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**WHERE TO GO SCUBA DIVING**

Less than a decade ago, Costa Rica was virtually unknown as a diving destination. Suddenly, it was discovered for its variety of marine wildlife. Then, new facilities along the Pacific coastline started offering first-class dive boats and fully stocked dive shops. Now, divers have the excitement of truly virgin diving in areas never explored before.

The most recent dive-site development has been along the Pacific coast of the Guanacaste province. Here, people can see a huge variety of fish, soft corals and invertebrates as a result of the abundance of plankton that grows in this tropical area. It makes the country a perfect place to practice diving during the summer. However, visibility can often be obscured especially during the rainy season from May to November. The best places on this side of the country are Murciélago Islands and the Catalinas Islands. Cocos Island is also another great place in the Pacific for scuba diving. It is famous for its wonderful wildlife featuring big encounters with whale sharks, hammerheads and mantas. The Caribbean coast has yet to develop a serious infrastructure catering to



sports divers, despite good coral reefs. Farther south in Cahuita, divers can find Costa Rica's most beautiful coral reef. The best time to visit is during the dry season from February to April, when visibility is at its best for any kind of diving.

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Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 1) Based on the text, divers can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A explore virgin areas in the coasts
  - B see whale sharks and hammerheads in Cahuita
  - C have problems with the infrastructure in the Pacific
  - D find a developed infrastructure for diving in the Caribbean

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2) During the rainy season, the ocean in Guanacaste \_\_\_\_\_.

- A is perfect for divers
- B isn't very clear for diving
- C doesn't have many live species
- D has a few fish and marine species

3) Costa Rica offers divers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A a few spots for going scuba diving in the country
- B developed diving infrastructures in the Caribbean
- C the appropriate infrastructure for diving on both coasts
- D more scuba diving spots in the Pacific than in the Caribbean

4) Costa Rica is a good place for scuba diving because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A its coasts are full of infrastructure
- B there are many marine species to see
- C it has many rocky islands along its coasts
- D its infrastructure is really good on both coasts

5) Based on the text, it is better for divers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A visit Cahuita at the end of the year
- B go scuba diving from May to November
- C practice scuba diving during the dry season
- D practice scuba diving during the rainy season

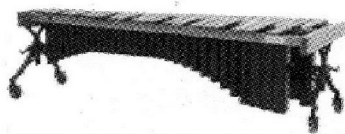
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### COSTA RICAN MUSIC

Costa Rica's culture, with its diverse mix of African, European and native expressions, has contributed to a variety of musical tastes and trends. For example, Costa Rica's music scene includes an indigenous calypso scene in addition to an increase in a flourishing disco audience mainly in the nightclubs of San José. Besides, as in many other countries in Central America and abroad, American and British rock and roll and pop music are popular among younger people.

Dance-based genres such as "cumbia", "marcado", "merengue", "lambada", "salsa" and "soca" are also popular. Tourists generally stumble across the popular folk dances such as "Botijuela", "Tamborito" and "Cambute". Also, there is a strong African musical influence on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, where the music is based on complex percussion rhythms such as "Sinkit". The African musical tradition includes genres derived from Afro-Caribbean music such as "rumba", "calypso" and, of course, "reggae".

Throughout Costa Rica as well as in other Central American countries, the "marimba" is a popular instrument. Folk dances include the official national dance called "El Punto Guanacasteco". As a matter of fact, Guanacaste is known as Costa Rica's center of folk music. Traditional songs such as "De la caña se hace el guaro", "Pampa", "Amor de temporada" and "Luna liberiana" are also popular throughout the country.



Adapted from [www.costaricatraveller.com](http://www.costaricatraveller.com)

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 6) According to the text, Costa Rican young people prefer \_\_\_\_\_.
- A folk dances
  - B African rhythms
  - C European trends
  - D British and American music

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7) Caribbean music is influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ rhythms.

