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## HOJA DE RESPUESTAS

### EJERCICIO 1: LONDON NEWS

1	A	B	<u>C</u>
2	<u>A</u>	B	C
3	<u>A</u>	B	C
4	A	<u>B</u>	C
5	<u>A</u>	B	C
6	A	B	<u>C</u>
7	<u>A</u>	B	C
8	A	<u>B</u>	C
9	A	B	<u>C</u>
10	A	B	<u>C</u>

### EJERCICIO 2: THE LANGUAGE OF FEAR

1	<u>debates</u>
2	<u>reason</u>
3	<u>liberties</u>
4	<u>awareness</u>
5	<u>discomfort</u>
6	<u>unwise</u>
7	<u>entertainment industry</u>
8	<u>25%</u>
9	<u>imminent</u>
10	<u>(reasonable) concern</u>

## EJERCICIO 1

## LONDON NEWS

*Adapted from BBC News*

You will hear a news bulletin. For questions 1–10, choose the answer A, B or C which fits best according to what you hear. **DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

**1 Terminal 5...**

- A repeatedly suffers problems
- B will gradually cease to operate
- C went through a rough patch at the beginning

**2 Regular train service between Heathrow and central London...**

- A will not be affected by the strike
- B will be interrupted due to a strike
- C has just been resumed after the strike

**3 ..... person died in an accident last night**

- A A young
- B An elderly
- C A middle-aged

**4 Thomas Heatherwich is...**

- A the Royal Academy Chairman
- B grateful to the Royal Academy
- C showing all his works at the Royal Academy

**5 The Tube's Northern Line...**

- A is running late
- B is back to normal service
- C has been temporarily suspended

**6 The traffic jam at Millbank might be the consequence of...**

- A a strike
- B road works
- C a special event

**7 A section of Lea Bridge Road is closed because of**

- A an accident
- B a celebration
- C a demonstration

**8 Today temperatures are expected to...**

- A rise
- B drop
- C stay the same

**9 Tomorrow morning...**

- A** it will drizzle
- B** it will pour with rain
- C** the rain will have stopped

**10 On Saturday we can expect...**

- A** dry spells
- B** strong winds
- C** stormy weather

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**EJERCICIO 2**

**THE LANGUAGE OF FEAR**

*From KVPR.org*

**You are going to hear a passage about the language of fear. Complete each of the sentences below with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS. DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

These days we often find issues such as the Ebola crisis, Islamic terrorists or the historic drought on headlines and 1.

According to Plato, fear appeals are dishonest influences on logic and 2.

Historically fear has been used as a weapon against civil 3, and democratic dissent.

Some people think it is right to use fear to promote 4 of and support to worthy causes such as AIDS prevention.

As fear produces 5, people usually try to avoid fear appeals.

An excess of fear may lead to impetuous and 6 behaviour.

According to Professor David Altheid, the news media and the 7 are often responsible for the fear we feel.

Over 8 of Americans are afraid that a close relative might get Ebola.

The way Ebola has been dealt with by the media makes people see the threat as 9.

Whereas exaggerated response to a threat is likely to cause havoc, 10 is sensible.

## LONDON NEWS

Good morning from BBC London News. I'm Sonja Jessup.

Within the last half hour the first flight has arrived at Heathrow's new Terminal 2. The building, which replaces the old T2, will be used by 20 million passengers a year. Airlines are being moved to the new terminal in stages over the coming months in the hope of avoiding a repeat of the **problems when Terminal 5 opened in 2008. (1C)**

Meanwhile, the opening coincides with the 24-hour strike by workers on the Heathrow Express rail service. Members of the RMT Union will walk out for the third time in recent weeks in protest to plans to make 6 million pounds worth of savings. **Heathrow Express says despite strike actions regular trains will run between Heathrow and Central London. (2A)**

One man's been killed and a number of other people injured after a crash between a car and a bus in Clapton overnight. It happened on Lea Bridge Road just before 2.30 this morning. **A man in his twenties was killed (3A)** and three others who were in the car with him taken to the hospital. Ten passengers on the N38 bus have been treated for minor injuries.

The Royal Academy summer exhibition is due to open next week and among the works on display will be a model of the proposed new Garden Bridge for the River Thames. Its designer, Thomas Heatherwick is also delighted to have been elected as a Royal Academician. **'I feel quite fluky and lucky that the Royal Academy so generously invited me to be an academician (4B)** this year of all years, the year when I really had something that I wanted to share with people'.

