

## OPCIÓN A- PRIMEIRA PROBA-PARTE A

How are you enjoying the Conservative party's slow-motion regicide? Maybe call it a ledge-icide, as banter king Boris Johnson increasingly looks to be in a tonne of trouble. Or, as he prefers it, a ton of trouble, which is even heavier and can crush anyone without a ruthlessly consistent abs and core programme. He'll be fine, mate!

Indeed, there remain plenty who think Big Dog should be allowed to keep peeing on the rug that some donor or other bought him. As one Downing Street source told LBC this morning, the Tory malcontents have "no alternative leader, plan or vision". Exactly. Why not stick with what they have: a terrible leader, who has no plan or vision?

I'm kidding, obviously. The prime minister – who has achieved precisely nothing in office bar a Brexit deal worse than Theresa May's, which he is now trying to torpedo – has got pounds of vision. Ounces of it! Pints! A whole bushel worth of phoned-in gibberish designed to get him through a single news cycle. Two, tops. The imperial measures nonsense is all part of the "bonfire of red tape", which will certainly be something to cluster round in lieu of half the nation being able to afford central heating this winter.

For the record, nine "bonfires of red tape" have been announced since Johnson became prime minister, suggesting police should investigate this arsonist for serial insurance fraud. Of course, like the Springfield Tire Fire (est. 1989), the "bonfire of red tape" has in fact been burning continuously for even longer than that, with the flames fanned every time a Conservative prime minister is up the creek. Which, given the past few years, has been exceedingly often.

The latest conflagration seems to be part of the play-to-your-base initiative previously described as "Operation Red Meat". On reflection I don't hate this as a name for what's happening to Johnson. That painful moment when you think you're going shark fishing, but only belatedly realise you're the chum. As one cabinet minister put it, the imperial measures policy is "absolutely bananas", while another cabinet minister apparently observed mildly, "no idea which muppet had come up with that idea". Certainly not Count von Count. The whole thing has very strong Elmo energy, being an attempt to ruin something that doesn't need ruining.

Not that metric revolt is the prime minister's only well-thought-through initiative. Johnson also plans to reduce the civil service by a fifth, as yet unaware that this can only impact frontline service delivery ahead of a cost of living crisis and possible recession. Today, the prime minister finally got round to telling the civil service about this, instead of the Daily Mail readers to whom he first confided the information. "As many families and businesses now look at how to reduce their costs in a period of higher global inflation," Johnson writes to all civil servants, "it is right that we do the same". Odd way to put it. Will people be reducing the headcount of their families during this period of higher global inflation? Maybe No 10 could lead by example, announcing that Johnson will be making a 20% reduction in the number of love-children he acknowledges.

Speaking of matters domestic, though, let's turn to accounts of Mr and Mrs Johnson's "chaotic" stewardship of Chequers, the prime minister's country retreat. Carrie's chatelaine skills are called particularly into question, with the Times reporting some kind of character clash with the former housekeeper, which the prime minister's wife denies. There seem to have been disciplinary proceedings against this housekeeper, though these were subsequently dropped and she left with a payoff and an NDA in 2020. Mesmerisingly, it all seems to have hinged on her alleged "inappropriate handling of a personal item" found in Boris Johnson's bathroom, which she denied. According to the Times, "the nature of the item is unknown". So ... I'll leave it with your subconscious.

Meanwhile: Carrie. Quite a return for this character. As many will have noticed in recent months, Carrie had been entirely written out of the show – a bit like Chuck Cunningham, Richie and Joanie’s elder brother, who was judged not to have “worked” after season two of Happy Days and was never mentioned again. Not so with Downing Street. Carrie has come roaring back into the franchise in recent days, with Sue Gray and the Met’s failure to explore her so-called Abba party with “the gays” marking a stunning return to form for the establishment. Hats off to all involved, and I’ve no interest in spoiling the moment by suggesting that Chequers has always felt a very, very unexplored corner of Partygate.

Also rumoured to be taking care not to spoil things is 1922 Committee chairman Graham Brady, who some believe is waiting till after the Queen’s platinum jubilee to announce that the threshold of letters calling on Johnson to do one has reached the magic number of 54. That remains nothing more than speculation. Even so, do take the opportunity to refamiliarise yourself with Graham, whose facial colouring always suggests he has just this minute finished shouting at some youths to move on from a bus stop. Touring the repository of Mad Shit We’ve Seen Over The Past Few Years this morning, I suddenly recalled that in 2019 Graham resigned the chairmanship of the 1922 Committee with a view to launching a leadership bid of his own. He was reinstated as chairman a few months later, following this unsuccessful loan spell at relevance. For now, known letter writers range from big hitters like former attorney general Jeremy Wright to the likes of Andrew Bridgen, who practises the withdrawal method of politics, having submitted a letter then rescinded it once already this year. My favourite two communiques so far come from Nickie Aiken and Andrea Leadsom. Nickie’s missive fails to call for Johnson’s resignation, suggesting the prime minister should instead call a vote of no confidence. This approach is called suicide-by-cop-out. Andrea’s absolute word salad, meanwhile, feels like a letter masquerading as a statement. Certainly the biggest Leadsom-related letter shambles since Johnson’s 2016 leadership bid, when he patted the missive to Andrea that was in his own pocket and assured aides that “Andrea’s onboard”. Unfortunately, he then forgot to pass the letter on to her, leading to the hilarious chain of events which ultimately saw his bid implode. Needless to say, he had the last laugh. Or did he? It’s certainly at least possible that we are in for some no-confidence merriment sooner rather than later. But even then, it’s all down to Conservative MPs alone – The Most Sophisticated Electorate In the World . All the great British public will be able to do is press our noses against the glass once more and behold the tragic conflict of disloyalties with which they never, ever seem to stop wrestling.