- A African
- B American
- C Costa Rican
- D Central American

8) The “marimba” is popular not only in Costa Rica, but also \_\_\_\_\_.

- A in Africa
- B in Europe
- C in Central America
- D all around the world

9) “El Punto Guanacasteco” is the main folk dance \_\_\_\_\_.

- A in Costa Rica
- B in Central America
- C just in Guanacaste
- D outside of the country

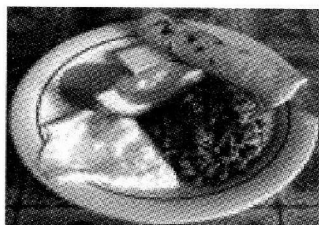
10) Definitely, “reggae” has \_\_\_\_\_ “rumba”.

- A the same origin as
- B a different genre from
- C a different tradition from
- D a dissimilar influence from



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### COSTA RICAN TYPICAL FOOD



Costa Rican cuisine is known for being tasty, yet fairly mild, with the high use of fresh fruits and vegetables. The typical food, known as “gallo pinto”, consists of rice and black beans which is usually eaten for breakfast.

For lunch, the traditional national dish is called “casado”. It again consists of rice and black beans, though this time they are served side by side instead of mixed. It will generally include some type of meat (beef, fish, pork chop or chicken) and a salad to round out the dish. There may also be accompanied with some extras like a fried plantain, a slice of white cheese, and corn tortillas.

The plantain, a larger member of the banana family, is another commonly used fruit and can be served in a variety of ways. Ripe plantains have a sweet flavor, and can be fried in butter or baked in a honey or a sugar-based sauce. Green plantains (unripe plantains) are boiled in soups or can be cooked, mashed into small round cakes and fried to make “patacones”.

Other Costa Rican food staples include corn tortillas, white cheese and picadillos. Tortillas are used to accompany most meals. Ticos often fill them with whatever they are eating. “Picadillos” are meat and vegetable combinations where one or more vegetables are diced, mixed with beef and garnished with spices. Common vegetables used in “picadillos” are potatoes, green beans, squash, ayote, chayote and arracache.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

11) People eat casados with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A plantains and soup
- B fresh fruits and vegetables
- C sweet corn and “patacones”
- D corn tortillas and fried plantains

12) The majority of the meals include \_\_\_\_\_.

- A picadillo
- B corn tortillas
- C a fried plantain
- D unripe plantains

13) "Picadillos" consist of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A a combination of rice and beans
- B diced vegetables mixed with meat
- C boiled vegetables with ripe plantain
- D a vegetable combination with cheese

14) Based on the text, "gallo pinto" and "casados" \_\_\_\_\_.

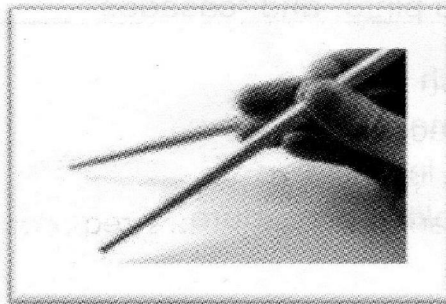
- A are served for lunch
- B are served the same way
- C have two common ingredients
- D follow a similar cooking procedure

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### HOW TO USE CHOPSTICKS

Many visitors to Asian countries, such as China and Japan, are fascinated when they see a small child, of perhaps just two years old, eating with a pair of oversized chopsticks. In no time at all, the contents of the bowl are transferred piece by piece to the child's mouth. It really looks easy.

Would you like to try using a pair of the "quick ones"? With a little practice, it becomes easy and the chopsticks become like an extension of your hand. Chopsticks are held in one hand only, usually the right one. First, cup your hand with your thumb apart from your fingers. Place one chopstick between your thumb and fingers, resting it against the base of your index finger and the tip of your ring finger. Then, place the second chopstick parallel to the first, and hold it with your thumb and index finger as you would hold a pencil. Make the ends even by tapping them on the food.



