

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

55 ÍTEMS

Items 1 – 4

Instructions:

1. Read the timetable.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**BLUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Timetable**

Name: Jacqueline Morales

Group: 8-6



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 – 9:30	Math	Science	Geography	Music	Science
9:30 – 10:30	Science	PE*	Spanish	Math	Math
<b>BREAK</b>					
11:00 – 12:00	English	Math	Science	Spanish	Music
<b>LUNCH</b>					
1:00 – 2:00	History	Art	Computer	English	
2:00 – 3:00	Spanish	English	Religion	History	

\*PE = Physical Education

1) How long is the break?

- A) An hour
- B) Two hours
- C) A half hour
- D) Twenty minutes

2) How often does Jacqueline have Art class?

- A) Every day
- B) Once a week
- C) Twice a week
- D) Three times a week

3) What is the last class on Thursday?

- A) Music
- B) Maths
- C) History
- D) Spanish

4) What time do classes finish on Friday?

- A) At noon
- B) At 2:00 p.m.
- C) In the morning
- D) In the afternoon

## Items 5 – 9

## Instructions:

1. Read the blog.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet

**STUDENTS GIVE THEIR OPINIONS****WHAT DO THEY LIKE ABOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL?****WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECTS?**

On this blog, students share their experiences in high school. Let's read what they say.

**Response from Carlos:** I study at a rural high school in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. I like the fact that I'm in a small high school. We literally know each other. I love all the subjects, but English and Spanish are my favorite. I study from Monday to Friday.

**Response from Michelle:** I study at a local high school in Quebec, Canada. I study at a bilingual high school. Some subjects are in English and others are in French. I really like that. Physical Education is my favorite subject. I'm on the volleyball and basketball teams. I don't really like science, you know biology and chemistry, but I love my biology and chemistry teachers. They are cool.

**Response from Cassia:** Hello everybody. I'm from Recife, Brazil. I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The class that I like the most is Portuguese. Our teacher is excellent. I love her class; I learn a lot in her classes. But, I don't like history. The thing is that I have to read a lot, and I don't like reading. The class is boring, sorry for those who like it, but it isn't interesting for me.

**Response from Dennis:** Hi there. Greetings from Sacramento, California. I study at a public school. I really like it. There are subjects that I love such as music and art, but others I don't really like such as physical education and Languages (Spanish and French). You know, I hate sports. And with Spanish, I'm not good at languages.

5) What does Carlos like about his high school?

- A) His schedule
- B) His classmates
- C) The size of the institution
- D) The location of his high school

6) What is Michelle good at?

- A) Sports
- B) Biology
- C) Science
- D) Spanish

7) Which is Cassia's favorite subject?

- A) Math
- B) History
- C) Science
- D) Portuguese

8) What subject does Dennis dislike?

- A) Art
- B) Music
- C) Science
- D) Languages

9) Which students like languages?

- A) Carlos and Cassia
- B) Carlos and Dennis
- C) Michelle and Cassia
- D) Michelle and Dennis

Items 10 – 13  
Instructions

1. Read each mini-conversation about sports carefully.
2. Fill in the blanks with the corresponding word.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Alana:** How often do you go (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Karla:** Actually every day, I run about 6 kilometers.

**Alana:** Really? I want to go with you.

**Karla:** Let's start tomorrow.

10)

- A) cycling
- B) walking
- C) running
- D) swimming

**Carlos:** You look beautiful Jenny. Actually you are slimmer.

**Jenny:** Thank you. I joined the gym a year ago.

**Carlos:** How often do you (11) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Jenny:** Three times a week.

11)

- A) work out
- B) go walking
- C) go running
- D) practice boxing

**George:** Do you have (12) \_\_\_\_\_, Amanda?

**Amanda:** Yes, I do. Why?

**George:** Because some friends and I are going cycling tomorrow. Would you like to come with us?

**Amanda:** Sure, what time?

12)

