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Items 1 – 4

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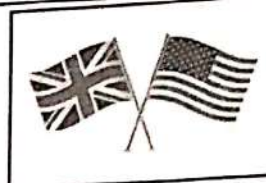
1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.



**ENGLISH DAY**

**Saturday, September 10th**

Come and celebrate with us.



Join us for lots of fun activities for families and their children such as arts, crafts, face painting, puppet shows and much more.

<p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Opening: Our principal will open the activities at the school gym. 5th grade's performance (Rock music)</p>	<p><b>1:30 p.m.</b> Soccer match. Class 6A versus 6B. Time to support your team.</p>
<p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Along the school corridor, participants can enjoy different puppet shows. 3rd and 4th graders are presenting.</p>	<p><b>2:30 p.m.</b> Our English teachers are performing some folkloric dances.</p>
<p><b>12:00 noon</b> Recess. Participants can enjoy different dishes prepared by the students. Let's collaborate!</p>	<p><b>4:00 p.m.</b> Handcraft display. Our students will display their most beautiful crafts.</p>

**Tickets available a week before (From Tuesday to Friday)**

**Location: Saint Mary Primary School**

1) What is the information about? A \_\_\_\_\_

- teacher activity
- school workshop
- school celebration
- sports competition

2) Who is opening the activity?

- A teacher
- The principal
- Sixth graders
- Fourth graders

3) When is the activity?

- On Friday
- On Tuesday
- On a weekend
- During the week

4) What is the last activity?

- A) A puppet show
- B) A soccer match
- C) A handcraft display
- D) The principal's speech

Ítems 5 – 9

Instructions:

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

**Julia:** Hi Jason, what is your high school schedule like this year?

**Jason:** Hi, Julia. I like it very much. I have a lot of classes this year, but I really like it. It's not going to be easy, I know, but I can make it.

**Julia:** Really, why?

**Jason:** Well, I have Math every day, two classes. This year, I have to take English and French classes. Last year I only had English, one more language this year.

**Julia:** That is really tiring. Don't you think so?

**Jason:** Not really, I love languages and Math is my favorite subject. Also, I'm taking Math classes with Miss Montero, she is great. Her classes are very active and dynamic, not boring at all.

**Julia:** What about the other classes?

**Jason:** Well, I start the week with music, that's fine. Then, during the week I have Biology, Social Studies and Arts. Finally, I finish Fridays with Physical Education, it will be exhausting. That's a lot of work.

**Julia:** Good luck this year!

5) What is Jason doing in the conversation?

- Talking about his teachers
- Describing his last school year
- Describing his high school schedule
- Speaking about his favorite subjects

6) What does Jason think about his high school schedule? He \_\_\_\_\_

- does not like it
- thinks it is tiring
- likes it very much.
- does not say anything about it

7) What does Jason say about his Math teacher? He says that \_\_\_\_\_

- she is boring
- her classes are tiring
- she is a very good teacher
- he does not like her classes.

8) What is Jason's favorite subject?

- Math
- Biology
- English
- Social Studies

9) Which of the following sentences is true?

- Jason is tired of Math.
- Jason is not happy about his schedule.
- Jason loves subjects related to science.
- Jason thinks this school year is going to be hard.



Items 10 – 13

Instructions:

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

**Fabio:** Is this (10) \_\_\_\_\_ yours?

**Elena:** Yes, it is. I started tennis classes last week.

**Fabio:** I love that sport.

**Elena:** Maybe you can teach me some techniques later.

10) \_\_\_\_\_

board

racket

jogging suit

skipping rope

**Fernando:** Hi, Ernesto! Let's go skateboarding after classes.

**Ernesto:** Sorry, I can't. My (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is broken in two parts.

**Fernando:** Oh! That's too bad.

**Ernesto:** Yes, I'm saving money to buy a new one.

11) \_\_\_\_\_

bike

pole

board

racket

**Mauricio:** Hi, Ernesto! You have (12) \_\_\_\_\_, don't you?

**Ernesto:** Yes, I do.

**Mauricio:** Do you want to play tennis with some friends and me tomorrow?

**Ernesto:** Of course, you know that I love playing tennis.

12) \_\_\_\_\_

- racket
- gloves
- googles
- swimsuit

**Mariam:** Hello, Ericka! Are you busy? Let's go walking in the afternoon.

**Ericka:** Sorry, but I don't have proper (13) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mariam:** Well, maybe next time.