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

15) Chinese children \_\_\_\_\_.

- A use very small chopsticks
- B like to play with chopsticks
- C have problems using chopsticks
- D know perfectly how to use chopsticks

- 16) To use chopsticks, people have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A use two pencils
  - B have an extra pair of them
  - C hold them with both hands
  - D hold them with only one hand
- 17) The last step, when eating with chopsticks is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A hold the chopsticks with your thumbs
  - B place the second chopstick parallel to the first
  - C make the ends even by tapping them on the food
  - D place one chopstick between your thumb and fingers
- 18) To eat with chopsticks, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A it is necessary to be a child
  - B both thumbs are necessary
  - C a ring on the finger is needed
  - D both a thumb and an index finger are required
- 19) Chopsticks are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A small items for children
  - B utensils used for eating
  - C especially made to eat food with all fingers
  - D Chinese devices to develop hand movements



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### SOME CELEBRATIONS AND HOLIDAYS IN COSTA RICA



**May 15:** Costa Ricans celebrate San Isidro Labrador Day. Every town with the same name honors this patron saint of farmers and farm animals with a blessing of animals and crops.

**June 17:** Carrera de San Juan, which is one of the biggest cross-country races, with runners covering a tough 22.5 km course.

**July 16:** The Day of the Virgin of the Sea is celebrated in Puntarenas. A colorful regatta of decorated fishing boats and yachts in the Gulf of Nicoya salute Puntarenas' patron saint, the Virgin of Mount Carmel. Masses, parades, concerts, dances, and fireworks are some of the activities during this celebration.

**July 25:** The Annexation of Nicoya Day is celebrated to recognize the decision to join that piece of land to Costa Rica in 1824. Fiestas in Liberia such as folk dances, parades, cattle shows and concerts are the main activities during the celebration.

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Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

20) Puntarenas' patron saint celebration takes place with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A races and fireworks
- B folk dances and marches
- C cattle shows and concerts
- D decorated boats and parades

21) One of the biggest cross-country races is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_.

- A on San Isidro Labrador Day
- B with the Carrera de San Juan
- C on the Annexation of Nicoya Day
- D on the Day of the Virgin of the Sea

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### COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day was first celebrated in the United States on October 12, 1792, to honor the day on which Christopher Columbus landed in the Bahamas in 1492. In the United States since 1920, it has been celebrated annually. Since 1971, it has been celebrated on the second Monday in October.

A traditional Columbus Day in the United States includes a parade down New York's Fifth Avenue. Parades and ceremonies are often featured in smaller towns and cities all around the country. Many Latin American countries celebrate this day as "Día de la Raza" (Day of the Race). This day celebrates the Spanish heritage of the Latin American people and it includes brightly colored fiestas.



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 22) The first celebration of Columbus Day \_\_\_\_\_ in 1792.
- A was a Latin activity
  - B took place in the U.S.
  - C was called Day of the Race
  - D was celebrated in New York
- 23) Columbus Day is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_.
- A only by New Yorkers
  - B only in the United States
  - C just in Latin American countries
  - D in both the United States and Latin America
- 24) Columbus Day has become \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. since 1920.
- A a daily honor
  - B a weekly activity
  - C a monthly parade
  - D an annual celebration

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### EARNING DESIRABLE BLUE FLAGS



On International Water Day, Costa Rica gave its Blue Flag awards to beaches, businesses, conservation areas and other organizations demonstrating a commitment to protect the country's natural resources. "Costa Ricans decided to have a social pact with nature, and that is what we are fulfilling today", said the country's

President at the Blue Flag awards ceremony.

