

CRITERIOS ESPECÍFICOS DE CORRECCIÓN

OPTION A: ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF HAPPINESS SOLD FOR \$1.5M KEY

Albert Einstein may be recognised for his theory of relativity but it is his recently discovered theory of happiness which has just been sold at an auction for \$1.56m. Two handwritten notes by the acclaimed German physicist which outline his advice for living a happy and fruitful life went on sale in Jerusalem 95 years after they were written.

The notes were handwritten during Einstein's trip to Japan to deliver a series of lectures in November 1922. It was on this trip that the then 43-year-old was informed he had been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics. He felt extremely pleased but also overwhelmed by the large crowd of Japanese people who rushed to see him. While he was in his room at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo trying to make sense of his feelings, a courier arrived with a delivery. The Nobel laureate composed two brief notes and gave them to him. According to the seller of the notes, Einstein said that in the future they could be worth a great deal more than the cash tip he might have handed over instead.

"A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness," reads one of the autographed notes, which was written down on the hotel's stationery. The other, written on a blank piece of paper, says: "Where there's a will there's a way."

The buyer and seller of the notes have wished to remain anonymous; however, the BBC reports that the seller may be the Japanese messenger's nephew.

I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. Albert Einstein's theory of happiness was written...

- (a) in Europe. (b) in Israel.  
(c) in a hotel room. (d) on a plane.

2. Einstein's two notes sold at the auction...

- (a) were typed by Einstein himself. (b) were written on different types of paper.  
(c) were written in Japanese and translated into English. (d) summarised his theory of relativity.

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. Albert Einstein received \$1.56m for the Nobel Prize he was awarded FALSE (lines 1-2) "... (it is his recently discovered theory of happiness which has just been) sold at an auction for \$1.56m."

4. The German physicist travelled to Japan for academic reasons. TRUE (line 4) "The notes were handwritten during Einstein's trip to Japan to deliver a series of lectures."

5. Einstein thought that only success can bring happiness. FALSE (line 10) "A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness."

6. Nobody has any idea who the seller of the notes is. FALSE (lines 13-14) "... the BBC reports that the seller may be the Japanese messenger's nephew."

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "hurry" (verb). rush(ed) (line 6)  
2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "humble" (adjective). modest (line 10)

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

1. ONE WORD MEANING "producing good results." fruitful (line 3)  
2. ONE WORD MEANING "overcome or emotionally affected in a very powerful way." overwhelmed (line 6)

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

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "He behaved... (preposition) a baby." like 9.2. "I did it... (preposition) fun." for

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 10.1. "Can you please stop... (make) noise?" making 10.2. "The light went out while we... (have) tea." were having

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "She asked me if I could start work the following day." "Can you start work tomorrow?" she asked me.

12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "Peter was ill. I wonder if you knew this." I wonder if you knew that Peter was ill.

13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "This is the place. We met here two years ago." This is the place where / in which we met two years ago.

14. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "People expect that the government will announce his new immigration policy today." The government... is expected to announce his new immigration policy today.

III \* WRITING (3 points)

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

What makes you happy?