**Ericka:** I really need to get a good pair. You know that I like walking.

13) \_\_\_\_\_

- gloves
- googles
- roller blades
- tennis shoes

**Items 14 – 18**

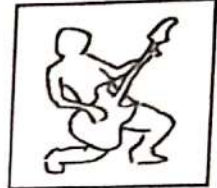
**Instructions:**

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.



**HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?**

Share your ideas with other teenagers from around the world. We all like spending our free time in different ways. Let's read what our friends have to say.



**Sarah, age 15:** I started running when I was really young. I used to go out with my mom, who also enjoyed running. Now, I always go running with my sister. When I was 13, I joined a club and started taking part in competitions. I have never won a race, but I'm improving all the time and that's the most important thing for me. I hope to become a trainer and help people in the future.

**Marcos, age 16:** I spend a lot of time studying so it's important for me to do exercise in order to keep healthy. So on Saturday, I play soccer for the school team and then on weekday I go swimming. My parents are really pleased to see me doing exercise. When I started going to swimming and football classes, I hated it, but now I love it.

**Marcela, age 14:** I don't do as much exercise as I'd like to as I don't get home from school until late, so the only time I have is the weekend. I go to a sports center close to my house. I go there to do table tennis and I'm quite good at it. On Saturday, I teach some children how to play and that's good fun.

**Dennis, age 15:** I really love doing sports. I'm part of the soccer and baseball school teams, but I have to admit that soccer is my favorite sport. On the weekends, I usually go running in the morning with my cousin, and then we go swimming for an hour. During the week, I don't have enough time to exercise, that's why my weekends are very active.



14) What are the teenagers doing in their posts?

- Describing their daily routine.
- Expressing their likes about sports.
- Writing about the sports they do not like.
- Talking about their high school activities.

15) Who does Sarah train with? With \_\_\_\_\_

- a friend
- a cousin
- her mom
- her sister

16) Who didn't like doing sports at first?

- Sarah
- Dennis
- Marcos
- Marcela

17) What sport does Dennis like the most?

- Soccer
- Running
- Baseball
- Swimming

18) What do Marcos and Dennis have in common? They \_\_\_\_\_

- are in the school soccer team
- do not practice any sport at all
- do not exercise during the week
- love going swimming during the week



Items 19 – 22

Instructions:

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

<b>From:</b> johnnysegura@gmail.com
<b>To:</b> karensmith@hotmail.com
<b>Subject:</b> Celebration
<p>Hello Karen,</p> <p>I'm so happy to write to you, I hope everything is fine in Canada. I want to tell you about my last birthday. I have to say that I loved it. My birthday was last September 10th. I celebrated it with my family. It was a very lovely day. First, we had breakfast together. My mother made my favorite breakfast (French toast with chocolate). We shared some time together as we talked about good memories. After breakfast, they took me on a road trip to Puntarenas. We arrived around 11:00 in the morning. I had to say that this was my favorite part of the day. Around noon, we had lunch at a seafood restaurant, and they sang happy birthday to me. I was really excited. On the way back, some friends texted me and sent me some audios with nice messages. I was really happy. In the evening, my family gave me some presents. It was a tiring day, but it was really nice. Finally, I posted some photos and I answered some messages on my Facebook. My friends Jason and Jimena called me to go out at night, but I couldn't because I was exhausted. I hope to write to you soon my friend.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Johnny</p>

19) How did Johnny's birthday start? He \_\_\_\_\_

- had lunch with Karen
- had breakfast with his family
- went on a road trip with his friends
- posted some pictures on Facebook

20) Which of the following activities did Johnny do in the morning? He \_\_\_\_\_

- called his friends
- went on a road trip
- had breakfast with Karen
- received some messages from his family

21) What did Johnny like the most about his birthday?

- Taking the road trip
- Receiving presents
- Having lunch with his family
- Posting photos on his Facebook

22) How did Johnny finish his birthday?

