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Exercise N°		Professor's Name	Mark
Part I	1. Reading Comp./20
	2. Paraphrasing/30
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Part II	3. Essay/50
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CARRERA DE TRADUCTOR PÚBLICO - ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – SEPTIEMBRE 2019

NOMBRE y APELLIDO:

Nº de ORDEN: (NO es el DNI) **PAPER 1**

Boris Johnson delivers brutal dismissal of May era on steps of Downing St.

To Europhiles lining up to stop no-deal Brexit, new PM's speech sounded like declaration of war

(Paragraphs are numbered to facilitate correction)

1- Boris Johnson arrived in Downing Street determined to get one message across: this was the moment when he got serious. The hair was in order, the jokes were missing, and the rhetoric was defiant: Britain will leave the EU on October 31, "no ifs or buts".

2- Mr. Johnson's car journey from Buckingham Palace — where he had an audience with Queen Elizabeth II — to Downing Street took under five minutes, but for the new prime minister the door of Number 10 was the destination of a lifetime. Behind the black door lay a world of difficult choices and political pain. His speech in Downing Street on Wednesday was not just a manifesto for the next few weeks — when he must somehow resolve Brexit — but an agenda of what he hopes to achieve if he can win a majority at a general election that most Conservative MPs believe is only months away.

3- Mr. Johnson was brutal in the way he dismissed the efforts of Theresa May, his predecessor, praising her briefly for her "fortitude and patience" but then accusing her of presiding over "three years of indecision". After three years of unfounded self-doubt, it is time to change the record. It was the moment when the Eurosceptic Mr. Johnson assumed responsibility for resolving the Brexit chaos he unleashed in the 2016 EU referendum and where he laid down a challenge to Brussels to cut him a new withdrawal agreement or face a no-deal departure in 99 days' time.

4- "Never mind the backstop," he said, referring to the controversial insurance policy in Mrs. May's EU agreement to avoid a hard border in Ireland. "The buck stops here." To the Europhile Tory MPs lining up to stop a no-deal Brexit, it sounded like a declaration of war.

5- Mr. Johnson brushed aside potential "difficulties" and insisted the UK could leave the EU without an agreement: "With high hearts and growing confidence, we will accelerate the work of getting ready." Boris Johnson speaks on steps of No 10. The speech was aimed partly at those listening in other European capitals — the new prime minister using the

props of office to warn that he was prepared to inflict harm on his own country to finally execute Brexit if a better deal than Mrs. May's agreement was not on the table. "I'm convinced we can do a deal without checks on the Irish border," he said, regardless of the EU's warnings that there would not be any deal unless the backstop plan was in place to provide a guarantee of an open border.

6- Britain would prepare for a no-deal Brexit, embarking on an expansionary Budget policy to give it a shot of adrenalin to help overcome the shock, said Mr. Johnson. He would use the £39bn Britain agrees that it owes the EU on departure to "lubricate" the economy.

7- The doubters, the doomsters, the gloomsters — they are going to get it wrong again Under Mr. Johnson's plan, Brexit is delivered on October 31, giving him a few months thereafter to carry out some domestic reforms before going to the country in an election in the first half of 2020.

8- Some Tory MPs think it could come even sooner. All of the policy promises beyond Brexit that Mr. Johnson made outside Downing Street had to be seen through that prism. No prime minister with a House of Commons majority of just two can enact the kind of sweeping reforms that he has in mind. Mr. Johnson's promise to resolve Britain's social care crisis was a good example of a policy that could only be enacted with a much bigger parliamentary majority. But there were policies which Mr. Johnson can start implementing now as a down payment on his "One Nation" Tory agenda, including putting more police on the streets and a hospital building programme.

9- Mr. Johnson's pitch, with its familiar self-conscious Churchillian flourishes, was that if only the UK could navigate through the Brexit morass with some "pluck, nerve and ambition" a brighter future lay ahead. "The doubters, the doomsters, the gloomsters — they are going to get it wrong again," he said. "The people who bet against Britain are going to lose their shirts because we are going to restore trust in our democracy." Recommended Conservative Party UK Conservatives rally to Theresa May on her final day at Number 10.

10- Mr. Johnson may need his bullish optimism, because the problems he faces are enormous. His nod to the "awesome foursome" — the constituent nations of the United Kingdom — was a reminder of the responsibility he carries to stop Brexit tearing apart the fabric of the country he now governs. Mr. Johnson's list of some of Britain's industries — the banks, the farmers, the universities, life sciences — was a roll call of those parts of the economy that are most fearful of the consequences of a disorderly Brexit. "After three years of unfounded self-doubt, it is time to change the record," he said, simultaneously writing off Mrs. May's premiership and expressing the hope that a sceptical Britain and a hostile EU will soon start to dance to his tune. 875 w

PART I (Minimum Passing Mark: 26 points)

PAPER 1

1. READING COMPREHENSION

All the correct answers are awarded 2 points each, except for f and g, which are awarded 1 point each.

a- Choose the best option.

"No ifs or buts" in paragraph 1 is:

- 1- Something you might say when two options are available.
- 2- Something you might say to a child to stop discord.
- 3- Something you might say when you mean to be prudent.

