

**Instrucciones:** a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

**OPTION B: VIRTUAL REALITY TECHNOLOGY: A LEARNING REVOLUTION**

- 1 After decades of promises, makers of virtual-reality technology could soon be ready to give students a new and
- 2 powerful way to learn with immersive virtual field trips and science experiments. It's been claimed that kids don't
- 3 learn best from reading a book or looking at a blackboard. Potential educational apps provide users with virtual trips,
- 4 immersive digital learning games and simulations, and even therapeutic experiences for students with special needs.
- 5 Virtual reality is super-cool, but schools are still unable to buy basic digital technologies for classrooms.
- 6 Facebook paid \$2 billion to acquire Oculus, a new virtual reality headset known as "the Oculus Rift." This device
- 7 is actually a set of virtual reality glasses. Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg, described the Oculus device as a
- 8 "new communication gadget for gaming, entertainment, social networking, and classroom learning." At \$350 per
- 9 headset, the Oculus Rift – and its competitors – will try to make virtual reality devices available at a price that schools
- 10 and families can afford.
- 11 Numerous reports describe how Oculus inventor Palmer Freeman Luckey, who was 18 at the time and studied at
- 12 home, started developing his invention in his parents' garage, using the money he had earned repairing his friends'
- 13 iPhones. Mr. Luckey is said to have a prodigious vision of the future, as he has opened a promising path towards
- 14 scientific research.
- 15 Hopefully, the development and the use of Oculus headsets in the classrooms might become true soon.
- 16 Immersive virtual reality technologies help students learn by giving them a rigorous "inside view" of a structure – an
- 17 Egyptian pyramid, for example, or even the human body, which currently they observe only externally.

**I \* COMPREHENSION** (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

**1. According to the text, ...**

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| (a) headsets are currently used in schools.     | (b) Palmer Freeman Luckey created the Oculus Rift. |
| (c) Zuckerberg objected to investing in Oculus. | (d) virtual reality is no longer a trend.          |

**2. The Oculus Rift...**

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| (a) has been planned for teaching.           | (b) is being used at most schools worldwide.        |
| (c) provides a superficial vision of things. | (d) lets the user see from both inside and outside. |

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

**3. The Oculus Rift may be used to support pupils with learning disorders.**

**4. According to the text, schools can easily afford the Oculus Rift at the moment.**

**5. Facebook gave Luckey a job when he was 18 years old to develop the Oculus Rift.**

**6. Mr. Luckey has contributed significantly to science.**

**7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "purchase" (verb).

7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "weak" (adjective).

**8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to be able to pay for."

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to receive money as return for effort and especially for work done."

**II \* USE OF ENGLISH** (3 points; 0.5 points each)

**9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

9.1. "By 2035, they ... (sell) the Oculus Rift to every school in Europe."

9.2. "I love ... (chat) with my classmates."

**10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:**

10.1. "I wish I... (would buy / bought / had bought) the house when you told me."

10.2. "I am looking forward... (to / on / for / at) buying the latest mobile phone."

**11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Young people always follow the latest trends in technology."**

**12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "Unless you pay me back, ..."**

**13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: "I don't never call to him in the evening."**

**14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "My closest relatives will send me a new smartphone."**

**III \* WRITING** (3 points)

**15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

**Do you consider new technologies necessary for everyday life? Give reasons.**