- He went out with some friends.
- His family sang happy birthday to him.
- His friends called him to congratulate him.
- He posted and answered some messages online.



## Items 23 – 27

## Instructions:

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
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**Unique Holidays People Celebrate Around the World**

**Thanksgiving, the United States:** It is one of the most popular and oldest holidays in the United States. The holiday became known as the day of thanking God for blessings such as a good harvest and plenty of food, but today it is more cultural than religious. People gather and have dinner together with family and friends.



**Three Kings Day, Mexico:** Locals traditionally celebrate Christmas for twelve days – from Christmas evening on December 24th, to the Three Kings Day on January 6th. It commemorates the end of these celebrations. An important custom for this holiday is baking the *Rosca*, a sweet bread ring in which a small baby Jesus figure is placed. Whoever finds the figure has to host a party in February.



**Chinese New Year, China:** It is the biggest holiday in China, occurring on the last day of the last month of the Chinese calendar, which does not coincide with December 31st, but instead falls between January 21st and February 20th. During the celebrations, you can see decorations such as dragons, lanterns, flowers and other ornaments.



**Saint Patrick's Day, Ireland:** Although originally Irish, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated all over the world on March 17th. It has both a cultural and a religious connotation, since it is named after Saint Patrick, the greatest patron saint of Ireland who brought Christianity to the island, and it is also a celebration of Irish culture and heritage.



23) How do people celebrate Thanksgiving Day? They \_\_\_\_\_

- share their harvest with each other
- host a party with family and friends
- decorate their houses with ornaments
- gather with family and friends to give thanks

24) How long do Mexicans celebrate Christmas?

- For a week
- Just one day
- For twelve days
- Until the end of January

25) Which activity is popular on Three Kings Day?

- Baking a *rosca*
- Attending parties
- Dressing up as kings
- Decorating the house

26) Which holiday can fall on a different date every year?