- A) bicycle
- B) roller skates
- C) tennis racket
- D) snorkelling equipment

**Gabriel:** I think (13) \_\_\_\_\_ is a wonderful sport.

**Greivin:** Me, too. You have to be really flexible.

**Gabriel:** And you have to train a lot in the bars or with the hoops.

**Greivin:** Exactly.

13)

- A) karate
- B) boxing
- C) snorkelling
- D) gymnastics

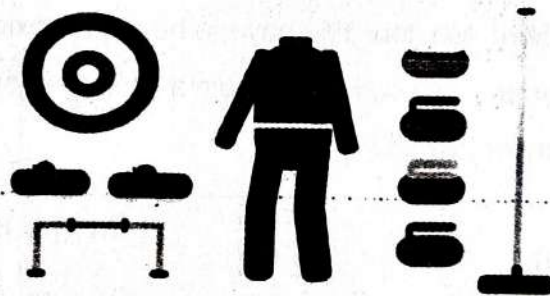
Items 14 – 18  
Instructions

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**WHAT IS CURLING?**

Curling is an indoor-team sport. It is played with two teams of four curlers (curling players) each on a rectangular sheet of carefully prepared refrigerated ice during the winter season. The teams take turns sliding heavy granite stones (hard material used for building) towards the center of the circles (called home). Two sweepers with brooms sweep the floor and move each stone. Later, the sweepers use some equipment to help direct the stones home. Players don't need a ball or kind of bat or paddle to play the game.

All four players shoot two stones on each end, beginning with the guide or first player. The second player shoots next, and then the third participates or "vice skip". The skip (last player) usually shoots the last stones, and decides on the strategy for the game. The complex nature of stone placement and shot selection (strategies of the game) have led some people to refer to curling as "chess on ice".



CURLING EQUIPMENT

14) People practice curling \_\_\_\_\_

- A) as an individual game
- B) outdoors with a lot of ice
- C) without using any equipment
- D) indoors during the winter season

- 15) A curling game is played with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) four players
  - B) a sweeper and a team
  - C) two teams of four players
  - D) two players with brooms and a ball
- 16) Some equipment used to play curling includes \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) a granite ball
  - B) a stone and a bat
  - C) a bat and a paddle
  - D) a stone and a broom
- 17) The \_\_\_\_\_ shoots last and decides on the strategy of the game.
- A) skip
  - B) lead
  - C) second
  - D) vice skip
- 18) People call curling "chess on ice" because of the shot selection and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) time of the game
  - B) stones used for the game
  - C) circles at the end of the sheets
  - D) complex nature of the stone position



Items 19 – 22  
Instructions

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**TIPS FOR ENJOYING THE CARNIVAL IN RIO LIKE A LOCAL**

**Dress accordingly:** It's totally up to you if you want to have a full costume or just some glitter and adornments, such as head decorations, masks, and big tropical flowers necklaces. The most important thing is to be comfortable and fresh.



**Stay alive until the last day:** So, five days of non-stop partying, starting at 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. can be hard to deal with. It usually takes place in February or in March. If you want to enjoy carnival until the last day, you have to find ways of being healthy. For example, drink water. Tons! This is a common mistake everyone makes. The weather can make you really dehydrated or even sick. Also, eat fresh. What I know streets hamburgers and hot dogs are the best, but don't make them your only food.

**Don't worry if you don't know how to samba:** It's pretty easy to find a local willing to help and teach you! And even if you think you can't manage to get the moves right, just focus on having fun.

**Look after your stuff:** The rule is simple: take as few things as possible with you. Money, documents, phone, an emergency contact number, hostel key and address is all you need. Keep these things close to your body, don't leave them in an easy to access pocket or open purse, and you will be fine. Go ahead and have fun!