The President also signed a new law to protect the country's hydrological resources. In the 90's, the National Water Laboratory began promoting development in local communities with projects towards the conservation and protection of natural resources as a goal. In 2011, some organizations participated in the Blue Flag awards in seven categories, including the protection of beaches, community development, educational centers and protected areas. The initiative also sought to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Beaches such as Punta del Madero, Playa Blanca, Bahía Junquillal and Manuel Antonio National Park on the Pacific coast were the beaches that received Blue Flag awards. The Environmental Minister recognized the valuable dedication of organizations, saying the steps they had taken to reduce their environmental impacts were not easy. The Minister also made public the plans of creating a national watershed registry with sensors capable of monitoring changes in hydrological resources in real time.

Adapted from The Tico Times

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 25) The country's President signed a recent law to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A protect national parks
  - B mitigate the effects of the climate
  - C preserve the national Pacific coast
  - D protect the national hydrological resources

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- 26) The Blue Flag awards are an example of Costa Rica's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A absence in climatic research
  - B need for new ecological laws
  - C responsibility to protect its natural resources
  - D commitment towards creating new organizations
- 27) Four beaches on the Pacific coast received \_\_\_\_\_.
- A the desirable Blue Flag awards
  - B a special award from the president
  - C a retribution for contaminant actions
  - D a new law given by the Environment Ministry
- 28) Over the past few years, the National Water Laboratory has \_\_\_\_\_.
- A awarded several national parks
  - B led studies in water management
  - C led hydroelectric projects throughout the country
  - D promoted environmental development in communities
- 29) The Blue Flag awards are given to those organizations that take \_\_\_\_\_.
- A responsibility to adopt others' plans
  - B ecological laws as ineffective measures
  - C hard measures to protect the environment
  - D steps to do research on water conservation



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### PUERTA DEL SOL

For many years, the Puerta del Sol Hotel has captivated people's attention at the beach of El Coco. Each of the nice eight large rooms on the small, well-groomed property has a big comfortable bed, a private patio, bathroom, refrigerator, and air conditioning. Scuba divers who are looking to explore Coco's renowned waters also frequent the hotel. The Puerta del Sol Hotel assists divers in tours, lessons and transportation.

Another important aspect of the hotel is the Italian-style food, prepared by the owner apart from the local foods. The hotel is 45 minutes west of Liberia. Buses between Liberia and El Coco run every hour. Taxis are available from Liberia as well as from the airport. During the high-season, the rates are \$100 double occupancy for a room plus taxes. Children under 10 stay for free with their parents.



Adapted from  
[www.ticotimes.net](http://www.ticotimes.net)

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 30) Visitors are able to \_\_\_\_\_ at the Puerta del Sol Hotel.
- A take diving classes
  - B eat a free breakfast
  - C go horseback riding
  - D go into some warm pools
- 31) At the Puerta del Sol Hotel, tourists can \_\_\_\_\_.
- A have lunch for free
  - B travel there by airplane
  - C have problems finding the place
  - D take children under ten years old without paying
- 32) The Puerta del Sol Hotel \_\_\_\_\_.
- A provides small rooms
  - B offers special rates only for nationals
  - C provides international and typical food
  - D offers special prices only for foreigners

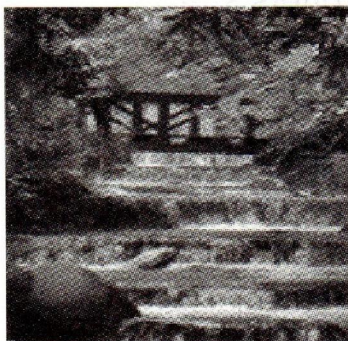
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### TABACÓN GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT

The five-star Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort, near the Arenal Volcano has been synonymous with luxury for years. The resort has received worldwide recognition for its programs to protect the environment. The Environment, Energy and Telecommunications Ministry (MINAE) has recently declared the resort an important Costa Rican carbon neutral resort. The place is a paradise. For example, on a clear day, guests may enjoy a spectacular view of the cone-shaped Arenal Volcano which captivates them. The 114 guest rooms feature amenities like flat-screen televisions, wireless Internet and comfortable beds; some rooms have Jacuzzis, balconies and a view of the volcano. Moreover, guests can explore the environment beyond the resort with hiking, canopy, rafting and canoeing tours, or they can simply indulge in nature by soaking in one of the many thermal springs.



