

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

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JASON TORRES

Jason Torres is a young Costa Rican athlete who lives in Jacó. He has practiced surfing since he was a little boy. He has competed on special-colorful surfboards with high waves in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans of Costa Rica including Manuel Antonio, Dominical, Playa Bonita and Jacó. Winning the last competition in Jacó gave him the opportunity to go to Peru where he became the first *Tico* acknowledged as champion of the Pan-American Surf Games in the junior category (under 18).



Jason attributed part of his success to the national team's support. He also said, "What I achieved is something incredible because there's only one champ. Thank God, I had success during some of the hardest moments of the competition." He added, "Truly I felt good vibrations from my partners".

The tournament, where 200 surfers competed, was held in Punta Rocas, 40 kilometers south of the city of Lima, Peru. There were also women in the competition. In fact, our representative from Garabito, who was 4th in the finals, was Lisbeth Vindas.

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Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text.
(Items from 1 to 5)

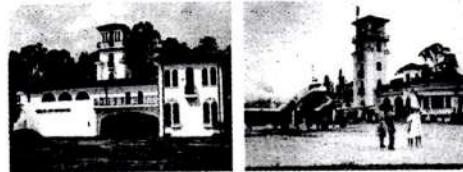
- 1) When did Jason begin his interest in surfing?
When he _____.
- A) was a little boy
 - B) won the Pan-American Games
 - C) won the last competition in Jacó
 - D) became part of the national team

- 2) What did Jason ride on to win?
- A) A small boat
 - B) An exceptional surfboard
 - C) An outstanding skateboard
 - D) A big water skiing motorcycle
- 3) What did Jason become?
- The _____ to win a junior championship.
- A) first Peruvian
 - B) youngest surfer
 - C) first Costa Rican
 - D) best national team coach
- 4) Why did Jason feel he had succeeded in the competition?
- Because _____.
- A) he lost weight
 - B) he met 200 surfers
 - C) of his partners' support
 - D) the movement of the waves was good
- 5) Where did the Pan-American Surf Games take place?
- In _____
- A) Jacó
 - B) Dominical
 - C) Punta Rocas
 - D) Manuel Antonio

Read the text.

THE COSTA RICAN ART MUSEUM

The Costa Rican Art Museum (MAC due to its letters in Spanish), located in La Sabana Metropolitan Park, was originally the terminal of the first international airport built in 1940; and it was known as La Sabana Airport.



The MAC was created under Law # 6091 on October 7, 1977. It was opened to the public on May 3, 1978. The original purpose of the creation of the MAC was to facilitate opportunities for new artists in the country. In addition, the MAC has promoted research and criticism of artistic production in Costa Rica. In fact, the main objectives of the MAC are to conserve, rescue, promote and stimulate different artistic expressions in the country.

The MAC offers different programs such as Spaces, Shapes and Sounds which is a place dedicated to the introduction of fine arts, as well as *La Casa del Artista* which promotes new artists. In addition, the museum supports those new artists by means of the National Gallery of Contemporary Art, located in the National Library.

The Costa Rican Art Museum exhibits art by national artists such as Francisco Zúñiga (sculptor), Enrique González (painter) and others. In these exhibitions, visitors can find pieces from the 19th century to the present. The museum also organizes at least four exhibitions a year with international artists. Two of them have been Nemesio Antúnez and Santiago Páramo.

Adapted from www.costaricainfolink.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 6 to 10)

- 6) The MAC was created to _____.
- A) open different social programs
 - B) avoid the arrival of international artists
 - C) help international artists with new techniques
 - D) facilitate opportunities for new artists in Costa Rica

- 7) One of the main objectives of the Costa Rican Art Museum is to _____.
- A) promote just old talents
 - B) provide more support for foreign artists
 - C) encourage the artists in traditional arts
 - D) stimulate national expressions of different arts
- 8) The Spaces, Shapes and Sounds programs _____.
- A) support only old artists
 - B) introduce artists to fine arts
 - C) just help international artists
 - D) criticize old artistic productions
- 9) The MAC _____ throughout the year.
- A) never exhibits artwork
 - B) shows just the creations of new artists
 - C) avoids displaying international artists' work
 - D) exhibits national and international artists' projects
- 10) Francisco Zúñiga and Enrique González _____ at the MAC.
- A) created Law # 6091 in 1977
 - B) became important national sculptors
 - C) are the most popular international artists
 - D) are two national artists who have exhibited their art

Read the text.

