Self-driving Google Cars

1.- 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 puntos)

a) While testing the google car, humans never had to take control and drive it.
FALSE “With someone behind the wheel to take control if something goes wrong, seven test cars have driven 225,000 kilometres with only two human interventions”

b) Since robot cars can be made to weigh less, they will use less petrol.
TRUE “Because the robot cars would eventually be less likely to crash, they could be built lighter, reducing fuel consumption”

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

a) According to the text, what does a Google self-driving car look like? It looks like a small car with a lot of gadgets on the roof.

b) Give at least three advantages of robot cars. They know the limits of each road, they don’t make mistakes and they avoid crashes and accidents.

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

a) more difficult (paragraph 1) - harder
b) in fact (paragraph 1) - actually
c) decreasing (paragraph 2) - reducing
d) evidence (paragraph 3) - proof

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

a) Last year my neighbour __ bought__ (buy) a Google car and he __ has complained__ (complain) since then.

b) According to the World Health Organization, more __ than__ 1.2 million lives __ are lost__ (lose) in accidents every year.
c) Nowadays, there many people who would enjoy __driving___ (drive) a robot car.

d) The robot car was invented __by___ Sebastian Thrun, __an___ engineer who works for Google.

5. - Write about 100 to 150 words on the following topic. How have new technologies influenced your life? Explain. (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

In my opinion new technologies have influenced my life very much, in fact I think that all of us are more or less influenced by them.

First of all I remember that when I was a child I used to have a Walkman, I used it a lot to listen to music, then I has a Discman when the CD was invented, now all these devices are old fashioned, you can listen to music in Spotify and you don’t need to buy a lot of cassettes or CDs. Secondly, I am a mobile addict, I text my friends or email them from my mobile, I also use it to be connected in social media. Finally I use my computer to work, to watch videos and a lot of things more.

To sum up, I am a technology addict.

SELECTIVIDAD JUNIO 2011 INGLÉS OPCIÓN B RESUELTO

What’s in a Name?

1. - 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 puntos)

a) There are no rules about what you can name your child in the UK.

FALSE “In Britain, you can call a child almost anything you like -the only restrictions on parents relate to offensive words”

b) Some children in the UK now have names of fictional characters.

TRUE “For example, there have been six boys named Gandalf after the character in the Lord of the Rings novels and films”

2. - In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos) hay muchas respuestas correctas, lo importante es NO COPIAR DEL TEXTO, o no nos darán puntuación, aun así os proponemos posibles respuestas.
a) What was the New Zealand couple’s problem and how did they solve it? They wanted to name “4real” their son, but numbers are not allowed in New Zealand, so they decided to call him Superman

b) Explain at least three different regulations on naming children mentioned in the text.

In New Zealand the names can’t contain numbers, in Britain only offensive words are forbidden, in other countries like Japan or Germany are more restricted and parents have to choose a name from a list.

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

a) trend (paragraph 2)-fashion

b) select (paragraph 2) -choose

c) in the same way (paragraph 2) -equally

d) like (paragraph 4) –such as

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

a) Naming your baby is one of __the most important__ (important) tasks you will ever face. A silly name may affect you and your child __for ever!__

b) __if___ you don’t like the first name that comes into your mind, keep ___searching___ (search) until you find a name that you really like.

c) No one __likes___ (like) having their name constantly __mispronounced___(mispronounce), that’s __ for sure.

d) Once you have an idea for your __baby´s___ (baby) name, always check the initials! __had a neighbour__ whose__ initial were “P.I.G.”.

5.- Write about 100 to 150 words on the following topic. What names would you give your children and which ones would you avoid? Explain why. (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

En las redacciones hay también muchas opciones, tantas como personas ya que tiene que ser algo de invención propia, lo importante es intentar hacer párrafos diferenciados, usar un vocabulario variado y extenso, y emplear un orden lógico.

EJEMPLO:

Choosing a name is a very difficult issue. A name can change a person’s life.
First of all I would try to find a beautiful name for my baby, a name with personality but not a very strong name, it’s funny for a baby. Secondly I like names that are not very long, names with two syllables. Finally I will avoid names that people can laugh at, with rimes or jokes.

To sum up, you have to think twice before choosing a name because it can change our lives or affect our childhood, for this reason it’s good to find a respectable name.