Hyde, M. (Maio 31, 2022). Pounds, ounces, pints! Johnson is offering a whole bushel worth of phoned-in gibberish. *The Guardian*. <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/may/31/pounds-ounces-pints-boris-johnson-gibberish>

## QUESTIONS

**All your answers must be written on the answer sheet.**

### 1. READING COMPREHENSION. Choose the BEST answer. (1 mark)

1. "Bonfire of red tape," means

- A) tearing down Theresa May's Brexit deal.
- B) eliminating excessive adherence to rules in public affairs.
- C) being part of a political strategy called "Operation Red Meat".
- D) that Johnson only creates more gibberish paperwork.

2. Why does Marina Hyde criticize Johnson's plan to reduce civil service by a fifth?
- A) Because many families and businesses are looking at how to reduce their costs in a period of higher global inflation.
  - B) Because he ignores the negative consequences on critical services.
  - C) Because he is going to reduce by 20% the number of love children he recognizes.
  - D) Because he is trying to divert public attention from firing his former housekeeper.
3. "...we are in for some no-confidence merriment sooner rather than later." means
- A) that Johnson could apologize for his behavior.
  - B) that Johnson could tender his resignation.
  - C) that British people will not vote for Johnson again.
  - D) that the Tories could force Johnson to resign.
4. Part of the Tories continue to support Johnson
- A) because their view is that he is not to blame. That everyone else is to blame.
  - B) because conversations on his mobile phone are gibberish exposing members of the party.
  - C) because they are waiting for Graham Brady.
  - D) none is correct.
5. The "repository of Mad Shit We've Seen Over The Past Few Years" is
- A) Johnson's most critical moments ending in a motion of internal censure.
  - B) the so-called Partygate scandals.
  - C) A and B are correct.
  - D) the events of Chequers that were not investigated.

**2. CLOZE TEST: End up the paragraph using the suitable words from the chart below. (1 mark)**

power-thirsty	bickering	out of fumes	grotesquely	dismal	tiering over	laid	got up and running	
power-hungry	majority	bickered on	glumly	obey	furtherance	lied	levelling up	muggy
flubbed	over	amid	got on running	beyond	on fumes	justice	riots	

Boris Johnson is running 1\_\_\_\_. Monty Python's Black Knight trying to convince himself and those around him that he's only suffered mild flesh wounds when everyone can see he's fatally 2\_\_\_\_ goods. So Thursday saw the Convict up at Blackpool and the Fylde College - the closest he gets to 3\_\_\_\_ these days is the odd day out to the north-west - where he attempted to convince himself he had some kind of future. On today's evidence, those 211 MPs who stood by him in Monday's no-confidence vote will be wondering why they bothered. It was 4\_\_\_\_ stuff. The desperation to try to talk about anything but Partygate only 5\_\_\_\_ bare the poverty of the prime minister's ambition and achievements. It's indicative that the only concrete proposals he's 6\_\_\_\_ - on refugees to Rwanda and changes to the Northern Ireland protocol - involve breaking the law. Johnson might be habitually portrayed as supremely ambitious and 7\_\_\_\_, but the reality is more complex, not least his very obvious desire to be liked. His 8\_\_\_\_ makes him a prime minister much more suited to the good times, the ascent, than to decline, 9\_\_\_\_ and political death by a thousand

cuts. It may be unlikely, but it's not impossible that at some point in the coming months, as the tumult of hostile MPs' voices grows louder, that he simply decides to announce a departure date, quits as an MP and settles down to finally finish his book on Shakespeare and earn vast sums 10 \_\_\_\_\_ the more forgiving crowds of the lecture circuit.

Excerpts taken from:

Crace, John (June 9, 2022). Olives, bananas, train ticket staff ... Big Dog Boris takes a grotesque Blackpool ramble. *The Guardian*. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/jun/09/boris-johnsons-blackpool-speech-illuminates-tories-policy-vacuum>

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### 3. WORD-FORMATION: Use the words given below to form a new one that fits in each space. (1 mark)

aspire	boost	conclude	content	elect	grace	line	pass	secure	trench
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Any post-vote mini-honeymoon Johnson may potentially enjoy could end with a crash on 23 June, when voters in Wakefield and in Tiverton and Honiton vote in (1) \_\_\_\_ to replace (2) \_\_\_\_ Conservative MPs; one who departed after a sexual assault conviction, the other for watching pornography in the Commons.

The inquiry is expected to last months, and the findings could be (3) \_\_\_\_\_. But, should Johnson survive in office that long, a definitive conclusion that the PM did mislead parliament could finally push him out.

Johnson has billed the vote as a chance to "get on with the job". But with 9% inflation, millions pushed into energy (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and a likely poverty crunch point in the autumn, the job itself is no easier. Johnson and his chancellor, Rishi Sunak, are due to make a joint speech next week on the next moves, but after Sunak committed £15bn to new measures less than a fortnight ago, any measures (5) \_\_\_\_\_ are likely to be largely (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Courting Tory (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

This is perhaps the most (8) \_\_\_\_\_ hurdle of all for prime ministers on the slide. It is a notable psychological barrier for MPs to decide they want to oppose their leader, and coming back from that is not easy, unless you are Douglas Ross.

It is nonetheless traditional for PMs in Johnson's position to say they will listen and reach out. But it is striking that the language from the PM and No 10 since the vote has been all about ploughing on, and more of the same. This risks (9) \_\_\_\_\_ positions.

Johnson might be habitually portrayed as supremely ambitious and power-hungry, but the reality is more complex, not least his very obvious desire to be liked. His (10) \_\_\_\_\_ makes him a prime minister much more suited to the good times (...)