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Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 33) Tourists can \_\_\_\_\_ in Tabacón.
- A ride horses
  - B take a rafting trip**
  - C stay in cheap lodging
  - D take swimming classes
- 34) Tourists are mostly fascinated with the place's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A guided visits
  - B tolerant people
  - C convenient fare
  - D proximity to the volcano**
- 35) The worldwide known Tabacón is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A rustic community
  - B famous hot spring
  - C well-known volcano
  - D carbon neutral resort**

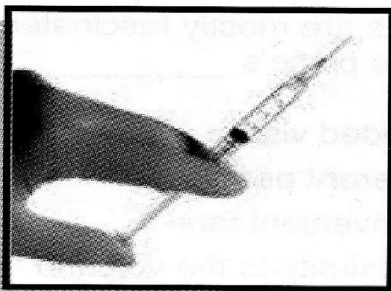
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### SYPHILIS

It is a sexually transmitted infection caused by the spirochete bacterium. The primary route of transmission is through sexual contact, but it may also be transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy or at birth, resulting in congenital syphilis.

The signs and symptoms of syphilis vary depending on which of the four phases it presents during primary, secondary, latent and tertiary. The primary stage classically presents with a single chancre (firm, painless, non-itchy skin ulceration) in the genital zone, secondary syphilis with a diffuse rash which frequently involves the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, latent syphilis with little to no symptoms, and tertiary syphilis with neurological or cardiac symptoms.



Diagnosis is usually via blood tests; however, the bacteria can also be detected using dark field microscopy. Syphilis can be effectively treated with antibiotics.

Syphilis is believed to have infected 12 million men and women worldwide, but the disease has dramatically decreased since the widespread availability of penicillin in the 1940's.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

36) According to the text, syphilis has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A four different phases
- B dramatically increased lately
- C more severe effects in women
- D killed 12 million people in the world



37) During the last stage, patients may suffer from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A ulcerations all over the body
- B a rash on the feet and hands
- C neurological or cardiac failure
- D painless chancres in the genital area

38) First, an infected person starts with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A cardiac symptoms
- B a severe rash on the body
- C chancres in the genital area
- D a latent period without detectable symptoms

39) In case of an infection, the patient \_\_\_\_\_.

- A needs to take antibiotics
- B can be treated with different medication
- C is likely to suffer from congenital problems
- D starts suffering from a rash on the feet and hands

40) Based on the text, there are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A two ways to detect syphilis
- B more cases of syphilis among men
- C more than two treatments for syphilis
- D more cases of syphilis today than in the past



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### CHILDREN ELECTIONS IN COSTA RICA

During the last elections, families lined up around the block at the National Stadium as well as at the National Children's Museum in San José, for the children's elections organized by the Supreme Elections Tribunal. Children from 2 to 15 years of age could vote and learn about the crucial value of democratic elections by casting their votes. Although the results had no official significance, just like the adults, kids were required to present their identification before voting and then cast their votes via an iPad, a common gadget used nowadays by children. So, they didn't require any paper ballot or indelible ink as it used to be in the past.

More than 7,000 children cast their allegoric votes, which were mostly aligned with the way their parents voted. Once each child voted, they received a "Yes I voted" sticker from a Costa Rican scout. For some



children, this was their second time voting. Observers from the Organization of American States (OAS) were certainly pleased to see this educational activity which preserves and keeps alive the value of democracy. They also remarked that Costa Rica is one of the few nations that hold such an event.