COSTA RICAN FOOD

Talking about Costa Rican meals, one would certainly have to pay attention to black beans and rice. This simple standard dish, often referred to as typical food, is the main backbone of Costa Rican cuisine.

Although Costa Rican dishes are still prepared in oil and high in saturated fats, typical food is generally quite healthy. Often served with a good portion of vegetables or fruit, meals are very well rounded and generally high in fiber.



Other factors concerning Ticos' healthy mealtime routines are their eating habits which are very different than in the USA. First, most Ticos do not eat in excess. Their modest portions are much like Europeans and smaller than in other countries. Second, Ticos make lunch the main meal of the day and eat much lighter in the morning and at night.

Adapted from www.vivacostarica.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 11 to 14)

11) Costa Rican cuisine mainly relies on _____.

- A) fatty dishes
- B) dairy products
- C) black beans and rice
- D) traditional vegetables

12) Costa Ricans usually have _____

- A) heavy meals high in fiber
- B) too much cheese in their diets
- C) the same eating habits as in the USA
- D) modest portions when eating as in Europe

13) It is a fact that Costa Ricans _____.

- A) eat excessively the whole day
- B) eat more than European people
- C) have lunch as their biggest meal
- D) have their main meal at breakfast time

14) Costa Ricans tend to eat _____.

- A) light meals at night
- B) a lot of food low in fiber
- C) heavy meals for breakfast
- D) unhealthy and greasy food

Read the text.

TABLE MANNERS



There are different rules people must follow when talking about table manners, especially if they are eating out. It is important to put table manners into practice when eating lunch or dinner, at a special place or restaurant. The following suggestions are a must when having a formal invitation to eat out:

- Do not sit down until you are invited and told where to sit down.
- Do not begin eating until the host starts.
- Remember, it is good manners to keep your hands above the table.
- Always keep your hands visible when eating, and keep your wrists resting on the edge of the table.
- When you finish eating, place your knife and fork in a cross position.
- Finally, it is polite to leave some food on your plate after a meal.

Adapted from www.minotspanish.com

Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text.
(Items from 15 to 19)

15) When do people have to pay more attention to table manners?

- A) After dinner time at school
- B) During dinner at a restaurant
- C) Almost never when eating out
- D) When having breakfast alone at home

- 16) When is it the right moment to sit down when having a formal meal?
- A) Once the food is served.
 - B) Before people are invited to do so.
 - C) When people are invited to the table.
 - D) Immediately after arriving to the place.
- 17) Where is it advisable to place your hands when eating at a restaurant?
- A) On your lap
 - B) Under the table
 - C) Above the table
 - D) To the right of the plate
- 18) What is the right behavior to take when finishing a formal meal?
To _____.
- A) go out immediately
 - B) start eating without a fork
 - C) put the silverware in a cross position
 - D) place the fork and the knife on the table
- 19) What is it polite to do after a meal? To _____.
- A) ask for more food
 - B) eat all the food on the plate
 - C) leave some food on the plate
 - D) give an opinion about the meal

Read the text.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY



On April 23, England remembers Saint George its patron saint. It is now an observance that is celebrated with parades, dances and other activities. It is not a public holiday so schools, stores, post offices and businesses are open as usual. Public transport also continues to provide services.

According to legend, Saint George was a soldier and was part of the Roman army, eventually becoming a personal guard to the Emperor, but he was most widely known for killing a dragon. The legend states that in order to get water from the only well in the town that was guarded by a dragon, the inhabitants had to offer a human sacrifice. On a day Saint George was visiting the town, a princess had been selected to be sacrificed. On that day, he killed the dragon and the people then had access to the water. Saint George was executed for being a Christian on April 23, 303. Eventually, in gratitude to Saint George, people converted to Christianity.

Saint George's Day was once celebrated as widely as Christmas, but the celebration disappeared by the end of the 18th century after England united with Scotland. In recent times, there has been some pressure to make the day a public holiday in England.

Adapted from www.timeanddate.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 20 to 24)

20) Saint George's Day is a _____.

- A) public holiday
- B) Roman celebration
- C) religious celebration
- D) pagan commemoration

21) On Saint George's Day, English workers _____.

- A) dislike working
- B) have the day off
- C) have a normal day
- D) do not attend school

22) Saint George was killed because he _____.

- A) was a pagan
- B) was a soldier
- C) killed a dragon
- D) believed in Christ

23) It is said that _____ in England.