- 4- None of the aforementioned options.
- b- According to the article, Boris Johnson had never toyed with the idea of becoming Britain's Prime Minister. (It is expected that you quote the appropriate line right next to the answer if your choice is T or F)
- 1- True.
 - 2- False.
 - 3- None of the aforementioned options.
- c- Choose the best option according to the article. His speech in Downing Street on Wednesday:
- 1- Might give the impression he is mostly concerned over the imminent agenda.
 - 2- Was aimed at getting the support for the voters in the following elections.
 - 3- Expressed his hopes concerning the future of Brexit.
 - 4- Might be more related to his long-term plans.
- d- According to the article, Mr. Johnson cannot be held accountable for the instability of Brexit. (It is expected that you quote the appropriate line right next to the answer if your choice is T or F)
- 1- True.
 - 2- False.
 - 3- None of the aforementioned options.
- e- According to the article:
- 1- The Tory MPs show no affiliation with the EU.
 - 2- Boris Johnson's speech was aimed at smoothing things over among different parties.
 - 3- It is essential that an agreement be met with Ireland.
 - 4- None of the aforementioned options.
- f- According to the article, Johnson believes that leaving the EU will have no impact on the economy: (It is expected that you quote the appropriate line right next to the answer if your choice is T or F)
- 1- True.
 - 2- False.
 - 3- Not stated
- g- According to the article, Johnson counts on a solid political support to carry out his intended far-reaching reforms: (It is expected that you quote the appropriate line right next to the answer if your choice is T or F)
- 1- True.
 - 2- False.
 - 3- This is not stated in the article.
- h- According to the article. Which is the appropriate answer?

- 1- Mr. Johnson’s tone of voice is unbearable to some.
- 2- Mr. Johnson’s tone of voice might echo that of a former prime minister.
- 3- Might sound a bit too self-conscious to some people.
- 4- None of the aforementioned options.

i- According to the article, the phrase “People are going to lose their shirts” in paragraph 9 can be best paraphrased as:

- 1- These people are liable to lose a lot of money.
- 2- These people are likely to feel embarrassed or humiliated.
- 3- These people are going to escape unscathed.
- 4- These people will have to reconsider their ill-founded misgivings.

j- According to the article, the phrase “dance to someone’s tune” in paragraph 10 can be best paraphrased as:

- 1- To show hostility, while, at the same time conceal your true feelings.
- 2- To follow a trend regardless the possible consequences.
- 3- To go along with someone else's views or wishes.
- 4- To brag about one’s own accomplishments or ability, to promote oneself.

k- His nod to the “awesome foursome” in paragraph 10 can be best paraphrased as:

1. His obvious lack of sympathy with the countries that form the UK.
2. His wink of approval towards the countries that form the UK.
3. His readiness to part with the countries that form the UK.
4. His open denial of the existence of an alliance with the countries that form the UK.

2. USE OF ENGLISH: PARAPHRASING (30 points)

All the correct answers are awarded 3 points each.

**Use the given beginnings.
DO NOT change the meaning.**

1- Although this may not be the case, most Conservative MPs believe the election is only months away.
The election _____

2- Behind the black door lay a world of difficult choices and political pain. Truth be told, Boris Johnson was cool-headed during his speech.

Boris Johnson remained cool-headed during his speech _____

3- Mr. Johnson brushed aside potential “difficulties” and insisted the UK could leave the EU without an agreement. Not only _____

4- “I’m convinced we can do a deal without checks on the Irish border,” said Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson stated _____

5- All of the policy promises beyond Brexit that Mr. Johnson made outside Downing Street had to be seen through that prism.

It is _____

6- No prime minister with a House of Commons majority of just two has been able to enact the kind of sweeping reforms that he has in mind.

Never before _____

7- Mr. Johnson assumed responsibility for resolving the Brexit chaos, otherwise, he could not possibly count on the support of his party.

Had Mr Johnson _____

8- “After three years of unfounded self-doubt, it is time to change the record,” he said,

“It is high time _____

9- Mr. Johnson vividly expressed the hope that a skeptical Britain and a hostile EU will soon start to dance to his tune.
"If only _____
_____ Mr. Johnson asserted.

10- Mr. Johnson will be able to carry out the agenda of what he hopes to achieve if he can win a majority at a general election that most Conservative MPs believe is only months away.

Only after _____

PART II (Minimum Passing Mark 26)

3. ESSAY WRITING: OPINION ESSAY (320-350 words)

Write an **opinion essay** on one of the following rubrics:

- A- Where Have the Simple Days of Politically Informative Media Gone?
"The Publick Occurrences" was the first multi-page newspaper published in the Americas, an ingenuous attempt to report news to the public. This informed people on current issues, enabling them to form their own opinions about politics. Since 1690, the media's approach to reporting news stories has shifted. Instead of offering people the truth, forms of media like television often distort political affairs to align with their own political agendas. Discuss.

- B- Detrimental Effect of Television on politics
Image is everything. In the modern world of sleek cars, towering glass buildings, carefully designed websites, this comes as no surprise. What does come as a surprise, is that this fascination with image, this obsession with physical appearance, has seeped into the one area it least belongs. Politicians. Discuss.

- C- Discuss how political leaders choose to communicate and which types of communication play a role in people's perception of a leader.
How a president chooses to communicate has always been an important part of any presidency; however, as it is ever changing and evolving with the times and technology, it has also become more complex and more imperative to communicate well and be successful. Discuss.

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