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**4. HOMOPHONES. Complete the sentences with the appropriate pair of homophones in RP (Received Pronunciation). One of each pair appears in the text. Both homophones must be correct. (1 mark)**

1. a. In the cellar they discovered an oak\_\_\_ where the spirit was let settle for more than 50 years, so as more flavours from wood could be absorbed.  
b. Producing a \_\_\_ of corrugated steel can use up to 50 of water.
2. a. By inputting the \_\_\_ number, you get all information for your product online.  
b. The health assets of wholegrain \_\_\_ products are now popularly recognized due to the existence of a wide range of bio-active constituents.
3. a. The citizens have raised a howl about mudslides increasing turbidity in the \_\_\_s when it rains.  
b. Sitting in a slumped position for an hour or more can move your vertebra out of alignment and cause that a \_\_\_ can be heard when moving your neck.
4. a. A bank \_\_\_ guaranteed by his relatives, could save his company from bankruptcy.  
b. The Allocation de Parent Isol   (API) provides a minimum income for \_\_\_ parents having or expecting to have children.
5. a. Men had to rake, hoe and \_\_\_ whereas women took care of the family in agricultural societies.  
b. \_\_\_ has many benefits, it generates heat and energy in the body and it is loaded with nutrition, that's why it is so prized in Ayurveda.
6. a. He used to wonder \_\_\_ if he was doing the right thing.  
b. There was a significant improvement in her performance level that \_\_\_ her through and she will be in the playoff.
7. a. When trying to cash a forged check at the central bank, she was caught \_\_\_  
-handed by the teller.  
b. The chairman took it as \_\_\_ that everybody who had submitted the document would attend the reunion.
8. a. Unfortunately, that's the \_\_\_ of my knowledge on the Elisa Lam's case.  
b. \_\_\_ thought that the answers were a piece of cake
9. a. Strawberries, apricots and blackberries have been \_\_\_ and far between this summer season.  
b. \_\_\_! That was a close call, the girder almost fell down to the street.
10. a. An example of \_\_\_ is to cause someone to fall into your stratagem.  
b. All the \_\_\_ you were in bed, I was doing all the house chores!

**5. SYNONYMS / ANTONYMS. Provide a word from the text ... (1 mark)**

A. with the same meaning as the following:

1. half-heartedly
2. callously
3. heap
4. go away
5. bubble

B. with the opposite meaning as the following:

1. auspicious
2. get rid of
3. promptly
4. harshly
5. unaware

**6. PHRASAL VERBS /IDIOMS.** Replace the underlined words with a suitable PHRASAL VERB or IDIOM.

For the phrasal verbs, choose a word from the chart below, add the appropriate particle(s) and use the same form/tense as in the sentences provided. For the idioms, choose a word from the chart, add the appropriate words and fit the expression in the sentences provided.

There are two extra words which are not needed. (1 mark)

throw	stamp	game	own	fill	foul
the seams	a rock	make	get	pose	take

- 1.- How are you enjoying the Conservative party's slow-motion regicide?
- 2.- Indeed, there remain plenty who think Big Dog should be allowed to keep peeing on the rug (...)
- 3.- (...) which he is now trying to torpedo (...)
- 4.- (...) the "bonfire of red tape" has in fact been burning continuously for even longer than that, with the flames fanned every time a Conservative prime minister is up the creek.
- 5.- (...) you think you are going shark fishing, but you only belatedly realise you're the chum.
- 6.- (...) announcing that Johnson will be making a 20% reduction in the number of love-children he acknowledges.
- 7.- Carrie's chatelaine skills are called particularly into question with the Times reporting some kind of character clash with the former housekeeper (...)
- 8.- (...) Carrie had been entirely written out of the show (...)
- 9.- Andrea's absolute word salad, meanwhile, feels like a letter masquerading as a statement.
- 10.- (...) leading to the hilarious chain of events which ultimately saw his bid implode.

**7. REPHRASING.** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

Use the given word. (1 mark)

1. Needless to say, he had the last laugh. (GAME)  
It goes without saying that...
2. You think you're going shark fishing, but only belatedly realise you're the chum. (BITER)  
It's high time...
3. Police should investigate this arsonist for serial insurance fraud. (FIREBUG)  
Further inquiry...

4. The prime minister- who has achieved precisely nothing in office bar a Brexit deal worse than Theresa May's, which he is now trying to torpedo- has got pounds of vision. (ACCOMPLISHMENT)  
Apart from far-sightedness, ...
5. Speaking of matters domestic, though, let's turn to accounts of Mr and Mrs Johnson's "chaotic" stewardship of Chequers, the prime minister's country retreat. (HOUSEHOLD)  
Given that Mr...
6. There seem to have been disciplinary proceedings against this housekeeper, though these were subsequently dropped and left with a payoff and a NDA in 2020. (BOUND)  
To all appearances, the housekeeper had her...
7. I've no interest in spoiling the moment by suggesting that Chequers has always felt a very, very unexplored corner of Partygate. (BUZZKILL)  
I don't want...
8. Many families and business now look at how to reduce their costs in a period of higher global inflation. (CORNERS)  
Because of undergoing...
9. Johnson is offering a whole bushel worth of phoned-in gibberish. (LAVISHLY)  
Perfunctory mumbo...
10. I suddenly recalled that in 2019 Graham resigned the chairmanship. (STEPPED)  
All...

**8. WRITING. Write a text in 300 words including the following statement. (3 marks)**

"My friends, as I have discovered myself, there are no disasters, only opportunities. And, indeed, opportunities for fresh disasters."- Boris Johnson

From <https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-elections-mayor-quotes-idUKL027665020080503>



The bulging flanks of row on receding row and tier above tier of bottles glinted with innumerable rubies, and among the rubies moved the dim red spectres of men and women with purple eyes and all the symptoms of lupus. The hum and rattle of machinery faintly stirred the air.