- Thanksgiving
- Three Kings Day
- Chinese New Year
- Saint Patrick's day

27) Where was Saint Patrick's Day celebrated at the beginning? In \_\_\_\_\_

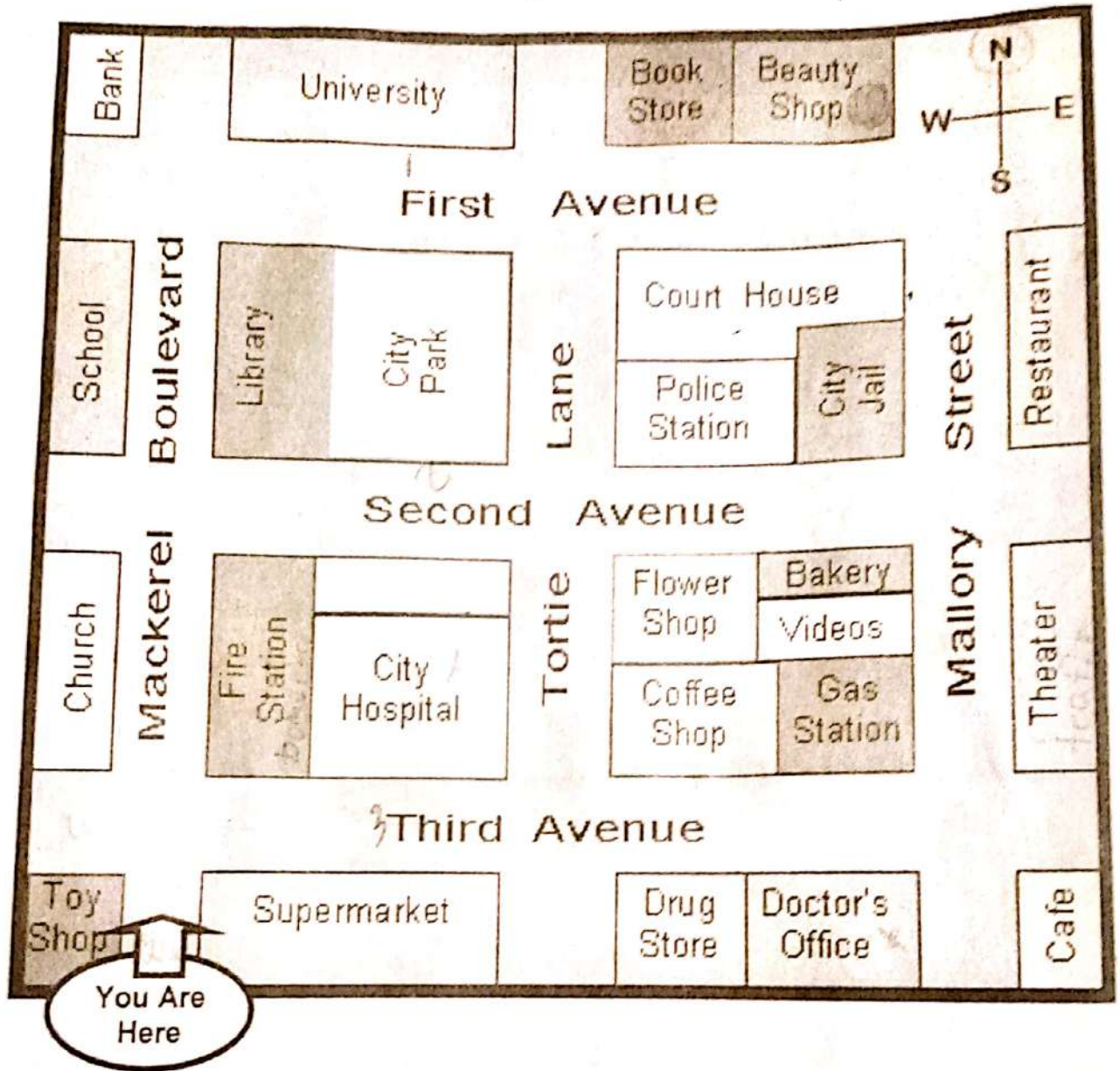
- China
- Mexico
- Ireland
- the US



Items 28 – 31

Instructions:

1. Consider the map and the "You Are Here" starting point to give directions.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer the questions.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.



28) How can you get to the beauty shop?

- Turn on Third Avenue and walk two blocks north
- Walk straight two blocks north and turn one block
- Turn east two blocks and then walk one block north
- Walk two blocks north and turn east and walk one block and a half

29) Where can you buy some medicines?

Turn east on Third Avenue, then walk one block north.  
Walk straight for two blocks east, next to the gas station.  
Turn east on Third Avenue and walk one block and a half.  
Walk straight for two blocks north, across from the school.

30) Where can you buy books?

Walk straight north one block and a half.  
Turn east one block, then walk one block north.  
Turn east two blocks, then walk two blocks north.  
Walk north to First Avenue, then turn east one block and a half.

31) How can you get to the city hospital?

Walk two blocks north, across from the school.  
Turn east a half block, across from the supermarket.  
Turn east on Third Avenue and walk straight for two blocks.  
Turn west on Third Avenue and walk straight for two blocks.



Items 32 - 36

Instructions:

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

<p><b>1 THE AMERICAS ACADEMY</b></p> <p>Classes start next month, different schedules, and qualified teachers.</p> <p><b>Spanish, Portuguese, English, French</b></p> <p>Call at 2245 0010 / Main Street 210</p> <p>For more information send us an email: theamericasacademy@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>2 LA CABONA</b> <b>SPANISH FOOD AND MORE</b></p> <p>Come and try real Spanish food, plenty of <i>tapas</i> and dishes from the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Open Saturdays and Sundays</p> <p>From 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>Central Avenue 101, across from the French Bakery</p>
<p><b>3 SUSIE'S</b></p> <p>Do you want a change? Do you want to look younger and more beautiful? We offer you the newest styles and haircuts.</p> <p>We also have nail painting and makeup.</p> <p>Visit us on Third Street 110</p> <p>Appointments at 2245 9090</p>	<p><b>4 THE ANDES</b></p> <p>We plan your dream vacation, different destinations, and different budgets.</p> <p>Contact an agent at 245 6060</p> <p>Open Monday to Saturday</p> <p>From 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Main Street 450.</p>
<p><b>5 AMANDA'S FASHION</b></p> <p>Come and see our newest collection: pants, skirts, blouses, footwear, and more.</p> <p><b>All sizes and colors, just for you</b></p> <p><b>Special discounts this weekend</b></p> <p>Zamora Street 090</p>	<p><b>6 GRANDMA'S SPOON</b></p> <p>The best typical food in town, like your grandma's dishes, all fresh.</p> <p>Open every day 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fourth Avenue 101</p> <p>For reservation call ast 2245 6006</p> <p><b>We'll be glad to serve you!</b></p>