Travel now, and if you take a look at the Tube, first of all now we have problems on the Northern Line, you can still see severe delays there. It was suspended earlier, but now **we have severe delays on the Northern Line (5A)**. We told you about that strike at Heathrow, so there is no Heathrow connect service today. Heathrow Express is running but it has a revise service.

On the roads, this is a picture of Westminster at the moment. Now Millbank is closed, you can see the queues there. **State opening of Parliament is of course taking place (6C)**. In Clapton, because of the crash overnight, **Lea Bridge Road is closed between Chatsworth Road and Orient Way,(7A)** and in Haggerston the A10 Kingsland Road is closed Southbound at Middleton Road.

Time for a look at the weather now, here's Kate Kinsella.

Good morning, a rather grey and damp start to the day. A lot of rain around and **it is going to feel a little bit cooler than it has done. (8B)** Limited amount of brightness, you may get one or two dry spells but the rain's not far behind. Some light bursts, some heavier bursts, but underneath all the clouds it will feel cooler, temperatures really struggling maximum of just 15 Celsius. The rain will persist for a time overnight. Gradually it will start to break up. **By dawn it should really have started to lift. (9C)** But the minimum temperature between 10 and 11 Celsius. Tomorrow's not looking too bad, that rain moves out of the way, and we should get some sunshine. But as we head towards the weekend, **it's Saturday we're watching, we have a yellow weather warning in for heavy rain. We can expect some thundery downpours,(10C)** especially as we head into Saturday morning as the air turns a little bit muggier.

I'm back with the latest, from the BBC London newsroom in half an hour. Plenty more on our website...

## THE LANGUAGE OF FEAR

The only thing we have to fear is, fear itself.” Uttered by Franklin Delano Roosevelt more than 80 years ago, and yet it seems more relevant today than ever. **Ebola, Islamic terrorists, the historic drought—all topics of frightening headlines and debates.(1)**

Scholars have debated the use of fear appeals since antiquity. **Plato lamented appeals to emotions, and fear in particular, as corrupt influences on logic and reason (2)**. Contemporary scholars have examined the ways in which **fear appeals have been utilized to promote racism and xenophobia, to crack down on civil liberties (3)**, and to stifle healthy democratic dissent.

Others, like Aristotle, argued that our emotional responses are often driven by reasoned persuasion and understanding—sometimes there are good reasons to be afraid, or angry, or joyful. **Contemporary advocates for HIV/AIDS prevention, anti-smoking campaigns, and environmental activists see fear appeals as effective in promoting awareness and in gaining audience compliance toward a worthy goal. (4)**

Fear can be a rational and strategic response to danger, **but because fear creates discomfort, audiences naturally tend to avoid or resist such appeals (5)**. That’s why for a fear appeal to work, the persuader must also convince the audience that they are capable of doing something meaningful in response to the danger posed.

But what happens to us as a society when we live in a culture that seems driven by the language of fear? Our tendency is to overreact and over exaggerate. **We may be drawn to impulsive and unwise behaviors. (6)**

Arizona State University Professor David Altheid says **much of the fear we experience is unwarranted, and is actually the result of calculated decisions by the news media and entertainment industry to catch our attention. (7)** And in many cases, they encourage people to fear things over which they have very little control. For example, according to the Harvard School of Public Health nearly 40% of Americans believe there will be a large outbreak of the Ebola virus in the U.S., and **more than 25% worry that an immediate family member will come down with the disease.(8)** These fears exist in spite of reassurances from the CDC and most every other infectious disease expert that an Ebola outbreak in the U.S. is highly unlikely.

Rather, **it is the constant and sensationalized media coverage of Ebola that makes the threat seem imminent. (9)** and that promotes an unhealthy response to the situation—at the slightest suggestion of risk, often unsubstantiated, children are pulled out of schools, speakers are banned from university campuses, politicians call for travel bans and mandatory quarantines, and sick employees are told to obtain medical confirmation that they are not infected before they can return to work.

**Overreaction to a fear can create more havoc than the original threat. Reasonable concern is healthy (10)** and not all fear appeals are problematic, but decisions and actions driven primarily by a pervasive rhetoric of fear are scary indeed.

For *The Moral is*, I am Diane Blair.