of voices. They were based on only small snippets of audio pulled from YouTube.*
- Rewrite the following sentence using the negative of the simple future:  
*In its marketing it suggests potential uses include call centres and surveys.*
- Rewrite the following sentence into the Active Voice:  
*The calls were made using a freely available commercial platform.*
- Rewrite the following sentence in the simple conditional tense:  
*The term l'Arabe is often used to refer to corner shops run by people with Maghreb heritage.*
- Rewrite the following sentence into past perfect continuous negative:  
*Ben Jacob had used the tech as an example and to show the capability of the new generation of systems.*

**KEY.**

**Texto 1.**

**Exercise 1.**

- a. Yes, there has. According to the 2nd paragraph, lines 3 and 4. "Within its caramel-coloured walls and neat row of bar stools, there's a sense that something has shifted at Barcelona's Bar Montserrat".
- b. Yes, it is. According to 5th paragraph, lines 12, 13. *It's a direct challenge to the custom, common across Spain, of referring to certain shops and restaurants by the national origin of the people who own them, such as "the Chinese"*.
- c. No, it isn't. 6th paragraph, lines 14, 15, 16. "It crops up across Europe: in France, the term *l'Arabe* is often used to refer to corner shops run by people with Maghreb heritage while in Rome and beyond shops run by people originally from Bangladesh are sometimes referred to as *il Bangla*".
- d. False. In 7th paragraph it is said that: "Alex Porrás and Laia Sánchez hoped to call this practice into question when they launched the campaign #TengoNombre, or I Have a Name."

**Exercise 2.**

- a. neat    b. noticed    c. likely    d. heritage    e. launched

**Texto 2.**

**Exercise 1.**

- a. True. According to lines 7 and 8: "Mr Piling's colleague, Ben Jacob had used the tech as an example and to show the capability of the new generation of systems."
- b. No, it doesn't. According to 2nd paragraph, lines 4 and 5: "The calls were made using a freely available commercial platform that claims it has the capacity to send "millions" of phone calls per day, using human sounding AI agents"
- c. No, it isn't. 5th paragraph, lines 10 and 11: "From a security perspective, Mr Piling sees the ability of systems to deploy thousands of these kinds of conversation AI's rapidly as a significant, worrying development".
- d. True. Last paragraph, lines 12 and 13: "Currently phone scammers have to hire armies of cheap labour to run a mini call centre, or just spend a lot of time on the phone themselves. AI could change all that."

**Exercise 2.**

- a. completely    b. available    c. marketing    d. credible    e. impact

**TERCER BLOQUE**

- a. They had normalised that language, but if you/we stopped to think about it, it was a bit racist.
- b. Mr Jacob demonstrated produced credible copies of voices which were based on only small snippets of audio pulled from YouTube.
- c. In its marketing it won't suggest potential uses include call centres and surveys.
- d. Someone/They made the calls using a freely available commercial platform.
- e. The term *l'Arabe* would be often used to refer to corner shops run by people with Maghreb heritage.
- f. Ben Jacob hadn't been using the tech as an example and to show the capability of the new generation of systems.