- A) Saint George saved the dragon
- B) people used to venerate dragons
- C) people converted to Christianity in gratitude
- D) Saint George saved people from the Roman army

24) Currently, the English people _____.

- A) want to abolish this celebration
- B) dislike celebrating Saint George's Day
- C) celebrate Saint George's Day more than Christmas
- D) want Saint George's Day to become a public holiday

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Scientists recommend providing a habitat for all marine life because it is so important for human life. For example, coral reefs protect coastal areas from tsunamis. Another recommendation is to provide residents of those areas with sources of revenue from fishing, tourism and industries that are dependent on a reef's health. Otherwise, experts say that the world's oceans could become even more acidic by the end of the century. As a matter of fact, laboratory experiments have shown that coral does not grow quickly or form strong skeletons in waters with low pH as they do under normal circumstances.

Adapted from The Tico Times

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26) The pH levels in the ocean decrease because of the _____.

- A) excessive fishing industry
- B) healthiness of marine life
- C) abnormal growth of coral reefs
- D) dissolution of carbon dioxide in the water

27) Good levels of pH in ocean waters _____.

- A) help keep coral reefs healthy
- B) decrease carbon dioxide pollution
- C) make coral reefs grow abnormally
- D) make coral reefs reproduce more marine life

28) According to scientists from Columbia University, _____.

- A) fishing is the main threat to coral reefs
- B) low levels of pH produce water pollution
- C) coral reefs are home of a few marine species
- D) the world's oceans could become more acidic

29) Under normal circumstances, coral reefs tend to _____.

- A) grow slow
- B) grow quickly
- C) produce high amounts of pH
- D) easily adapt to the atmosphere

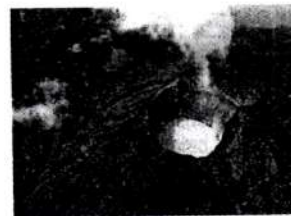
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A PARADISE IN GUANACASTE

The Rincón de la Vieja Volcano is located to the northwest of Liberia in the province of Guanacaste, and it offers a lot of activities to keep visitors busy. Hiking trails and horseback rides are ways to enjoy nature and have memorable adventures. The region surrounding the National Park is famous for cowboys and cattle ranching. Due to the popularity of ranching in the area, visitors can expect to see plenty of dry open fields of pastures around the park.



The area around the Rincón de La Vieja Volcano has active geothermal activity throughout the year. This activity produces heat for a mixture of warm springs and bubbling mud pools. The mud is believed to be very therapeutic, and mud baths are a great way to relieve sore bodies. But undoubtedly, the Oropendola waterfall and La Victoria waterfall are the main reasons why this place is really attractive to people.



The best time to visit the area is between November and April when visitors can expect low amounts of precipitation and a greater chance of viewing wildlife. Lodging options are available in the small town of San Jorge, which provides the nearest base for entry to the park. On a clear day, many of the hotels provide views of the Pacific Ocean and the Lake of Nicaragua.

Adapted from www.anywherecostarica.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 30 to 35)

30) The Rincón de la Vieja Park offers _____.

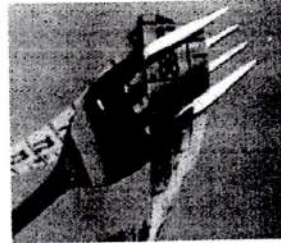
- A) lodgings inside its area
- B) a variety of activities for tourists
- C) activities only from November to April
- D) only a few options for visitors to enjoy

- 31) The park is surrounded by _____.
- A) a rain forest
 - B) the city of Liberia
 - C) the Pacific Ocean
 - D) open fields of pastures
- 32) At the Rincón de la Vieja Park, visitors can enjoy _____.
- A) mud baths
 - B) an inactive volcano
 - C) tours around a lake
 - D) the rain forest from November to April
- 33) The main attraction at the Rincón de la Vieja Park is _____.
- A) its waterfalls
 - B) cattle ranching
 - C) the local hotels
 - D) the city of Liberia
- 34) People should visit the park between November and April because _____.
- A) the rain decreases
 - B) it is easy to see cattle
 - C) the volcanic activity is more intense
 - D) there are more activities during this time
- 35) San Jorge is the _____.
- A) only place for lodging
 - B) farthest place from the park
 - C) most visited waterfall in the area
 - D) closest town to the Rincón de la Vieja Park

Read the text.

