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PROPUESTA A

UBER

Since its launch in 2012, Uber has become the most recognized alternative to traditional taxi cabs. As of September 2018, Uber is available in 633 cities around the world. Whether you're travelling to Seattle, Dubai, Tokyo, London, Paris, Montreal, or Chicago, you can expect Uber rides to be available in those cities and other major metro centres. Uber's success has spawned other, similar services such as Lyft, but Uber remains the most popular. In fact, Uber is so common that expressions like "getting an Uber" and "Ubering" in various languages have become widely understood.

Uber is not a taxi service, per se. Drivers cannot pick up riders off the street who are hailing cabs. Instead, Uber is a car-for-hire service that relies on smartphone tech to dispatch drivers and manage fees. Also, unlike taxi services, Uber drivers do not possess special licenses; rather, they use their personal vehicles to offer discounted-fare rides.

Uber's smartphone app takes care of the entire ride-hailing and payment process. You use your credit or debit card to pay right in the app, so you don't have to have cash available — although you can opt to pay in cash in some cities.

While rates vary by city and time of day, substantial public data shows that using Uber can cost 25 percent to 50 percent less than taking a local taxi cab. Bear in mind, however, that Uber does impose surge pricing for peak events like major sporting matches and New Year's Eve when ride fees can climb significantly for a few hours. As a rule, though, Uber rides are cheaper than taxi cabs.

In the United States you must be 18 years or older to have an Uber account and use the service. Moreover, drivers must be at least 21 years old, have at least one year of licensed driving experience, and drive an acceptable four-door vehicle.

Adapted from: <http://www.lifewire.com>

QUESTIONS:

I.READING COMPREHENSION (2 POINTS) (0,5 points for each correct answer).

Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only true or false. No marks are given for "T" or "F".

1. You can hire an Uber service through its web page.
2. The payment process can be done by credit card and by cash all over the world.
3. Uber rates are fixed no matter the day, the city or the time of the day.
4. In the USA you can't have an Uber account unless you are 18 years old or over.



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II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS)

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0,25 points for each correct answer).

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Generated:
2. Extensively, universally:
3. Choose:
4. Remember, be aware of:

B. PHONETICS (1 POINT) (0,25 points for each correct answer).

1. How is the "u" pronounced in "popular"? / u: / as in too? or /jʊ/ as in music?
2. How is the "-s" pronounced in "remains", /s/, /z/ or /iz/?
3. Write two words from the text that include the sound /aɪ/ as in "like"

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0,5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. Tom was so dirty because he had fallen in the mud.
If
2. All these students are interested in the lecture.
All these students find
3. Although it was raining heavily, they decided to go camping.
In spite
4. They have sent a bunch of flowers to the secretary.
The secretary
5. I am sorry I can't play the guitar.
I wish
6. You will not be allowed to go out if you don't eat up your dinner.
Unless

IV. COMPOSITION (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:

Advantages and disadvantages of using a taxi service



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PROPUESTA B

WHY ARE YOUTUBE STARS POPULAR?

A Youtuber is a person who has his or her own channel in the Youtube website. British Youtuber Zoella has just reached the milestone of 10 million subscribers to her main YouTube channel, but she has a long way to go to catch its most popular creator PewDiePie, who is about to pass 42 million. They're just two of the most prominent YouTube stars.

How have these YouTubers become so popular? It can seem surprising to people who don't usually follow them.

However, the top YouTube stars aren't just popular: they are genuinely influential figures for their young fans. The magazine Variety has been confronting its readers with that fact since 2016. That year, it published a survey of 13-19 year-olds in the US asking about the celebrities that have a real influence in them. The survey showed that YouTubers were more influential than actors or musicians.

One of the key things to understand about the popularity of YouTubers is that they look like ordinary people and this is what makes them so appealing. Many YouTube stars base this sense of connection in the way they talk to their fans in videos. By necessity, an early YouTube video started out as a format with a person talking into a webcam, often close to the camera and filming in their bedroom. It created a sense of intimacy, and one that many YouTube stars have tried to maintain even as they got better cameras and equipment. But it even extends to the way how many of them address their audiences.

The key thing to understand about YouTube stars is that the content of their videos – whether it's Let's Play game commentaries, makeup tutorials or just their thoughts– is only one half of their appeal and the connection to their audiences is the other: they have grown up with the tools to create and strengthen that connection, and many will use that as their anchor to keep their feet on the ground.

Adapted from <http://theguardian.com>

QUESTIONS:

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Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. No marks are given for only true or false. No marks are given for "T" or "F".

1. The magazine Variety made an inquiry about teenagers' tastes in music in 2016.
2. One of the reasons why YouTube stars are so popular is because they seem normal people.
3. Many YouTube stars have changed the way they talk to people after the success of their first videos.
4. The content of the videos is the only reason for Youtubers' success.



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II. LEXICON/PHONETICS (2 POINTS).

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Significant event:
2. Analysis, study:
3. Tempting, attractive:
4. Make stronger:

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

1. Is the “-ed” pronounced / t /, / d / or / ɪd / in “started”?
2. How is the “a” pronounced in “catch”, / ʌ /, / ɑ: / or / æ /?
3. Is the “-s” pronounced / s /, / z / or / ɪz / in “extends”?
4. Write a word from the text that includes the sound /ʃ/ as in “British”.

III. USE OF ENGLISH (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. Tom asked me: “where have you left my notebook?”
Tom asked me
2. It’s habitual for my mom to walk 5 kilometres every day.
My mom is used to
3. Nobody will help you if you don’t ask for help.
Unless
4. The Red Cross is sending food to the refugees.
The refugees
5. “Let’s go swimming to the lake”, Peter suggested.
Peter suggested
6. Mr. Smith is my neighbour. His car is parked at the door.
Mr. Smith,

IV. COMPOSITION (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:

Youtubers don’t do a real job, so they shouldn’t receive money for their videos.