Adapted from [www.news.co.cr](http://www.news.co.cr)

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 41) During the last elections, children \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) pretended they voted for a presidential aspirant
  - B) took part in the first election of its kind ever held
  - C) elected the new president at the Elections Tribunal
  - D) voted for a candidate at the polling centers around the country

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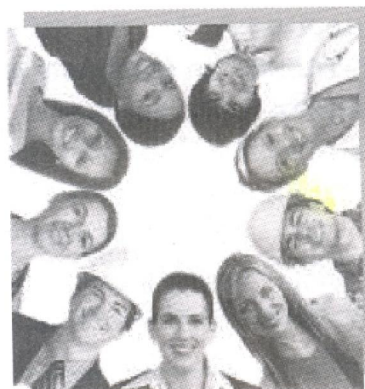
- 42) During this election, children voted by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) placing a mark on a ballot
  - B) using an electronic device
  - C) marking their choice with a pen
  - D) leaving their thumbprints with indelible ink
- 43) In order to vote, children \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) didn't require any documents
  - B) had to present their identification
  - C) didn't need any personal identification
  - D) attended a training session with OAS' observers
- 44) Based on text, most of the children voted \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) following their parents' choice
  - B) according to their own preference
  - C) keeping in mind the scouts' suggestions
  - D) taking into account their favorite flag colors
- 45) OAS observers considered the event \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) an unimportant activity
  - B) as a way to educate adults
  - C) irrelevant in a democratic process
  - D) as a way to keep democracy alive

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### STRATEGIES FOR KEEPING A JOB

In some countries, unemployment because of worker cutbacks is a big problem. In response, career experts have developed strategies for holding on to a job:

1. Make sure everyone knows you: Being a good worker is sometimes less important than making sure that people know you're a good worker.
2. Learn everything that could help you do your job better: If the company buys new computers, learn how to use them. If learning could help you, take a short course in marketing.
3. Make sure you know everything about the company: If you find out that the sales department is becoming the most important one, try making a move to sales.
4. Be positive: People who find things to complain about are a lot less popular than people who find things to praise.
5. Improve your speaking and writing abilities: Having good ideas isn't enough. You need to be able to communicate your ideas.
6. Impress your boss: You can often impress a boss by arriving early and working late and by dressing in a businesslike way even if others dress casually. In the end, it all comes down to one basic strategy.



Adapted from Interchange Student's Book 3

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 46) Career experts state that it is important to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) be strict with the work schedule
  - B) be updated with job-related stuff
  - C) have a close relationship with the boss
  - D) dress elegantly when performing any job

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- 47) Career experts suggest \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) impressing the boss by dressing casually
  - B) avoiding close relationships with workmates
  - C) having good oral and written communication skills
  - D) complaining about things workers dislike about the workplace
- 48) A good way to impress the boss is by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) praising him frequently
  - B) being on time at the workplace
  - C) doing many things at the same time
  - D) avoiding complaints about the workplace
- 49) In some countries, companies are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) looking for complaining people
  - B) reducing the number of workers
  - C) hiring more employees than some time ago
  - D) seeking for people who just know marketing strategies
- 50) A good way to perform better at work is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) dress casually
  - B) praise the boss constantly
  - C) learn new things related to the job
  - D) have a close relationship with workmates



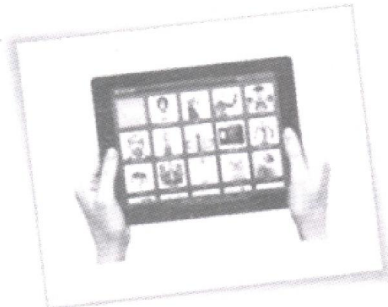
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### iPAD AT A GLANCE

iPad applications go from interactive lessons and study aids to productivity tools. There is something for everyone and other innovative universal access features. All on a big, beautiful Multi-Touch screen with just the touch of a finger.

Applications on an iPad are available virtually. iPad has a 9.7-inch, LED-backlit IPS display with a remarkably precise Multi-Touch screen, and yet, at just 1.5 pounds and 0.5 inch thin. So it's easy to carry and use anywhere. Users will find thousands of applications at the App Store, specifically designed for iPad, and iPad can run almost all the 350,000 applications for iPhone and iPod touch.