- 19) If you go to the Carnival in Rio, it is really important to \_\_\_\_\_
- A) carry a lot of money
  - B) wear comfortable clothing
  - C) dance the samba very well
  - D) wear an appropriate costume
- 20) The carnival lasts \_\_\_\_\_
- A) five days
  - B) one week
  - C) one month
  - D) two months
- 21) The third tip suggests that people \_\_\_\_\_
- A) eat healthily
  - B) enjoy dancing the samba
  - C) dance the samba properly
  - D) learn the samba before going to Rio
- 22) It is important not to \_\_\_\_\_
- A) drink water
  - B) eat properly
  - C) dance with anybody
  - D) carry many personal items

## Items 23 – 27

## Instructions

1. Read the WhatsApp conversation between two friends.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Mario:** Hello, Luis. How did you celebrate Independence Day?

**Luis:** You know. First, we attended a ceremony in my high school in the morning. We sang the national anthem and then enjoyed some plays and music presentations.

**Mario:** Did you participate with your dance group?

**Luis:** Not this year, but I loved the groups that participated this year.

**Mario:** Did you go to the parade after the ceremony?

**Luis:** Of course I did. I went with my classmates. Did you go?

**Mario:** I went with my mom. My cousin wanted to go, but she couldn't.

**Luis:** And what did you do after that? Did you go somewhere else?

**Mario:** There was a food fair in my town. So I went to try some typical food.

And you?

**Luis:** After the parade at 1:00 p.m., I went home and I got together with my family.

We bought some food and had lunch.

**Mario:** Really? Who did you invite?

**Luis:** I had lunch with my mom, my dad, my brothers and my uncle Jimmy.

**Mario:** I guess you had a great time.

**Luis:** We did. I'll send you some pictures.

**Mario:** Yes, I want to see them.

23) What did Luis do in the morning? He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) went to a food fair
- B) got together with his family
- C) went out to eat with his family
- D) attended a high school ceremony

24) Who did Luis go to the parade with? With \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Mario
- B) a cousin
- C) his family
- D) his classmates

25) Who couldn't go with Mario to the parade?