32) Where can you learn languages? At \_\_\_\_\_

- the Andes
- la Casona
- Amanda's Fashion
- the Americas Academy

33) What kind of place is Susie's? A \_\_\_\_\_

- school
- toy store
- hair salon
- clothing store

34) Where can you try international food? At \_\_\_\_\_

- the Andes
- la Casona
- Grandma's Spoon
- Amanda's Fashion

35) Which places are on the same street?

- The clothing store and the hair salon
- The language school and the travel agency
- The international restaurant and the hair salon
- The typical food restaurant and the travel agency

36) Where can you go to get information about traveling packages?

- Main Street 450
- Third Street 110
- Zamora Street 090
- Fourth Avenue 101



Items 37 – 40

Instructions:

1. Read the e-mail.
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:** amanda15@hotmail.com

**To:** cinthiabrown14@hotmail.com

**Subject:** An unforgettable trip

Hello my pen pal Cinthia,

I'm so happy to write to you, is everything fine in California? Last weekend, I went on a road trip with my family. We drove to Zona de los Santos. I haven't talked to you about that place, yet. It is a mountainous region in the province of San José. We woke up early in the morning, I traveled with my mother and my father. My sister couldn't make it because she has a lot to study. On the way, we stopped to have breakfast, it was in a small town called Frailes. Then, my father drove until we got to the Panamerican Highway, I guess the name was El Empalme. We stopped there to buy some candy and flowers. There were a lot of beautiful shops with handcrafts and homemade products. After that, we went to Santa Maria, San Marcos and San Pablo. That's why it is called Zona de los Santos because the main towns have the name of a saint in Spanish. My favorite part was having lunch in a very old house in San Marcos. We stopped and had a delicious typical dish. My mother was really happy and my father was amazed with the house. We really had a good time together. I told my best friend about this trip and now we are planning to go there again in two weeks. Well, I'll write to you soon, my friend. Tell me, how was your weekend?

Best regards,

Amanda

37) What is Amanda writing about in her email? A \_\_\_\_\_

- trip to California
- night out with her family
- road trip with her parents
- shopping day with her family

38) Who did Amanda go out with?

- Cinthia
- A friend
- Her sister
- Her parents

39) Where was the first stop on the road? In \_\_\_\_\_

- Frailes
- San Pablo
- El Empalme
- San Marcos

40) What did Amanda like the most about her experience?

- Traveling with her sister
- Buying homemade products
- Having lunch in an old house
- Stopping at stores on the way



## Items 41 – 45

## Instructions:

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

**A great summer vacation**

By Harold Mora

I just returned this weekend from the greatest summer vacation! Definitely, it is an experience that I will never forget. It was so fantastic, I never wanted it to end. I always travel with my family or with my girlfriend, but this time I decided to do something different.



I spent eight days in the Central Pacific, in Puntarenas. My friends Henry and Pablo went with me. We had a beautiful hotel room in Bahia Ballena, and it wasn't expensive. We had a balcony with a wonderful view. We visited many beautiful tourist places. My favorite was Ventanas Beach, a well-known beach in the area. It was a really quiet and relaxing place. It was not crowded at all, you could spend a couple of days there. Henry is not a fan of beaches, but he said that he also loved this beach. We could rest and swim in the ocean. We also visited Dominical, Dominicalito and Hermosa Beach, they all were close to our hotel.

We took lots of breaks and sat on the beach. We also tried local food, especially seafood which was really fresh all the time. Pablo really loved the hotel breakfast. He said he would be happy if he could eat a big breakfast like that forever. We had so much fun that we're already talking about our next vacation to another beautiful place in Costa Rica!