The iOS 4.2 Software Update lets users do even more with the world's most advanced mobile operating system. With so many new features, updating iOS 4.2 is like getting a whole new iPad. It's easy; just connect the device to the computer to download the free update.



Adapted from: [www.apple.com/ipad](http://www.apple.com/ipad)

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 51) An advantage of the iPad is that people can \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) access unusual tools
  - B) use it to aid an unknown device
  - C) imagine how to enter universal features
  - D) access a screen with the touch of a finger
- 52) The design and technology of the iPad produce a device that is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) hard to use
  - B) difficult to carry
  - C) very easy to use
  - D) complicated to control
- 53) People are able to get applications online that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) weigh 1.5 pounds
  - B) can't run on computers
  - C) are especially made for the iPad
  - D) can't be displayed on a Multi-Touch screen

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### HOLOGRAMS AND 3D TECHNOLOGY

People will see the next revolution in one of the most modern means of communication technology. In other words, most people will see "holograms" for conventions, concerts, meetings, and even more.

Only a short time ago our world was one without 3D movies, except for those shown in a limited number of IMAX cinemas. Yet 3D TV has rapidly turned into a reality in our society with units in all of the major department stores.

Just like the recent popularity of 3D movies, holographic technology is the next step beyond television.

A holograph or hologram is a three-dimensional image, created with a photographic projection.

A hologram is very different from 3D images on a flat screen that need an optical illusion to create a 3D effect. A hologram actually recreates a true 3D image in space. Holograms are already available to the elite and they will become affordable for the average person in the future.



Adapted from Think in English

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 54) Lately, 3D movies have \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) replaced holographic movies
  - B) become popular among most people
  - C) become popular just with famous people
  - D) stopped the advance in communication technology

- 55) Holographic technology reproduces \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) real 3D images in space
  - B) a 3D effect on TV screens
  - C) 3D images on a flat screen
  - D) optical illusions on television
- 56) 3D technology requires \_\_\_\_\_ to create a 3D effect.
- A) an open space
  - B) an IMAX screen
  - C) an optical illusion
  - D) a photographic projection

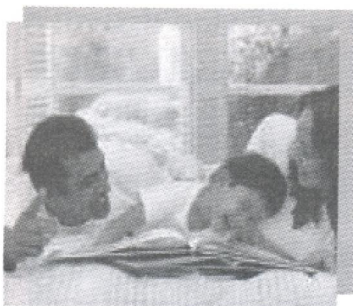


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### MORALS AND VALUES IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

Morals and values in today's society have really changed. For example, the younger generations have little respect for elders, their parents or authority figures. These changes in today's morals and values are due to many reasons. First of all, most parents don't take time to teach their children, to show respect to others. They aren't taught the value of family. Also, both parents have to work, leaving children without proper guidance and allowing them to learn bad examples that appear on television. Children are using the characters on television as role models rather than their parents.

Because of these reasons, people need to inculcate better morals in children and teach young people family values. It is important to start spending quality time with children and monitor what they watch on television. Parents could teach children better morals and values by being a good role model for them. If they taught children about having better morals and values, the world would be a better place to live in.



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Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 57) Young people show a lack of values when they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) respect others
  - B) demonstrate courtesy
  - C) disrespect parents and elders
  - D) give excessive consideration to elders



58) When both parents work out of home, children \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) have effective supervision
- B) assume a respectful attitude
- C) watch only appropriate programs
- D) are exposed to negative models on TV

59) In order to teach good values, it is advisable to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) let children be more independent
- B) spend valuable time with children
- C) permit children to watch a lot of TV
- D) allow kids to watch any TV program

60) Teaching good values to children will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) help them watch less television
- B) have no positive effect on society
- C) create more independent citizens
- D) help people live in a better society

61) A good way to inculcate morals and values on children is by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) giving them good examples
- B) letting them watch whatever they want
- C) watching violent TV programs with them
- D) leaving them without any supervision at home

Read the text.