- A) A friend
- B) A cousin
- C) His mom
- D) His classmates

26) What did Mario do after the parade? He \_\_\_\_\_

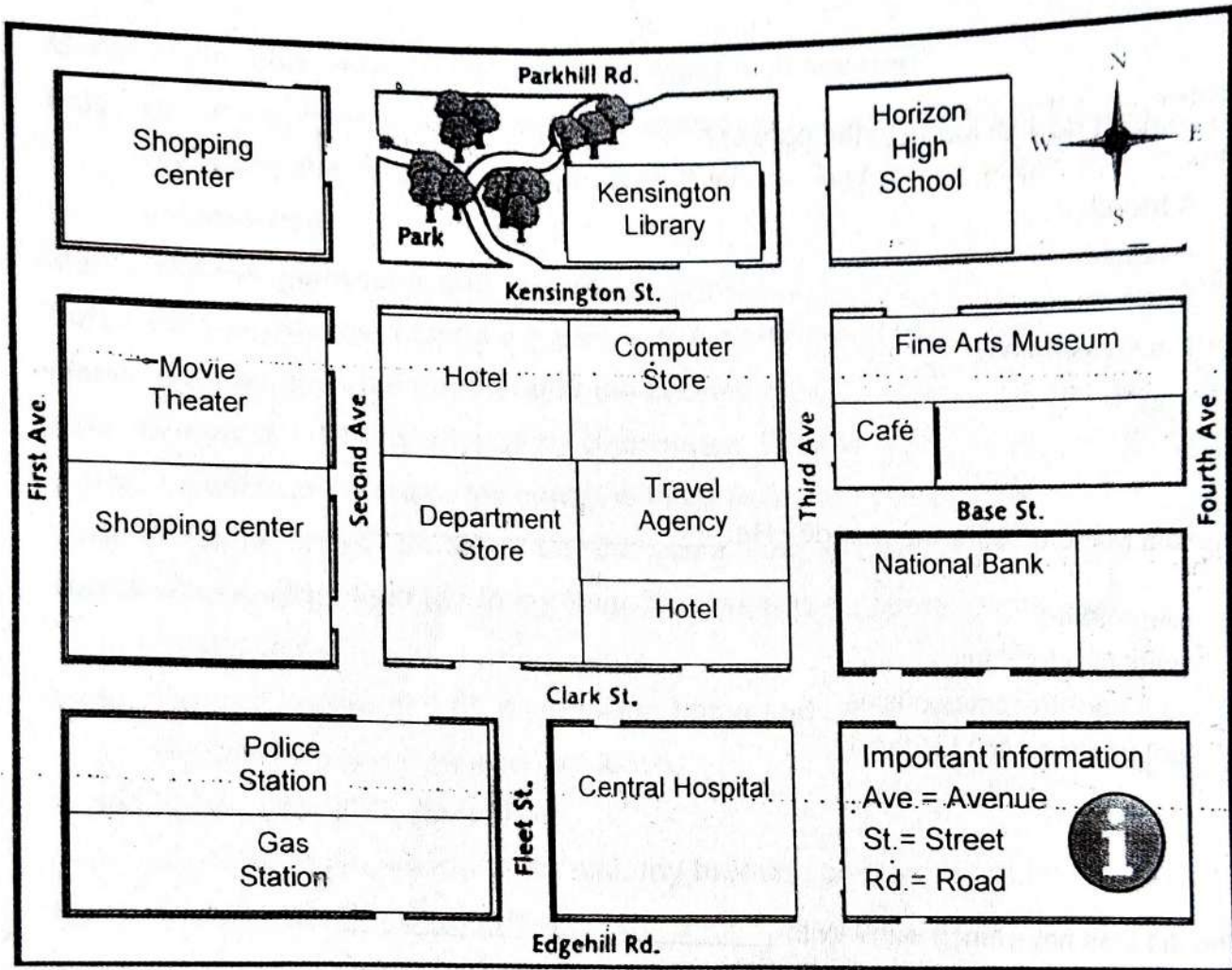
- A) went home
- B) went to a food fair
- C) met up with some cousins
- D) got together with his family

27) Who did Luis have lunch with? With \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Mario
- B) a cousin
- C) his family
- D) his classmates

Items 28 – 31  
Instructions:

1. Consider the map to give directions.
2. Complete the sentences with the most appropriate option.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.



28) There is a gas station on \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Clark Street
- B) Parkhill Road
- C) Edgehill Road
- D) Second Avenue

29) There is a \_\_\_\_\_ on Clark Street.

- A) café
- B) hotel
- C) gas station
- D) movie theater

30) There is a library \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) behind the high school
- B) next to the fine arts museum
- C) across from the computer store
- D) between the computer store and the hotel

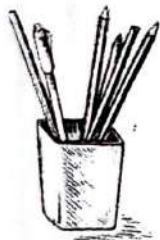
31) The police station is on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Clark Street
- B) Third Avenue
- C) Second Avenue
- D) Kensington Street

## Items 32 – 36

## Instructions

1. Read the ad.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**CASTRO'S BOOKSTORE**

Big discounts for stationary and office supplies

— 5 to 20 August

A sunflower for the first 50 buyers

Sale!

We also have the latest books, magazine and tourist guides.

Alley Road 345, next to Green Grocery Store

Open from Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

No  
food in  
the  
store!

You can also find us online and order online. Delivery service is included.

Contact us at [www.castrosbookstore.com](http://www.castrosbookstore.com)

Or our phone 6050 0000

32) What is the ad about?

- A) A job position
- B) Description of a place
- C) Advertisement of a service
- D) Advertisement of some products

33) What can people buy at Castro's Bookstore?

- A) Food
- B) Groceries
- C) Sunflowers
- D) Scissors and pens

34) What items can people find with discount?

