**TAREA 1**

Choose **one** of the following writing tasks. Your answer should follow exactly the instructions given. Write approximately 250 words.

This is an extract from a letter which you receive from the World Opinion Organisation.

**We are carrying out an international survey on families around the world and the importance of family relationships. Please write us a report for our survey outlining the typical family situation in your own country and suggesting how you think the situation might change in the future.**

### Example answer 1

The family in France

Nowadays, in France, the average number of children is two per family, whereas elderly people used to have five or six sisters and brothers or even more when they were young, at least in my region: Brittany, where children were useful in farms as they were growing up.

More and more people divorce, and afterwards remain single, live with someone, or get married another time. If they have children, these generally live with their mother but it occurs more and more that they live with their father. That is probably due to this trend that there are less and less weddings. Young people prefer living with a mate without marrying him of her, or if they marry, they do it later than their parents who used to do it around the age of 20. That is why they usually have their first child later than their parents.

Grand-parents are still important in French families, but when they get older, they do not usually come and live in their children’s place as before. They are healthy enough to live alone or they go to residences for old people. Children sometimes live in towns further from their parents’ place than before, but their place is still the one where we like to stay at the week-ends or the holidays.

Unfortunately, I think that this trend of living further from their parents than before will get worse in the years to come, because of the unemployment rate. Indeed even if young people tend to live longer in their parents’ house, they have to search a job not only in their town but sometimes in the whole country, and when they find one, they leave, even abroad sometimes, because it is so hard to get something!

I think that the average number of children will remain the same or will decrease, as people have their children older and perhaps do not want to give birth to future unemployed people.

Finally, I think that the number of divorces, and people who live together but unmarried, will increase.

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**TAREA 2**

Tell them…

Clothes, money…?

Say which and why…

Only July, because….

**Congratulations! You have won first prize in our competition - two weeks at Camp California in the U.S.A. All accommodation and travel costs are paid for, including transport to and from the airport. We now need some further information from you:**

**• When would you like to travel?**

**• Accommodation at Camp California is in tents or log cabins.**

**Which would you prefer?**

**• You will have the chance to do two activities while you are at the Camp. Please choose two from the list below and tell us how good you are at each one.**

**Basketball / Swimming / Golf / Painting / Climbing Singing / Sailing / Tennis / Photography / Surfing Is there anything you would like to ask us?**

**Yours sincerely**

**Helen Ryan Competition Organiser**

**Write a letter of between 120 and 180 words in an appropriate style on the opposite page. Do not write any postal addresses.**

### Example answer

Thank you very much for the letter that telling me I won first prize in the competition. I am so glad and I am going to write some information that you need from me. First of all, I would like to travel only July because It is due to my job. And about accommodation I would prefer log cabins to tents. I have never stayed log cabins so it would be good chance to me. In your letter, you mentioned that I have the chance to do two activities. I would choose Sailing and Photography. However, I am absolutely beginner at both activities. I am really exciting to try new activities at the Camp. It would be greatful, therefore, if you could advise me what sort of clothes should I take or about money and there are anything that I need for the Camp. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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**TAREA 3**

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Your English Teacher has asked you to write a story.

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Your story must have the following title:

**The most important day of my life**

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Write your story on your answer sheet.

### Example answer

The most important day of my life.

During a lifetime there is so many days you could call, the most important day of your life”. It could be the day you chose wich school you are going to, or what you want to work with the rest of your life. Another important day is when you get married, or you chose where to live. But most of all it must be a very important day when you give birth to a child. I think that changes everything you have been doing until then. Than you have to realice that somebody are more important than yourself.

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