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**EJERCICIO 2 PARTE COMÚN: LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS).**  
**Duración 1 hora**

Time to Twitter

Every year there is a new internet phenomenon. In the past we have seen e-mail, Google, Messenger, Wikipedia, YouTube, Facebook etc. The latest (1) sensation is called Twitter and it is based (2) in Silicon Valley, California. It is very popular in the United States, Britain and Japan. It works much the same as a blog.

Twitter is a free “social networking system” like Facebook that has changed the way in which many people communicate. The difference is that you write messages with a maximum of 140 characters (3). In your message you answer only one simple question: “What are you doing now?” Once a tweet is posted on the website, people are able to easily see what other people are doing. As long as an answer is 140 characters or less, it is possible for thousands of people to see the answer immediately. It is very easy to do, you just sign up (registration is free), pick up a user name and you can design your Twitter home page by unloading an image or choosing web colours.

Twitter is popular (4) with normal people but it is also popular with celebrities who use it as a blog. Barack Obama, John McCain, Gordon Brown and Britney Spears all like Twitter. The simple format makes Twitter easy to use from a mobile phone. Many guests at Obama’s presidential inauguration wrote Twitter messages during the ceremony. People watching on television complained about it.

A Twitter message is called a tweet. “Tweet” is literally the sound of a small bird, so the symbol on the twitter website is a bird on a tree. The word twitter also refers to the sound of birds singing. Humans can also twitter when they talk quickly or nervously. In British English a twit is a stupid person.

Twitter may not be an intelligent word, but is the new digital activity and it is replacing “chat” as the most important way (5) of communication. Will Twitter replace Facebook? Who knows?. According to the British newspaper “The Financial Times”, last year Facebook offered to buy Twitter for \$500million and Twitter said no.

**Questions**

**1. Choose one of the words or expressions listed below with one word or expression in the column (as numbered in the text). Please copy the correct pair of words in your answer sheet. (1 mark).**

well accepted/ letters/ method/ placed/ newest

- 1) latest and.....
- 2) based and.....
- 3) characters and.....
- 4) popular and.....
- 5) way and.....

**2.1 Choose the best option. (0.75 marks).**

- a) Very few people wrote Twitter messages during Obama’s service.
- b) Everybody sent messages on their Twitter during the event.
- c) Nobody used Twitter during the ceremony.
- d) A lot of people who attended Obama’s ceremony wrote Twitter comments during the event.



**2.2. Choose the best option. (0.75 marks).**

- a) The text relates the word twitter to the short high sound of a bird.
- b) Twitter means to talk loudly and angrily
- c) The word tweeter refers to a pet.
- d) In British English a twitter is a follower.

**3. Complete the sentences using information from the text. It is important that phrases from the text are not reproduced literally. (2 marks).**

- a) Celebrities.....
- b) This web site .....
- c) People use Twitter .....
- d) 500 million dollars .....

**4. Complete the text with one or more adequate words. It is important that phrases from the text are not reproduced literally. (1.5 marks).**

Twitter is used by people ..... **(1)** live their life in a hurry. Most people join Twitter to meet and socialise with others on the net.  
Facebook is .....**(2)** social networking site which is .....**(3)** very popular with people nowadays as a .....**(4)** to communicate with friends and family. However, Twitter has celebrities following and fans can see .....**(5)** different famous people are doing at that moment.

**5. Can you explain briefly what this social networking consists of? You are expected to draw information from the text but please use your own words. (25-50 words) (2 marks).**



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**6. Do you think is a good way of communication? Why? Express your own ideas by using your own words. (25-50 words) (2 marks).**

**Criterios de evaluación**

- Dominio de las capacidades específicas que son objeto de esta prueba.
- Se valorará la comprensión y expresión escrita de la lengua inglesa.

**Criterios de calificación**

La calificación de cada cuestión planteada viene expresada en el enunciado de la misma. Si la cuestión dispone de varios apartados se repartirá equitativamente la puntuación máxima asignada a la misma.