"Give them a few figures, Mr. Foster," said the Director, who was tired of talking.

Mr. Foster was only too happy to give them a few figures.

Two hundred and twenty metres long, two hundred wide, ten high. He pointed upwards. Like chickens drinking, the students lifted their eyes towards the distant ceiling.

Three tiers of racks: ground floor level, first gallery, second gallery.

The spidery steel-work of gallery above gallery faded away in all directions into the dark. Near them three red ghosts were busily unloading demijohns from a moving staircase.

The escalator from the Social Predestination Room.

Each bottle could be placed on one of fifteen racks, each rack, though you couldn't see it, was a conveyor traveling at the rate of thirty- three and a third centimetres an hour. Two hundred and sixty-seven days at eight metres a day. Two thousand one hundred and thirty-six metres in all. One circuit of the cellar at ground level, one on the first gallery, half on the second, and on the two hundred and sixty-seventh morning, daylight in the Decanting Room. Independent existence-so called.

"But in the interval," Mr. Foster concluded, "we've managed to do a lot to them. Oh, a very great deal." His laugh was knowing and triumphant.

"That's the spirit I like," said the Director once more. "Let's walk around. You tell them everything, Mr. Foster."

Mr. Foster duly told them.

Told them of the growing embryo on its bed of peritoneum. Made them taste the rich blood surrogate on which it fed. Explained why it had to be stimulated with placentin and thyroxin. Told them of the corpus luteum extract. Showed them the jets through which at every twelfth metre from zero to 2040 it was automatically injected. Spoke of those gradually increasing doses of pituitary administered during the final ninety-six metres of their course. Described the artificial maternal circulation installed in every bottle at Metre 112; showed them the reservoir of blood- surrogate, the centrifugal pump that kept the liquid moving over the placenta and drove it through the synthetic lung and waste product filter. Referred to the embryo's troublesome tendency to anæmia, to the massive doses of hog's stomach extract and foetal foal's liver with which, in consequence, it had to be supplied.

Showed them the simple mechanism by means of which, during the last two metres out of every eight, all the embryos were simultaneously shaken into familiarity with movement. Hinted at the gravity of the so-called "trauma of decanting," and enumerated the precautions taken to minimize, by a suitable training of the bottled embryo, that dangerous shock. Told them of the test for sex carried out in the neighborhood of Metre 200. Explained the system of labelling-a T for the males, a circle for the females and for those who were destined to become freemartins a question mark, black on a white ground.

"For of course," said Mr. Foster, "in the vast majority of cases, fertility is merely a nuisance. One fertile ovary in twelve hundred-that would really be quite sufficient for our purposes. But we want to have a good choice. And of course, one must always have an enormous margin of safety. So, we allow as many as thirty per cent of the female embryos to develop normally. The others get a dose of male sex- hormone every twenty-four metres for the rest of the course. Result:



they're decanted as freemartins- structurally quite normal (except," he had to admit, "that they do have the slightest tendency to grow beards), but sterile. Guaranteed sterile. Which brings us at last," continued Mr. Foster, "out of the realm of mere slavish imitation of nature into the much more interesting world of human invention."

He rubbed his hands. For of course, they didn't content themselves with merely hatching out embryos: any cow could do that.

"We also predestine and condition. We decant our babies as socialized human beings, as Alphas or Epsilons, as future sewage workers or future." He was going to say "future World controllers," but correcting himself, said "future Directors of Hatcheries," instead.

The D.H.C. acknowledged the compliment with a smile.

They were passing Metre 320 on Rack 11. A young Beta- Minus mechanic was busy with screw-driver and spanner on the blood-surrogate pump of a passing bottle. The hum of the electric motor deepened by fractions of a tone as he turned the nuts. Down, down ... A final twist, a glance at the revolution counter, and he was done. He moved two paces down the line and began the same process on the next pump.

"Reducing the number of revolutions per minute," Mr. Foster explained. "The surrogate goes round slower; therefore passes through the lung at longer intervals; therefore gives the embryo less oxygen. Nothing like oxygen- shortage for keeping an embryo **BELOW PAR.**" Again he rubbed his hands.

"But why do you want to keep the embryo below par?" asked an ingenuous student.

"Ass!" said the Director, breaking a long silence. "Hasn't it occurred to you that an Epsilon embryo must have an Epsilon environment as well as an Epsilon heredity?"

It evidently hadn't occurred to him. He was covered with confusion.

"The lower the caste," said Mr. Foster, "the shorter the oxygen." The first organ affected was the brain. After that the skeleton. At seventy per cent of normal oxygen you got dwarfs. At less than seventy eyeless monsters.

"Who are no use at all," concluded Mr. Foster.

Whereas (his voice became confidential and eager), if they could discover a technique for shortening the period of maturation what a triumph, what a benefaction to Society!

"Consider the horse."

They considered it.

Mature at six; the elephant at ten. While at thirteen a man is not yet sexually mature; and is only full-grown at twenty. Hence, of course, that fruit of delayed development, the human intelligence.

"But in Epsilons," said Mr. Foster very justly, "we don't need human intelligence."

Didn't need and didn't get it. But though the Epsilon mind was mature at ten, the Epsilon body was not fit to work till eighteen. Long years of superfluous and wasted immaturity. If the physical development could be speeded up till it was as quick, say, as a cow's, what an enormous saving to the Community!

"Enormous!" murmured the students. Mr. Foster's enthusiasm was infectious.

