Elija UNA de las dos opciones propuestas, A o B, para cada uno de los TRES EJERCICIOS [Reading comprehension, rephrasing, writing] de los que consta el examen. En cada pregunta se señala la puntuación máxima.

EJERCICIO 1. READING COMPREHENSION (5 points)

OPTION A

Svalbard: a place anyone can call home

Located 800km north of mainland Norway in the middle of the Arctic Ocean, Svalbard is the world's northernmost settlement. Citizens of any country are welcome to settle in Svalbard without a visa as long as they have a job and a place to live.
Dutch explorers were the first to pay a documented visit to the islands while trying to find the Northeast Passage to China in 1596. The islands went ungoverned until 1920, when, after World War One, a treaty that guaranteed Norway's sovereignty over Svalbard was signed by nine countries. The treaty makes Norway responsible for preserving the islands' natural environment.
Some facts about Svalbard make it one of the most unique places of the planet. There are only 40km of roads on the islands and no roads between different settlements – which are only accessible by boat in the summer or by snowmobile in winter. Since 2012, anyone travelling outside of a settlement (town or village) must carry a firearm due to the threat posed by polar bears. There are no hospitals for pregnant women. A few weeks before their due date women are obliged to go to mainland Norway to have their babies.
Svalbard's year-round low temperatures – the average high is just 7Cº in summer – also proved ideal for the installation of the Global Seed Vault. This vault has stored more than 980,000 seeds from across the globe since 2008 as a backup in case of a global cataclysm that causes all crops to fail.

1. Add True or False, quoting the relevant information from the text to justify your answer. *(2 points)*
a) As a Spanish citizen, the only thing you need to settle in Svalbard is to have a job.
b) When people travel outside a town´s limits they have to carry a firearm in case they encounter a polar bear.

2. Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words. *(2 points)*
a) Is Svalbard a good place to give birth?
b) Why is the Global Seed Vault important for nations across the globe?

3. Find words or phrases in the text which mean the same as the following: *(1 point)*
a) maintaining:
b) easy to reach or enter:
c) written agreement:
d) forced:

OPTION B

Is it bad to binge-watch?*

At a time when 74% of U.S. households use at least one streaming service, TV has become an integral part of our lives. While most of us think of Netflix when we think of binge-watching, teens are actually choosing YouTube videos over traditional streaming platforms (with YouTube coming in at 37% teen viewers and Netflix at 35%).
"Binge-watch" means to watch "many or all episodes of (a TV series) in rapid succession." While not detrimental, binge-watching is probably not the best for our mental and physical well-being. According to Dr. Randall Wright, "When we binge-watch, we create an unhealthy environment for the brain because we're sitting for long periods of time, isolating ourselves from social activities and eating large amounts of unhealthy food." Additionally, a new study at the University of Michigan found that bingeing can also lead to poor quality of sleep, fatigue, and insomnia.
The worry now is that bingeing interferes with important priorities, time for unstructured fun, strong relationships with others, and space for important life lessons.
Why do teens binge? Ask a teen why they binge-watch Netflix, and they might say:

- When Netflix releases a new show, all episodes become available at once. There's no need to wait a week between episodes. This lets viewers watch every episode as quickly as they desire.
- Auto-play. No commercials, unlimited content, cheap subscriptions, the ability to download.
- There are personal connections. Take YouTubers, for example. A big factor in YouTubers becoming so popular so fast is their ability to make their viewers feel seen and valued.

* binge-watch: to watch several episodes of a TV series at one time

1. Add True or False, quoting the relevant information from the text to justify your answer. *(2 points)*
a) Teens prefer to watch Netflix than YouTube videos.
b) Through binge-watching teenagers can learn things that will be useful for their life.

2. Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words. *(2 points)*
a) Why is binge-watching not good for our physical well-being?
b) How has Netflix changed the way TV shows are seen?

3. Find words or phrases in the text which mean the same as the following: *(1 point)*
a) concern:
b) damaging, harmful:
c) simultaneously:
d) cause, bring about:

EJERCICIO 2. REPHRASING (2 points)

OPTION A

Complete the second sentence in each pair. The meaning should be the same as that of the first sentence. *(2 points)*
a) Due to the short summers and long cold winters, trees do not grow in Svalbard.
Trees do not grow in Svalbard because (…)
b) The temperatures in Greenland are very low all year round. This is the reason why very few people live there.
The temperatures in Greenland are so (…)
c) The Vikings were the first to explore the islands in around 1200.
The islands (…)
d) She spent six hours travelling from Svalbard to mainland Norway by boat.
It took (….)

OPTION B

Complete the second sentence in each pair. The meaning should be the same as that of the first sentence. *(2 points)*
a) It's a pity I don't have a subscription to Netflix.
I wish (…)
b) This year 52% of Spanish households have used streaming services.
This year streaming services (…)
c) The new season of Atypical was released last month. But I have not seen any episodes yet.
Although (…)
d) Have you watched "The Queen's Gambit"?, Martin asked them.
Martin wanted to know (…)

EJERCICIO 3. WRITING (3 points)

OPTION A

Write a composition on the following: "Spain is one of the best countries to live in the world". Write a text where you give your opinion and include reasons to support it. **(80-120 words).** (3 points)

OPTION B

Write a composition on the following: What is the best series or movie you have watched recently? Explain why you consider it good. **(80-120 words).** (3 points)