AN EATING DISORDER

Anorexia is defined as an eating disorder. People suffering from anorexia decide not to eat and starve themselves. According to some studies, anorexia mainly affects adolescent girls, although some boys are also affected. Anorexic individuals have extreme weight loss. This weight loss is usually 15% below the person's normal body weight. People with anorexia are very skinny, but they are convinced they are overweight.



Anorexic people often develop strange eating habits such as refusing to eat in front of other people even if they prepare big meals. They use some common techniques to lose weight. For example, they do excessive exercise or intake laxatives because they have the fear of becoming fat. There are many symptoms of anorexia; some individuals may not experience all of them. Some symptoms are the following: anxiety, weakness, shortness of breath, not wanting or refusing to eat in public and body weight inconsistent with age, build and height.

The disorder is thought to be more common among people of higher socioeconomic classes and people involved in activities where thinness is especially looked favorably upon, such as dancing, theater, modeling and distance running. There are many medical risks associated with anorexia. They include shrunken bones, mineral loss, low body temperature, an irregular heartbeat, permanent failure of normal growth, development of osteoporosis and bulimia nervosa. Continued use of laxatives is harmful to the body. It wears out the bowel muscle and causes it to decrease in function.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 36 to 40)

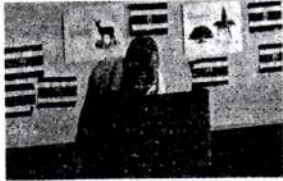
36) People suffering from anorexia _____

- A) exercise enough
- B) gain a lot of weight
- C) experience an eating disorder
- D) enjoy eating excessive amounts of food

- 37) Anorexic people believe they _____.
- A) are overweight
 - B) are in good shape
 - C) are becoming very thin
 - D) will not become obese in the future
- 38) A technique used by anorexic people to lose weight is _____.
- A) avoiding exercise
 - B) eating healthy food
 - C) consuming laxatives
 - D) eating in front of people
- 39) Anorexia affects _____ most of the time.
- A) adults who are overweight
 - B) individuals in good physical shape
 - C) young people who have very common activities
 - D) people who participate in dancing, modeling and distance running
- 40) Anorexic people suffer from _____.
- A) obesity
 - B) gaining weight
 - C) an irregular heartbeat
 - D) high body temperature

Read the text.

IMPORTANT ASPECTS IN COSTA RICAN ELECTIONS



Costa Rican Elections are held every four years. Traditionally, during elections, voters choose the new President and Congressional representatives. Some positive aspects with the way the Costa Rican Electoral Authorities design the process are the following:

1. The day of voting: Elections are always held on Sundays. Most people do not work on that day. So people do not have to coordinate their work schedule, and stand in long lines after the working day.
2. Automatic registration: People are automatically registered to vote. All voters just need to present their ID card. Each citizen obtains it when turning 18 years old.
3. New parties have a place on the ballot: In some countries with only two major political parties, voters don't really have many choices. However, in Costa Rica minority parties have the possibility to present their programs and names and become part of the electoral system.
4. Second round voting: To win the presidency, a candidate needs to get over 40% of the votes in the first round, if none of the candidates have achieved more than 40%, the top two candidates will face a second round of voting.

Adapted from www.costaricaoutsider

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 41 to 45)

41) During elections, Costa Ricans choose _____.

- A) the President and Ministers
- B) a presidential candidate only
- C) the Legislative Assembly members only
- D) the President and the members of Congress

- 42) An advantage for Costa Ricans when voting is _____.
- A) citizens have to make long lines to register
 - B) they have a few candidates to choose from
 - C) the day of voting is a day off for most of them
 - D) voters don't have to present any identification
- 43) In order to vote, citizens need to _____ in Costa Rica.
- A) be under 18 years
 - B) have a work permit
 - C) have permission from work
 - D) present an identification card
- 44) Costa Rica differs from other countries because _____.
- A) there is no political campaign
 - B) there is no second round voting
 - C) elections are held on a work day
 - D) elections have more than two main parties
- 45) A second round of voting occurs when the candidates _____ votes.
- A) do not obtain forty percent of the
 - B) achieve about seventy percent of the
 - C) get more than forty percent of the total
 - D) do not get over a fifty percent of the total

Read the text.

BENEFITS WHEN LIVING IN COSTA RICA

Retiring in Costa Rica secures many benefits and ways of life. One good thing about retirement in Costa Rica is the quality and affordability of domestic services. Maids, cooks, gardeners, childcare workers or property caretakers are cheap. For example, a maid mops floors, washes windows and dusts. She also cleans bathrooms and kitchens all in about five hours and for a very small pay. They are also well-educated, polite and hardworking. For many disabled, or physically challenged retirees, a reliable, honest and hard-working maid is a must.