He became rather technical; spoke of the abnormal endocrine co-ordination which made men grow so slowly; postulated a germinal mutation to account for it. Could the effects of this germinal mutation be undone? Could the individual Epsilon embryo be made a revert, by a suitable technique, to the normality of dogs and cows? That was the problem. And it was all but solved.

Pilkington, at Mombasa, had produced individuals who were sexually mature at four and full-

grown at six and a half. A scientific triumph. But socially useless. Six-year-old men and women were too stupid to do even Epsilon work. And the process was an all-or-nothing one; either you failed to modify at all, or else you modified the whole way. They were still trying to find the ideal compromise between adults of twenty and adults of six. So far without success. Mr. Foster sighed and shook his head.

Their wanderings through the crimson twilight had brought them to the neighborhood of Metre 170 on Rack 9. From this point onwards Rack 9 was enclosed and the bottle performed the remainder of their journey in a kind of tunnel, interrupted here and there by openings two or three metres wide.

"Heat conditioning," said Mr. Foster.

Hot tunnels alternated with cool tunnels. Coolness was wedded to discomfort in the form of hard X-rays. By the time they were decanted the embryos had a horror of cold. They were predestined to emigrate to the tropics, to be miner and acetate silk spinners and steel workers. Later on their minds would be made to endorse the judgment of their bodies. "We condition them to thrive on heat," concluded Mr. Foster. "Our colleagues upstairs will teach them to love it."

"And that," put in the Director sententiously, "that is the secret of happiness and virtue-liking what you've got to do. All conditioning aims at that: making people like their unescapable social destiny."

In a gap between two tunnels, a nurse was delicately probing with a long fine syringe into the gelatinous contents of a passing bottle. The students and their guides stood watching her for a few moments in silence.

*Aldous Huxley, Brave New World (1932)*

## QUESTIONS

### 1. READING COMPREHENSION. Choose the BEST answer. (1 mark)

1. The Director of Hatcheries and Mr. Foster tell the students that
  - A) from hatching, the genetic condition is previously altered from higher to lower intelligence of the embryo.
  - B) during the incubation process, the sex of embryos in a significant part is altered.
  - C) genetic status is altered according to embryo's caste and gender.
  - D) caste, sex and strength of embryos are genetically altered.
2. During the incubation process
  - A) embryonic change occurs at almost all stages of the process.
  - B) the amount of oxygen is reduced as the embryo physically evolves.
  - C) pituitary is increased, blood is fed and embryos are shaken.
  - D) the levels of cold and heat are alternated to allow embryos to adapt to both sensations.
3. Animals are mentioned in the text
  - A) as examples of maturity, food and hatching.
  - B) to show the superiority of the human being, as a result of the manipulation of the process.
  - C) as a stage prior to evolution in humans, since they lack intelligence.
  - D) to show the different mutations they have undergone in comparison with humans.
4. In the incubation process, the following are allowed to develop:
  - A) Thirty percent female embryos and seventy percent male embryos.
  - B) Seventy percent freemartins and thirty percent female embryos.
  - C) The number of male embryos is unspecified.
  - D) One fertile female embryo in every twelve hundred embryos.

5. What is Mr. Foster's approach to human maturity?

- A) Intellectual development should be accelerated and precede physical development.
- B) Epsilon's physical development prevails over their intellectual development.
- C) Both physical development and intellectual development should be achieved at the same time.
- D) Both physical development and intellectual development depend on whether the embryos are Epsilon or Alpha.

**2. CLOZE TEST: End up the paragraph using the suitable words from the chart below. (1 mark)**

relish	top	down	across	endorsee	extremely	basis	along	bustle
topiary	hub	turn	base	stagnation	whizz	tippet	dropped	up
waggishly	unforeseen	flaps	nosed	peace	frolicsome	ribwort		

In the Bottling Room all was harmonious 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered activity. 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh sow's peritoneum ready cut to the proper size came shooting up in little lifts from the Organ Store in the sub-basement. 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and then, click! The lift-hatches flew open.

Next to the Liners stood the Matriculators. The procession advanced; one by one the eggs were transferred from their test-tubes to the larger containers; deftly the peritoneal lining was slit, the morula 4. \_\_\_\_\_ into place, the saline solution poured in . . . and already the bottle had passed, and it was the 5. \_\_\_\_\_ of the labellers. No longer anonymous, but identified, the procession marched slowly on into the Social Pedestrian Room.

"Eighty-eight cubic metres of card-index," said Mr Foster with 6. \_\_\_\_\_, as they entered.

"Containing all the relevant information," added the Director.

"Brought up to date every morning and co-ordinated every afternoon. On the 7. \_\_\_\_\_ of which they make their calculations; so many individuals, of such and such quality," said Mr Foster; "distributed in such and such quantities. The optimum Decanting Rate at any given moment. 8. \_\_\_\_\_ wastages promptly made good." "Promptly," repeated Mr Foster.

And opening a door Mr Foster led the way 9. \_\_\_\_\_ a staircase into the basement.

Two doors and a passage with a double turn ensured the cellar against any possible infiltration of the day.

"Embryos are like photograph film," said Mr Foster 10. \_\_\_\_\_, as he pushed open the second door.

"They can only stand red light."

**3. WORD-FORMATION: Use the words given below to form a new one that fits in each space. (1 mark)**

all	abject	florid	go	large
mind	scope	soliloquy	stable	zeal

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the workers were white, their hands gloved with a pale corpse-coloured rubber. The light was frozen, dead, a ghost. Only from the yellow barrels of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ did it borrow a certain rich and living substance, lying along the polished tubes like butter, streak after luscious streak in long recession down the work tables. (...)

