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MATERIA: INGLÉS

MODELO

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y CALIFICACIÓN

Después de leer atentamente el texto y las cuestiones, responda EN INGLÉS a las cinco preguntas.

Las preguntas 1, 4 y 5 ofrecen optatividad: la pregunta 1 presenta 3 cuestiones para elegir 2, la pregunta 4 presenta 6 oraciones para elegir 4 y la pregunta 5 ofrece 2 opciones para elegir solo 1. En aquellos casos en los que se conteste a más opciones de las pedidas, se corregirán solo aquellas que estén en primer lugar, descartando el resto.

TIEMPO Y CALIFICACIÓN: 90 minutos. Las preguntas 1, 2 y 4 se calificarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3 sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5 sobre 3 puntos.

The Reinvention of an Irish Tourist Town

Located on the shores of a lake and surrounded by mountains and valleys, Killarney is one of the most beautiful places in Ireland. It is a small town whose roots as a tourist destination go back to 1747, when a nobleman named Thomas Browne inherited the Killarney estates, went there and discovered an empty place with a lot of debt. Nevertheless, he saw tourism potential in the beauty of Killarney's lakes, Muckross Abbey and Ross Castle, which date to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, respectively. So, he organised the planting of trees, the repairing of roads and the building of little hotels. The arrival of the railway in 1853 and Queen Victoria's 1861 visit did the rest. Killarney was officially a tourist hot spot, its reputation for its natural beauty extending far beyond Ireland's shores.

In the twentieth century, things changed for the worse in Killarney. Hotels proliferated, suburban areas grew and roads became packed with cars. Moreover, you were more likely to be tortured by people partying than to be delighted by nature. By the 1980s, Killarney was synonymous with all that was awful in places destroyed by mass tourism. However, a group of locals were not willing to give up on their home's natural beauty. Over the past few years, thanks to tenacity and a huge community effort, Killarney has managed to reinvent itself by adopting some brilliant green ideas, and the results are remarkable.

When I recently visited it, I realised that getting to Killarney can be sustainable in itself. The train station is in the centre of town so it is quite possible to travel without flying or driving. My first stop was Luna Cafe, where I happily had coffee in the afternoon sun. Soon after, I heard some Americans debating the pleasures of one of Killarney's most typical attractions, a two-wheeled cart pulled by a horse called a "jaunting car". Around me, there was a mix of accents, including plenty from the corners of Ireland. Most people were remarking on the surrounding beauty, many were planning their next adventure, and some were getting their coffees to-go. But what they weren't getting was a cardboard cup. Killarney is the first town in Ireland to ban single-use coffee cups. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own reusable cups, or they can, for a €2 deposit, get an Irish-made one to be returned at any coffee shop or kept for future use. Killarney is now a clean and beautiful spot for nature lovers, and it is highly recommended as a destination to visit in every season.

Adapted from Gemma Tipston's "The Incredible Reinvention of Ireland's 'Awful' Tourist Town." *BBC*, 12 Aug. 2024. <<https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20240809-the-incredible-reinvention-of-irelands-awful-tourist-town>>

QUESTIONS

1.- Indicate whether TWO of the following statements are True, False or the information is Not Given in the text (T/F/NG). In true and false cases, copy the complete sentence that contains the evidence which justifies your answer. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Killarney became a major tourist attraction when trains began to run in the nineteenth century and the British monarch went there.
- b) Getting to Killarney by train is not convenient because you need to walk to the outskirts to catch the train.
- c) American tourists enjoy visiting the beautiful lakes of Killarney.

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) Name two problems that arose when Killarney became a popular holiday destination.
- b) Describe the green initiative that people in Killarney have introduced for takeaway drinks.

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) found (paragraph 1)
- b) terrible (paragraph 2)
- c) perseverance (paragraph 2)
- d) prohibit (paragraph 3)
- e) neat (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima: **1 punto**)

4.- Answer FOUR questions (from a to f) of your choice.

Write a new sentence that has the same meaning as the one given. Use the word or expression in brackets. Do not change the word(s) given.

- a) My sister was too young to travel on her own. (*enough*)
- b) Patrick drove a car for the first time last year. (*never*)
- c) My brother usually sleeps until noon. (*used*)
- d) My teacher said she was sorry she was late for the lesson. (*apologised*)

Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

- e) "When will you be back?"

Peter asked the girl

Rephrase the sentence beginning with the words given.

- f) "I don't think we need to listen to what she has to say."

There is no point

(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

5.- Write between 140 and 180 words on ONE of the following questions.

- a) Many people enjoy hiking in natural environments. Why do you think they do so? Use specific reasons to support your answer.
- b) Your foreign friend Tom has only one day to spend in your town or village. Write an informal e-mail to him suggesting some places he should visit and explaining why.

Remember: **DO NOT SIGN OR IDENTIFY YOUR EMAIL.**

(Puntuación máxima: **3 puntos**)