Other benefits when living in Costa Rica are related to comprehensive health insurance through the social security system (CCSS) which provides health care as well as a pension. Moreover, all Costa Rican workers and even immigrants are covered by labor laws. They are also protected by compensation programs offered by the National Insurance Institute (INS) to cover injuries on the job. Vacation pay, paid holidays and sick pay, severance pay, maternity leave and Christmas bonuses (the equivalent of a month's salary) are all mandated by law, as well as minimum wage.

Adapted from www.thecostaricanews.com

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 46 to 50)

46) For those retirees in Costa Rica, it is _____.

- A) difficult to find a job
- B) hard to pay a housekeeper
- C) expensive to pay for some household
- D) inexpensive to hire a property caretaker

Read the text.

THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY



Technology has positive and negative effects on people of different ages and fields. For example, it can be used at home (as a tool for household chores), in the educational field (finding a huge amount of information to do school work), for entertainment (watching videos, listening to music, chatting, playing games which develop competition), among others.

However, there are some negative effects of technology. For instance, some students may become addicted to video games and not worry about their studies and school performance. There are also health problems such as back pain and weak eyesight due to the high use of technology. In addition, obesity is becoming a big problem especially in little children because they participate in less physical activities. Another negative effect is that people may not spend enough time with their family members and others because they prefer connecting with them by text messaging or chatting, more than meeting them face to face. This behavior may affect their social relationships to a high degree.

Writing skills in children are also being affected because many children do not care about spelling, punctuation and grammar as in the past. Its main consequence, therefore, is poor writing. Finally, children are using the Internet without adult and/or parental controls. This lack of supervision sometimes means children are using it in an inappropriate way. A possible solution might be limiting and controlling access to technology in a child's life.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 51 to 56)

51) Technology is a valuable tool for _____ to do school work.

- A) very little children
- B) only a few students
- C) many students of different ages
- D) old people outside of the educational field

- 52) Technology is usually a _____ in people's lives.
- A) waste of time
 - B) very useful tool
 - C) very negative aspect
 - D) really unnecessary device
- 53) A positive aspect of technology on children is to _____.
- A) become obese
 - B) develop serious health problems
 - C) spend a lot of time with their parents
 - D) acquire a lot of valuable knowledge of any topic
- 54) One negative fact about technology on children refers to _____.
- A) developing competition
 - B) creating an addiction to technology
 - C) helping them in the educational field
 - D) participating in more activities with their relatives
- 55) Technology affects social relationships because people _____.
- A) always get together with their friends
 - B) spend a lot of time with their relatives
 - C) prefer to connect with their friends by text messaging
 - D) meet with the family more frequently now than before
- 56) With the use of technology, _____.
- A) reading has improved
 - B) speaking is impossible to develop
 - C) developing listening skills is not possible
 - D) writing skills have been negatively affected

Read the text.

COSTA RICAN VALUES

Traditionally, Costa Rican people demonstrate particular traits. For example, most Ticos are extremely respectful and like to be polite. "At your service" is one of the most often heard phrases and implies more than just a polite formality. Hospitality takes top priority. Guests enjoy many more privileges and far more freedom than their hosts. The natural consequence of such an attitude is a very careful selection of guests. The background of such hospitality is the unwritten law of Tico culture. An important aspect of this behavior is to make a good impression and it is almost universally followed.



Costa Ricans spend a great deal of time at home. Home is the center of their lives. Social occasions usually involve large family gatherings; one of these occasions is the popular Sunday picnic lunch. The events that take place outside the family circle are the weekend dances where young people gather. Single children usually live with their parents until marriage, and they contribute a significant part of their earnings to their parents for room and board.

Adapted from Explore the World Nelles Guide Costa Rica

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 57 to 61)

57) Most Ticos are _____.

- A) very formal
- B) a little polite
- C) always informal
- D) really courteous

58) One important feature of Costa Ricans is _____.

- A) related to their hospitality
- B) connected to their rudeness
- C) linked with the lack of service
- D) associated with their privileges

59) Costa Ricans like _____.

- A) spending every Sunday with their friends
- B) enjoying weeks outside of the family circle
- C) spending time with their family on weekends
- D) sending their single children to live by themselves

60) Children _____ they get married.