Bent over their instruments, three hundred Fertilizers were plunged, as the Director of Hatcheries and Conditioning entered the room, in the scarcely breathing silence, the (3) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hum or whistle, of absorbed concentration. A troop of newly arrived students, very young, pink and callow, followed nervously, rather (5) \_\_\_\_\_, at the Director's heels. Each of them carried a note-book, in

which, whenever the great man spoke, he desperately scribbled. Straight from the horse's mouth. It was a rare privilege.

Tall and rather thin but upright, the Director advanced into the room. He had a long chin and big, rather prominent teeth, just covered, when he was not talking, by his full, (6) \_\_\_\_ curved lips. Old, young? Thirty? fifty? fifty-five? It was hard to say. And anyhow the question didn't arise; in this year of (7) \_\_\_\_, a.f. 632, it didn't occur to you to ask it. (...)

'I shall begin at the beginning,' said the DHC, and the more (8) \_\_\_\_ students recorded his intention in their note-books: *Begin at the beginning*. 'These,' he waved his hand, 'are the incubators.' And opening an insulated door he showed them racks upon racks of numbered test-tubes. (...)

Still leaning against the incubators he gave them, while the pencils scurried illegibly across the pages, a brief description of the modern fertilizing process; spoke first, of course, of its surgical introduction — 'the operation (9) \_\_\_\_ voluntarily for the good of Society, not to mention the fact that it carries a bonus amounting to six months' salary'; continued with some account of the technique for preserving the excised ovary alive and actively developing; passed on to a consideration of optimum temperature, salinity, viscosity; referred to the liquor in which the detached and ripened eggs were kept;(...)

'Scores,' the Director repeated and flung out his arms, as though he were distributing (10) \_\_\_\_\_. 'Scores.'

But one of the students was fool enough to ask where the advantage lay.

'My good boy!' The Director wheeled sharply round on him. 'Can't you see? Can't you see?' He raised a hand; his expression was solemn. 'Bokanovsky's Process is one of the major instruments of social stability!'

**4. HOMOPHONES. Complete the sentences with the appropriate pair of homophones in RP (Received Pronunciation). One of each pair appears in the text. Both homophones must be correct. (1 mark)**

1. a. The tension erupted into a riot and the commander decided to \_\_\_\_ the mutineers back to shore.  
b. The \_\_\_\_ is a medium-size, reddish and grey-brown animal that adapts to cold environments.
2. a. Hard-shell luggage demands fitting of a luggage \_\_\_\_\_. Particular panniers need to be fasten onto the anchoring points of the motorbike.  
b. The derelict circus has gone to \_\_\_\_\_ and ruin these days, the town hall is debating about the restoration.
3. a. The recitation started with her having her voice perfectly well trimmed, however, by the end she became so \_\_\_\_ that people began to leave.  
b. When the race finished, all the competitors got their animals onto the \_\_\_\_ trailer.
4. a. The champion of the tourney is still up in the \_\_\_\_ as the scoreboard was out of order.  
b. In the past, a woman who hadn't given birth to a male was considered useless as she was not able to produce an \_\_\_\_ to carry the family name.
5. a. Current scientific discoveries \_\_\_\_\_ light on the origin of the universe.  
b. Among the world's oldest forms of social stratification, it seems that India's \_\_\_\_ system was the most complex and efficacious.
6. a. Mojang Studios managed to create a game based on a \_\_\_\_ who must find supplies to survive battle mobs and these became the most popular video game in 2014.  
b. After graduating, she added a \_\_\_\_ in Sustainable Development from the University of Chicago to her resume.
7. a. Zinc is used as a protective coating when is need to protect iron and \_\_\_\_ from corrosion.  
b. Kanye couldn't help it! He had to \_\_\_\_ the limelight in every event they attended together.
8. a. Monarchist from Wales could promptly \_\_\_\_\_ victory after the Queen's discourse.  
b. He was ready to report to the authorities as in the period worked of 2 weeks, he hadn't earned a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. a. Frontline soldiers took the wise \_\_\_\_\_ of retreating before confronting the shelling.  
b. During the Gold Rush, the diggers had to sieve the \_\_\_\_\_ sand from the creeks to gain profit.

10. a. This Manufacturer uses the flat fell\_\_\_\_\_ technique for their high-end outwear and workwear.  
 b. It doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant will withdraw the motion for summary judgement.

**5. SYNONYMS/ ANTONYMS. Provide a word from the text ... (1 mark)**

A. with the same meaning as the following:

1. dearth
2. elated
3. hassle
4. imbued
5. protuberant

B. with the opposite meaning of the following:

1. languish
2. barren
3. unfitting
4. avertible
5. apathetic

**6. PHRASAL VERBS /IDIOMS. Replace the underlined words with a suitable phrasal verb or idiom. For the phrasal verbs, choose a word from the chart below, add the appropriate particle(s) and use the same form/tense as in the sentences provided. For the idioms, choose a word from the chart, add the appropriate words and fit the expression in the sentences provided. Make any other changes if necessary. There are two extra words which are not needed. (1 mark)**

mustard	the candle	ahead	piece	punch	keel
moon	shape	give	a fly	catch	dawn

1. The bulging flanks of row on receding row and tier above tier of bottles glinted with innumerable rubies (...)
2. Mr. Foster was only too happy to give them a few figures.
3. (...) in the vast majority of cases, fertility is merely a nuisance (...)
4. His laugh was knowing and triumphant.
5. At less than seventy eyeless monsters. "Who are no use at all," concluded Mr. Foster.
6. Hasn't it occurred to you that an Epsilon embryo must have an Epsilon environment as well as an Epsilon heredity?
7. Nothing like oxygen-shortage for keeping an embryo below par.
8. We condition them to thrive on heat (...)
9. Coolness was wedded to discomfort in the form of hard X-rays.
10. So, we allow as many as thirty per cent of the female embryos to develop normally.