41) What does the passage describe?

- A family trip
- A couple's vacation —
- Future vacation plans —
- A past trip with friends

42) How long was Harold away?

- A week
- Eight days
- A weekend
- A couple of days

43) Where did the guys stay? In \_\_\_\_\_

- Dominicalito
- Bahía Ballena
- Hermosa Beach
- Ventanas Beach

44) Which place did Harold enjoy the most?

- Dominical
- Dominicalito
- Bahía Ballena
- Ventanas Beach

45) What does Harold write about his experience?

- His friend did not like the beach.
- He and his friends really enjoyed the trip.
- His friends are planning to visit the same place.
- He does not want to travel with his friends anymore.



Items 46 – 50

Instructions:

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

**Pablo:** Hi Adrián, do you still work at the travel agency? I need some advice.

**Adrián:** No, I don't. But tell me, how can I help you?

**Pablo:** My vacation starts in two weeks, so I want to know a nice place here in Costa Rica. Honestly, I don't know where to go. I thought that you could help me choose a nice destination. I want to go far away from the city. I'm really tired and I need to rest.

**Adrián:** Sure, do you like the beach or the mountains? Or what about a national park or reserve? That's going to depend on your likes and dislikes.

**Pablo:** I went to the beach a month ago, so I'd like to go to a different place. I was thinking about traveling to the Northern Zone. You know, there are a lot of different options there.

**Adrián:** It's an amazing destination. I recommend this tourist spot. You may visit La Fortuna, the area is perfect for practicing extreme sports. Have you ever been there before?

**Pablo:** I have never. I guess I'll spend a week in the Northern Zone.

**Adrián:** That's perfect. I'm going to contact a friend who has a nice small hotel. He also manages some tours around the area. He can help you with your trip. I'll send you his contact number right now. Then, you can ask him everything about the Northern Zone and the surrounding areas.

**Pablo:** Thank you, Adrian. I'm going to send a message to your friend this weekend.

46) Why does Pablo write to his friend? To \_\_\_\_\_

- invite him for a trip
- make a reservation
- tell him about a last vacation
- ask him for some recommendations

47) What is Pablo planning to do for his vacation?

- Visiting a friend
- Going to the beach
- Visiting a new destination
- Knowing a mountainous region

48) Where has Pablo traveled recently?

- The beach
- The mountain
- A national park
- The Northern Zone

49) How long does Pablo plan to be away?

- A week
- A month
- Two weeks
- A weekend

50) Where does Pablo decide to travel? To the \_\_\_\_\_

- city
- beach
- mountain
- Northern Zone

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:** aman19@gmail.com

**To:** lucymegan@hotmail.com

**Subject:** Amazing San Carlos

Hi Lucy,

I hope you are well!

I'm really excited about your trip to my country! I know this is your second time. I remember you have already visited some beaches in the Pacific, Poás Volcano, and Puerto Viejo. Have you ever been to San Carlos? I want to take you there. If we go to San Carlos, we will stay in La Fortuna, a beautiful town just in front of Arenal Volcano. We can't reach the top of the volcano like we did in Poás, but the view is spectacular. I'm going to rent an apartment downtown. Actually, my uncle has some cabins for rent. The location is really convenient and it's easy to get around. There are many different attractions in the area, the hot springs is one of them. They're really relaxing. That's my first advice. Then, we can go hiking in the surrounding mountains. I'm going to call a friend who lives in the area. I know he can give us some advice. We don't need a travel agency or tourist guide.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again,

Amanda

51) Where does Amanda want to take Lucy? To \_\_\_\_\_

- the beach
- San Carlos
- Puerto Viejo
- her friend's house



52) Where are the women going to stay? In \_\_\_\_\_

- a hotel
- an apartment
- a friend's house
- Amanda's house

53) What is one of the attractions where Amanda plans to go?

- The beach
- Puerto Viejo
- The hot springs
- The Poás Volcano

54) What can the women do during their trip?

- Go hiking
- Climb a volcano
- Swim at the beach
- Reach the top of a volcano

55) Who is Amanda going to contact to get more information?

- Her uncle
- Her friend
- A tour guide
- A travel agency ,