

ENGLISH TEST 1

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10TH Form _____ Class _____

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I. In about 40-45 words answer the question: *Do you like learning English? Why/why not?* (15 pontos)

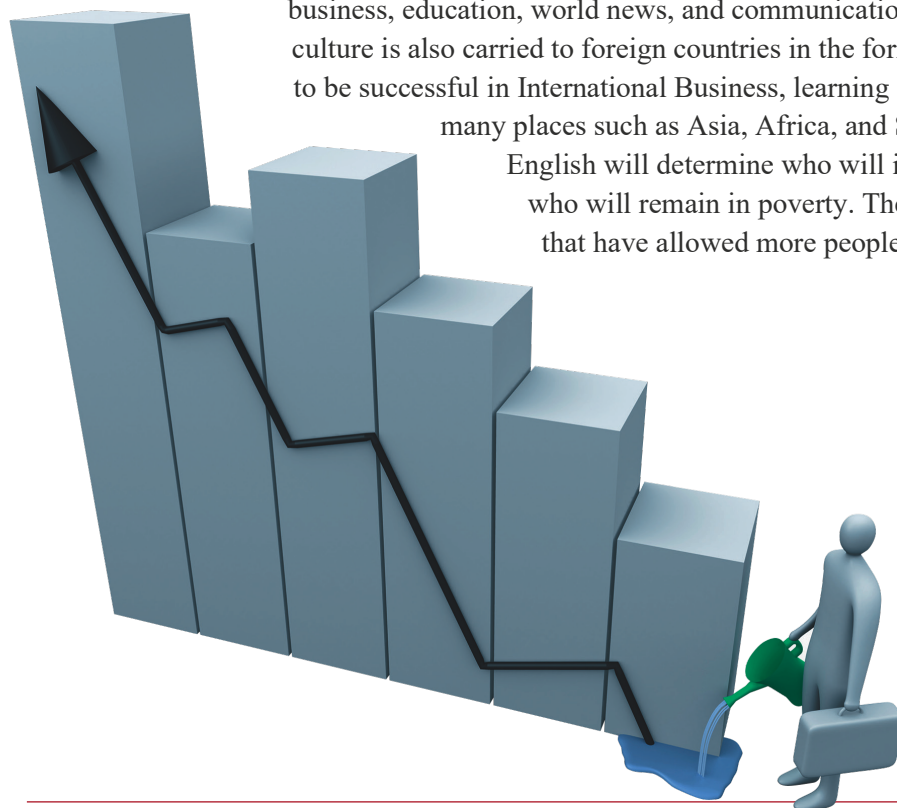
II. Read the text.

The importance of English in International Business

While English is not the most widely spoken language in the world when you look at it in terms of the number of native speakers, it is the world's most prominent language. While a larger number of people speak Mandarin, that language is largely confined to China.

English on the other hand, is spoken around the world. It has been estimated that out of the roughly 6 billion people that are alive today about 350 million speak English. When you look at the importance of English for International Business, you must look at more than just the number of people who speak it. You must also look at what the language is used for.

English is the ideal language for many governments around the world, and it is also prominent in business, education, world news, and communication. In addition to this, Western pop culture is also carried to foreign countries in the form of music or movies. If you wish to be successful in International Business, learning English is incredibly important. In many places such as Asia, Africa, and South America, the ability to learn English will determine who will increase their living standards, and who will remain in poverty. There are a number of powerful tools that have allowed more people to learn English than ever before. One of **these** tools is the Internet.



THE POWER OF THE INTERNET IN SPREADING ENGLISH

Before the Internet, it was hard for you to learn English if you didn't attend a college or university. These were the only institutions where the language was widely spoken. If you lived in a community so poor that it didn't have a college or university, your chances of ever learning English were remote. While many people still live in these circumstances today, the Internet has allowed the English language to spread around the world. Because the Internet was invented in the West, English was inherently built into it. Because Internet usage has expanded throughout the world, more people are being exposed to English.



The advent of online universities has now made it possible for more people to learn English, people who may live in countries where access to standard education facilities is limited. While it may have been impossible for these people to learn English in the past, the Internet has opened up new career opportunities. These people are now able to learn English, and they can use their English skills to get better paying jobs at home, or they can use **them** to find jobs overseas. In any event, the Internet has played a powerful role in allowing English to spread across the world, and the number of people learning it is likely to increase in the future.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS

Many companies have discovered early in the 21st century that **they** can cut their costs of production by sending their jobs overseas. The proper term for this is outsourcing, or offshoring. Some companies have also found that they can cut costs by bringing immigrants into the country on work visas. The employees will work for the company for a given period of time, and once their visa has expired, they can return home. For someone living in a country where English is not the native language, they will need to master this language if they wish to travel to the United States to find a high paying job.

While many people in English speaking countries complain about the impact of outsourcing, it presents lucrative opportunities for people living in foreign countries. Learning how to speak English can allow you to travel to a Western country, work there for a few months, make more money than you would make at home, and then bring the money back home to your family. This is a practice that many people use, and it is factors such as outsourcing **which** have allowed them to do it. As you can see, learning how to speak English opened up a large number of doors, doors that would normally be closed.

CONCLUSION

In many countries where English is not the native language, you are considered highly educated if you can speak the language properly. You will be presented with a number of career opportunities, and you will have the option of staying home to work, or you could travel abroad. When you learn how to speak English, the opportunities are limitless.

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A. Find evidence in the text for the following: (5 X 5 = 25 pontos)

1. Mandarin is more important than English because it is spoken by more people than English.

2. Being able to speak English well may influence your living standard.

3. If the Internet had been invented in the Eastern world maybe the English language wouldn't have spread around the world the way it did.

4. Today's workers are required totally different attitudes from the ones asked to their fellow workers of the past.

5. The more English you know, the more job opportunities you will have.

B. Complete the following sentences according to the information given in the text. (6 X 5 = 30 pontos)

1. The world's most prominent language...

2. Business, education, world news, and communication...

3. Internet has proved...

4. Online Universities have shown...

5. Outsourcing is...

6. English can be a passport...



C. What/who do these words refer to in the text (the words are written in blue bold)? (5 X 3 = 15 pontos)**1. It** (line 6)

2. these (line 16)

3. them (line 31)

4. they (line 34)

5. which (line 44)

D. Answer the questions on the text. (4 X 10 = 40 pontos)**1.** What is the purpose of the text?

2. Why does Alexandre Vieira compare Mandarin and English?

3. How can Internet be useful in the process of learning English?

4. Why are outsourcing and the ability of speaking English linked?

III. Grammar – Modal verbs: (5 X 3 = 15) Insert a Modal Verb into the gaps according to the function in brackets:**1.** I think I _____ enroll myself in that course of English for business. (**probability**)**2.** _____ we go to the cinema today? (**suggestion**)**3.** Students _____ take the library CDs home. (**prohibition**)**4.** Sir, _____ go to the toilet, please? (**asking for permission**)**5.** Susan, you _____ be more careful when you drive. (**advice**)**IV. Choose A or B and write about 130 words on the following: (60 pontos)**

- A.** Write a dialogue between you and a friend of yours expressing your opinion about spending a year out in another country.
- B.** Having in mind the blog you started in one of the first classes of English this year, write another entrance, but this time relating it with the importance of learning English in today's world.