**7. REPHRASING. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use the given word. (1 mark)**

1. Explained why it had to be stimulated with placentin and thyroxin. (STIMULI)  
An account.....
2. Referred to the embryo's troublesome tendency to anaemia, to the massive doses of hog's stomach extract and foetal foal's liver with which, in consequence, it had to be supplied.(PRONE)  
They offset .....
- 3 . We allow as many as thirty per cent of the female embryos to develop normally. (ALLOWANCE)  
Seventy.....
4. He had to admit, "that they do have the slightest tendency to grow beards". (NEGLIGIBLE)  
There was no....
5. It evidently hadn't occurred to him. He was covered with confusion. (BEWILDERED)  
The ultimate....
6. The first organ affected was the brain. After that the skeleton. (JEOPARDISED)  
Not....
7. If the physical development could be speeded up till it was as quick, say, as a cow's, what an enormous saving to the Community. (CHALK UP)  
Only after...
8. Six-year-old men and women were too stupid to do even Epsilon work. (ABILITIES)  
Even Epsilon work far.....
9. But though the Epsilon mind was mature at ten, the Epsilon body was not fit to work till eighteen. (ATTAINMENT)  
Notwithstanding.....
10. They were still trying to find the ideal compromise between adults of twenty and adults of six. (CONCINNITY)  
Never....

**8. WRITING. Write a text in 300 words including the following statement: (3marks)**

"Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly- they'll go through anything. You read and you're pierced."

Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World* (1932)

# KEYS

## • OPTION A.-

1.- READING COMPREHENSION. Choose the best answer. (1 mark)

1. B      2. B      3. D      4. D      5. C

2.- CLOZE TEXT. End up the paragraph using the suitable words from the chart below. (1 mark)

- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. on fumes     | 6. got up and running |
| 2. flubbed      | 7. power-hungry       |
| 3. levelling up | 8. furtherance        |
| 4. dismal       | 9. bickering          |
| 5. laid         | 10. amid              |

3.- WORD-FORMATION. Use the words given below to form a new one that fits in each space. (1 mark)

- |                               |            |                 |           |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. byelections / by-elections | (ELECT)    | 6. aspirational | (ASPIRE)  |
| 2. disgraced                  | (GRACE)    | 7. malcontents  | (CONTENT) |
| 3. inconclusive               | (CONCLUDE) | 8. impassable   | (PASS)    |
| 4. insecurity                 | (SECURE)   | 9. entrenching  | (TRENCH)  |
| 5. outlined                   | (LINE)     | 10. boosterism  | (BOOST)   |

4.- HOMOPHONES. Complete the sentences with the appropriate pair of homophones in RP (Received Pronunciation), one of each pair appears in the text. Both homophones must be correct. (1 mark)

- |                                   |                               |                                |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. a) tun / ton                   | b) <b>tonne</b> (in the text) | 6. a) aloud                    | b) <b>allowed</b> (in the text) |
| 2. a) <b>serial</b> (in the text) | b) cereal                     | 7. a) <b>red</b> (in the text) | b) read                         |
| 3. a) <b>creek</b> (in the text)  | b) creak                      | 8. CANCELLED                   |                                 |
| 4. a) <b>loan</b> (in the text)   | b) lone                       | 9. a) <b>few</b> (in the text) | b) phew                         |
| 5. a) <b>till</b> (in the text)   | b) til                        | 10. a) wile                    | b) <b>while</b> (in the text)   |

5.- SYNONYMS/ANTONYMS. Provide a word from the text ... (1 mark)

A/ with the same meaning as the following:

1. PHONED - IN
2. RUTHLESSLY
3. BUSHEL
4. DO ONE
5. GIBBERISH

B/ with the opposite meaning to the following:

1. UNSUCCESSFUL
2. STICK WITH
3. BELATEDLY
4. MILDLY
5. CONCERNED



**6.- PHRASAL VERBS/IDIOMS. Replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verb or idiom:**

**For the phrasal verbs, choose a word from the chart below, add the appropriate particle/s and use the same form/tense as in the sentence provided; for the idioms, choose a word from the chart, add the appropriate word/s and fit the expression in the sentences provided. Make any other changes if necessary. There are two extra words which are not needed. (1 mark)**

1. **(GET)** GETTING OFF ON      **instead of enjoying**
2. **(TAKE)** TAKING A LEAK      **instead of keep peeing**
3. **(FOUL)** FOUL UP      **instead of to torpedo**
4. **(A ROCK)** (caught) BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE      **instead of up the creek**
5. **(GAME)** FAIR GAME      **instead of the chum**
6. **(OWN)** OWNS UP      **instead of acknowledges**
7. **(THROW)** ARE THROWN PARTICULARLY INTO QUESTION / (into doubt)  
**instead of are called particularly into question**
8. **(STAMP)** STAMPED OUT      **instead of written out of the show**
9. **(POSE)** POSING AS      **instead of masquerading**
10. **(THE SEAMS)** FALL APART AT THE SEAMS      **instead of implode**