- A) stop studying after
- B) start working as professionals if
- C) stay in their parents' house until
- D) continue living with their parents even if

61) Costa Ricans _____.

- A) always avoid parties
- B) are traditionally family oriented
- C) commonly avoid getting married
- D) have a distant relationship with their relatives

Read the text.

GETTING OLDER

According to the United Nations, the median age of all countries is due to rise from the age of 29 to 38 by 2050. Just under 11% of the world's population is currently over 60. This will rise to 22% on a global scale and 33% in developed countries by 2050. There are two main reasons for this change. First, people are living longer than ever before. In 1900, the average life expectancy for the world as a whole was 30 years old and in rich or developed countries it was 50. The figures are now 50 years and 70 years, respectively. This in itself is great news, a triumph for nutrition, hygiene and more access to medicine, but people living longer is resulting in an older overall population.

Therefore, a deep concern today is how to support an aging population, which poses a huge challenge on public finances. For example, those countries that offer old-age pensions and generous health benefits for the elderly will have to pay a lot more in the future, or offer lower quality services. Both of these will be difficult to introduce since pensioners will become an increasingly powerful voting force during elections as their numbers increase.

Experts claim that one of the main strategies being used nowadays by governments is to increase the number of older people staying in the workforce after traditional retirement. The age requirement for government funded pensioners has been increasing. However, the most likely approach by future governments is to provide incentives to keep people working rather than to force them to retire.



Adapted from Think in English

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 62 to 66)

- 62) The elderly population will _____.
- A) demand less economic support by 2050
 - B) present a significant decrease in 50 years
 - C) increase in the upcoming years around the world
 - D) need less support from their relatives in the future

- 63) Currently, life expectancy is _____.
- A) higher in developed countries
 - B) higher in undeveloped countries
 - C) decreasing in undeveloped countries
 - D) increasing in poor countries exclusively
- 64) Today's population is living longer because _____.
- A) countries are becoming richer
 - B) families are having fewer children
 - C) countries are helping the elderly less
 - D) there is more medicine available for people
- 65) Today's concern is how to _____.
- A) modify policies to support the elderly
 - B) eliminate pensions for the aged population
 - C) include a gradual loss of rights for the elderly
 - D) make families take care of their aged relatives
- 66) According to experts, governments would _____.
- A) make people live longer
 - B) reduce the quantity of elderly people
 - C) decrease the age required of retirement
 - D) deal with strategies to make elderly stay working

Read the text.

COSTA RICAN MASS MEDIA

Costa Rica enjoys a vibrant media scene, with ten major newspapers, private and public TV stations, and a very busy FM radio dial. Cable TV has been widely available, too. The fact remains that Costa Ricans like reading and knowing what is going on. It is very common to see crowded bus stops and cafés with people reading different newspapers. As a matter of fact, just about on every street corner there is a newspaper stand.



Many press groups, like "Reporters Without Borders", describe the country's media as "fairly free". Much of the daily news covers world and local news, tourism, sports, government, crime, current events, agriculture, boating, retirement issues, the weather and travel. Newspapers like *The Tico Times* and *AM Costa Rica* have an extensive archive of past articles and photographs. *Costa Rica Hoy* has newswire services of special events, labor, the news, technology, political events, and articles of importance like ecology and unions.

There are weekly financial news publications in the Costa Rican market. Some of them are reporting technology, stock reports, business news, public news, blogs and general analysis. Other news reports are about Costa Rican local daily and worldwide news such as vacations, business and the economy, entertainment, the weather, travel and tourism and forums. All those news items are available for Costa Rican readers.

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Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.
(Items from 67 to 70)

67) Some means of communication in Costa Rica are _____.

- A) crime, the local news and stock reports
- B) the daily and worldwide news, and economy
- C) newspapers, TV stations and the radio stations
- D) the Costa Rican market reporting on technology and business

- 68) Visitors can see _____ around the country.
- A) most people listening to live music
 - B) different political events every week
 - C) many Costa Ricans working as reporters
 - D) a lot of people reading different newspapers
- 69) *Costa Rica Hoy* is _____.
- A) cable TV that has been widely available
 - B) a Costa Rican market reporting on technology
 - C) the most popular radio dial that publishes worldwide news
 - D) a local newspaper that has newswire services of special events
- 70) Two Costa Rican financial publications are about _____.
- A) sports and ecology
 - B) current events and agriculture
 - C) stock reports and business news
 - D) news related to tourism and TV stations