### THE NATIVES OF COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is one of the most racially homogenous countries in Latin America. When the Spaniards came, they didn't encounter the great native empires that they did in Mexico or in Peru. Instead, they found several tribes that were fragmentary and culturally diverse. Today, there are eight native groups in Costa Rica and twenty-two reserves. On December 1977, the government passed a law which established the native reserves. It gave national natives the right to stay in self-governed communities, but at the same time, the government withheld the land titles. However, the persecution of natives isn't as marked as it is in other countries of the region. Even though the overall picture doesn't look too bright for the Costa Rican native population, there have been several improvements in recent years that promise to defend their rights. Although only 1% of the country's population is considered of aboriginal blood, most Costa Ricans are a mixture of European, Indian and Black blood. There are several cultural traits like food, music, dance and religion, which have influenced and penetrated the mainstream culture; thus, the native culture lives on, maybe not in its purest form, but certainly in a diluted version of it.



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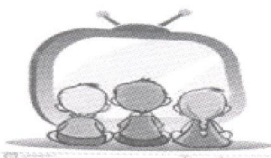
Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 62) When the Spanish arrived to Costa Rica, they found \_\_\_\_\_
- A) two aboriginal reserves
  - B) a big population of natives
  - C) an organized system of tribes
  - several tribes culturally diverse

- 63) Costa Rica's aboriginal culture has influenced \_\_\_\_\_.
- some national cultural traits
  - Costa Rica's political system
  - ☒ C) Costa Ricans' eating habits only
  - D) most Costa Ricans' physical traits
- 64) According to the text, Costa Ricans \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) are racially homogenous
  - B) are racially heterogeneous
  - C) have mainly aboriginal blood
  - D) have no cultural aboriginal influence
- 65) In Costa Rica, authorities haven't \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) persecuted natives like in other countries
  - B) tried to improve the lifestyle of the aborigines
  - ☒ C) established laws to help the conditions of natives
  - D) considered the rights of the natives within the law
- 66) In the late 70's, the government passed a bill to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) give natives land titles
  - B) establish territories for natives
  - C) stop the persecution of natives
  - D) defend cultural rights of aboriginal citizens

Read the text.

### TOO MUCH TV MAY RESULT IN ACADEMIC FAILURE



Teenagers who watch several hours of television a day do worse at school and are less likely to graduate than their peers, a new study suggests. The 20-year study found that those watching more than three hours of TV a day were half as likely to continue their education past high school. In the mid-1980s, scientists began interviewing 14-year-old children from 678 families about their television habits. They also asked the teens' parents as to whether the youngsters had any behavioral or academic difficulties. The researchers continued collecting information from the parents and interviewed the teens again at age 16, and again at ages 22 and 33. The scientists found that 30% of students who watched more than three hours of television at age 14 had attention problems in subsequent years, and fell behind or failed to graduate by age 22. Other experts, however, say the link is unclear and maintain that the study does not provide strong evidence of a causal relationship between television habit and subsequent attention difficulties. Teens whose learning disorders might simply be more likely to watch a lot of TV because they find activities such as reading textbooks very challenging.

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Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 67) The study revealed that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) many hours of TV affects teenagers' school performance
  - B) about 50% of students who watch TV have problems at school
  - C) teenagers learn faster when they prefer reading to watching TV
  - D) academic failure isn't related to the way students spend their free time
- 68) Experts started the research \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) with 14-year-old students
  - B) at the beginning of 1980's
  - C) with 16-year-old youngsters
  - D) when students were about to graduate from school

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- 69) According to the text, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) all scientists agreed on the final results
  - B) the study took ten years to reveal the results
  - C) some scientists disagreed on the results of the study
  - D) students perform better in school when they watch a lot of TV
- 70) Based on the text, the research lasted \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) thirty years
  - B) two decades
  - C) fourteen years
  - D) more than twenty years

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