**7.- REPHRASING. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.**

**Use the given word. (1 mark)**

1. **(GAME)** **IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING** (that) he beat / won the game.
2. **(BITER)** **IT'S HIGH TIME** you realise you're the biter who gets the bit / who is the bit / who has turned into the bit.
3. **(FIREBUG)** **FURTHER INQUIRY** should be made into this firebug for serial insurance fraud.
4. **(ACCOMPLISHMENT)** **APART FROM FAR-SIGHTEDNESS** the Prime Minister has not any other accomplishment bar a Brexit deal worse than Theresa May's, which he is now trying to torpedo.
5. **(HOUSEHOLD)** **GIVEN THAT MR.** and Mrs. Johnson had accounts about "chaotic" stewardship of Chequers, the Prime minister's country retreat, let's talk about (their) household matters (the use of "affairs" is not recommended for being absolutely outdated)
6. **(BOUND)** **TO ALL APPEARANCES, THE HOUSEKEEPER HAD HER** disciplinary proceedings dropped / dismissed and she left with a payoff and legally bound to confidentiality / non-disclosure in 2020.
7. **(BUZZKILL)** **I DON'T WANT** to be a buzzkill by suggesting that Chequers has always felt a very, very unexplored corner of Partygate.
8. **(CORNERS)** **BECAUSE OF UNDERGOING** a period of higher global inflation, many families and businesses now look at how to cut corners.
9. **(LAVISHLY)** **PERFUNCTORY MUMBO** jumbo is lavishly being offered by Johnson.
10. **(STEPPED)** **ALL** of a sudden, I recalled that in 2019 Graham stepped down /out of / away the chairmanship.

# KEYS

## • OPTION B.-

1.- READING COMPREHENSION. Choose the best answer. (1 mark)

1. B      2. A      3. A      4. C      5. B

2.- CLOZE TEXT. End up the paragraph using the suitable words from the chart below. (1 mark)

- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. bustle  | 6. relish     |
| 2. flaps   | 7. basis      |
| 3. whizz   | 8. unforeseen |
| 4. dropped | 9. down       |
| 5. turn    | 10. waggishly |

3.- WORD-FORMATION. Use the words given below to form a new one that fits in each space.  
(1 mark)

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. overalls (ALL)            | 6. floridly (FLORID)  |
| 2. microscopes (SCOPE)       | 7. stability (STABLE) |
| 3. absentminded (MIND)       | 8. zealous (ZEAL)     |
| 4. soliloquizing (SOLILOQUY) | 9. undergone (GO)     |
| 5. abjectly (ABJECT)         | 10. largesse (LARGE)  |

4.- HOMOPHONES. Complete the sentences with the appropriate pair of homophones in RP (Received Pronunciation), one of each pair appears in the text. Both homophones must be correct.  
(1 mark) (damos 0.1 para equilibrar coa opción A)

- |                                 |                               |                                   |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. a) <b>row</b> (in the text)  | b) roe                        | 6. a) <b>miner</b> (in the text)  | b) minor                      |
| 2. a) <b>rack</b> (in the text) | b) wrack                      | 7. a) steel                       | b) <b>steal</b> (in the text) |
| 3. a) hoarse                    | b) <b>horse</b> (in the text) | 8. a) scent                       | b) <b>cent</b> (in the text)  |
| 4. a) air                       | b) <b>heir</b> (in the text)  | 9. a) <b>course</b> (in the text) | b) coarse                     |
| 5. a) cast                      | b) <b>caste</b> (in the text) | 10. a) seam                       | b) <b>seem</b> (in the text)  |

5.- SYNONYMS/ANTONYMS. Provide a word from the text ... (1 mark)

A/ with the same meaning as the following:

1. SHORTAGE
2. TRIUMPHANT
3. NUISANCE
4. INJECTED
5. BULGING

B/ with the opposite meaning to the following:

1. THRIVE
2. FERTILE
3. SUITABLE
4. UNESCAPABLE
5. EAGER

**6.- PHRASAL VERBS/IDIOMS. Replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verb or idiom:**

**For the phrasal verbs, choose a word from the chart below, add the appropriate particle/s and use the same form/tense as in the sentence provided; for the idioms, choose a word from the chart, add the appropriate word/s and fit the expression in the sentences provided. Make any other changes if necessary. There are two extra words which are not needed. (1 mark)**

1. **(GIVE)** GAVE OFF **instead of glinted**
2. **(PUNCH)** (as) PLEASED AS PUNCH **instead of only too happy**
3. **(A FLY)** A FLY IN THE OINTMENT **instead of a nuisance**
4. **(MOON)** OVER THE MOON **instead of triumphant**
5. **(THE CANDLE)** NOT WORTH THE CANDLE **instead of no use at all**
6. **(DAWN)** DAWNED ON **instead of occurred**
7. **(MUSTARD)** FROM CUTTING THE MUSTARD **instead of below par**
8. **(AHEAD)** GET AHEAD **instead of thrive on (AHEAD)**
9. **(PIECE)** COOLNESS AND DISCOMFORT WERE PIECED TOGETHER  
**instead of coolness was wedded to discomfort**
10. **(SHAPE)** SHAPE UP **instead of implode**

**7.- REPHRASING.** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

**Use the given word. (1 mark)**

1. (STIMULI) **AN ACCOUNT** was given of why placentin and thyroxin are necessary stimuli.
2. (PRONE) **THEY OFFSET** the referred anaemia to which the embryo was prone by using massive doses of hog's stomach extract and foetal foal's liver.
3. (ALLOWANCE) **SEVENTY** per cent of the female embryos are not given allowance to develop normally.
4. (NEGLIGIBLE) **THERE WAS NO** denial that they do have a negligible tendency to grow beards.
5. (BEWILDERED) **THE ULTIMATE** consequence of not having had that occurrence was that he looked / was / felt bewildered.
6. (JEOPARDISED) **NOT** only was the brain jeopardised, but also the skeleton.
7. (CHALK UP) **ONLY AFTER** the physical development can be speeded up as quick as a cow's, will the community chalk up a success.
8. (ABILITIES) **EVEN EPSILON WORK FAR** exceeds six-year-old men and women's ability.
9. (ATTAINMENT) **NOTWITHSTANDING** the Epsilon's attainment of mind maturity was at ten, the Epsilon body was not fit to work till eighteen.
10. (CONCINNITY) **NEVER** had they found the concinnity between adults of twenty and adults of six.