- A) Books
- B) Groceries
- C) Magazines
- D) Office supplies

35) How long will the discount last?

- A) Fifty days
- B) One month
- C) Fifteen days
- D) Twenty days

36) What information doesn't the ad include?

- A) A Contact
- B) The prices of the sale
- C) The name of the store
- D) The location of the place



## Items 37 – 40

## Instructions:

1. Read the e-mail between two friends.
2. Choose the most appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**From:** karina20@gmail.com

**To:** jenny22@hotmail.com

**Subject:** A memorable night

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your last e-mail. I'm going to tell you about a memorable night. It is a night that I'll never forget. I went with my high school friends, Alice and Marisol to a new night club in town. We wanted to dance. It was called Night Fever. It was wonderful. I really loved the atmosphere of the place. It was really beautiful. I can say for sure that was what I liked the most. I also liked the food and the service, but it was definitely the place what catches everybody's attention.

Well, I was having fun with my friends when I saw a handsome guy coming into the club. Oh God, he was so handsome, but I forgot it. Then, I was sitting with my friends when the handsome guy invited me to dance. He introduced himself and after that he was sitting with the girls and me. We chatted and we had a wonderful night. I remember that he also danced with the girls. That was really nice. After that night, we met a couple of times in a local café and then dated for about three months, and here we are, that's my husband Jim. Interesting isn't it? That's why that is a memorable night for me. I met my love. How did you meet your husband Jenny? Well, I'll be waiting for your answer.

Kind regards,

Karina

37) Who wrote the e-mail?

- A) Alice
- B) Jenny
- C) Karina
- D) Marisol

38) What did Karina like the most about the night club?

- A) The food
- B) The service
- C) The location
- D) The atmosphere

39) Who did Karina go to the night club with? With \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Jenny
- B) two friends
- C) two relatives
- D) her husband

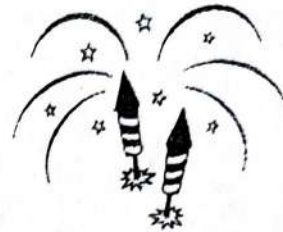
40) Why was the night really important for Karina? Because she \_\_\_\_\_

- A) met her husband
- B) danced a lot with her friends
- C) had a lot of fun with her friends
- D) introduced her husband to her friends

Items 41 – 45  
Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**WHERE DID AMERICANS CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE  
IN COSTA RICA?**



**Backyard Bar:** The Backyard Bar between Jacó and Hermosa in Puntarenas hosted an "Old Fashioned Backyard Barbecue". It started at 4:00 p.m. with an open jackpot surf contest and live music with the band Reverend and the Rollers.

**Marina Pez Vela:** The party began at 3:00 p.m. at Marina Pez Vela in Quepos and extended through 8:00 p.m. There was live music with the Kin Rivera Jr. Band featuring David Tucker and of course, hot dogs, chili and American apple pie. People found activities for children, fireworks and attendees could take photos with Uncle Sam.

**Los Sueños Resort and Marina:** Los Sueños celebrated with a picnic at the Beach Club which included live music, special cocktails and a picnic menu. The activity took place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

**Avenida Escazú:** This shopping center made an effort to make you feel like you were celebrating back in the United States. The event began at 4:00 p.m. with live music, followed by a performance by singer Kurt Dyer at 5:00 p.m. and concluded with an hour presentation by the band Mustang 65 at 6:00 p.m. Fireworks closed this free activity.

41) Where did the earliest celebration start? At \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Backyard Bar
- B) Avenida Escazú
- C) Marina Pez Vela
- D) Los Sueños Resort and Marina

42) What activity did Avenida Escazú and Marina Pez Vela have in common?

- A) Fireworks
- B) A barbecue
- C) Games for children
- D) Tasting of cocktails

43) What time did the event finish at Marina Pez Vela?

- A) 8:00 p.m.
- B) 3:00 p.m.
- C) 7:00 p.m.
- D) 6:00 p.m.

44) How did Avenida Escazú finished its celebration? With \_\_\_\_\_

- A) a picnic
- B) fireworks
- C) a photo shoot
- D) a music performance

45) Which place included activities exclusively for kids?

- A) Backyard Bar
- B) Marina Pez Vela
- C) A shopping center
- D) A hotel in Puntarenas

**Items 46 – 50**  
**Instructions:**

1. Read the tourist package.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**ARENAL VOLCANO, HOT SPRINGS, & ZIP LINING**

**DESCRIPTION:** Travel on the most scenic route to the Arenal Volcano area. First, you will stop at a coffee plantation, where you will receive a brief introduction into the world of Costa Rican coffee and a degustation of one of the best coffees in the world. Then, you will get the chance to admire two natural



wonders: the waterfalls called La Paz and San Fernando. Then, enjoy an authentic Costa Rican lunch in a restaurant located in La Fortuna. After a well-deserved lunch, experience an exciting zip lining adventure. Relax for a couple of hours in the area of Paradise Hot Springs. And finally on the way back, dinner is provided.

**INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip transportation
- Entrance fee for zip lining (including all equipment) or rainforest walking on your own
- Entrance fee to the hot springs
- No breakfast
- No gratuities

**ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY**

- Free cancellation
- Duration: 14 hours (Starting time 7:00 a.m.)
- Live tour guide (Spanish, English)

46) Where is the first stop during the tour?

- A) In a jungle
- B) At a waterfall
- C) In La Fortuna
- D) At a coffee plantation

47) How many meals does the package include?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Four
- D) None

48) How long is the tour?

- A) A half day
- B) Two hours
- C) Seven hours
- D) Fourteen hours

49) What doesn't the tour include?

- A) Breakfast
- B) Entrances
- C) Tourist guide
- D) Transportation

50) How does the tour finish? With \_\_\_\_\_

- A) dinner
- B) a walking tour
- C) coffee degustation
- D) a stop at two waterfalls

(A)  
(B)  
(C)  
(D)

Items 51 – 55

Instructions:

1. Read the e-mail.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet

**From:** angiemola@gmail.com  
**To:** carolina90@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Trip to La Cruz

Dear Caro,

I hope you are ok. I'm really excited to visit you. It's been a long time without seeing you.

First, thank you so much for having me over your house in La Cruz. I've heard it is a beautiful place, and there are a lot of nice beaches nearby. I've heard about Playa Ventanas and Playa Penca. My friend Marcela told me that there are beautiful hotels and cabins along the coast. Can we visit her? She lived in Guápiles, but now she lives close to Puerto Soley. She is a teacher there.

I'm planning to depart early in the morning next Friday. My father is going to take me to the bus station in San José. The bus leaves at 6:00 in the morning. We can meet at the station in downtown La Cruz and then take a taxi to your house. My boyfriend helped me pack my luggage. It is almost ready. I have light clothes, flip-flops, sunblock and my favorite T-shirts.

Maybe, one night we can go clubbing and eat out. Do you know of any nice place we can go? I'd love to visit nice places there. I'm sure we are going to have fun this weekend. Do you already have a bike for me? Remember that I want to go cycling to the beach with you.

Looking forward to seeing you my friend,

Angie

51) Where is Angie planning to go first?

- A) La Cruz
- B) Guápiles
- C) San José
- D) Puerto Soley

52) Where is Angie going to stay? \_\_\_\_\_

- A) In a hotel
- B) In a cabin
- C) At Alice's house
- D) At Carolina's house

53) Who is Angie going to visit?

- A) A friend
- B) A relative
- C) Her father
- D) Her boyfriend

54) Who is Angie going to travel with?

- A) Angie
- B) No one
- C) Marcela
- D) Her father

55) How is Angie going to get to her destination? By \_\_\_\_\_

- A) car
- B) bus
- C) taxi
- D) bike