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**Reading Questions**

1. **Difficulty: 1**
The word that goes in the blank is a possessive adjective. It refers to tradición, a feminine singular noun, so choice (D) su is appropriate in this case.

2. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank describes the frequency with which people in Puerto Rico visit a popular beach. The sense of frequency, as indicated by choice (D) a menudo, is appropriate.

3. **Difficulty: 5**
The word that goes in the blank is a form of vivir. It describes a hypothetical situation, as indicated by hablariamos portugués, so the sense of hypothetical, as indicated by choice (D) viviéramos, is appropriate.

4. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank relates to a money-making machine, Pedroso, that has already showered money on its manufacturers. The word ya indicates that Pedroso has already generated huge profits for the manufacturers, so choice (C) ya is appropriate.

5. **Difficulty: 2**
The word that goes in the blank refers to the income generated by Pedroso in just the first year. Because the word has to be masculine singular and precede the noun año, the letter "o" in primero must be dropped, so the only word that is appropriate is choice (B) primer.

6. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank describes the machine's peculiarity, so the sense of peculiarity, as indicated by choice (D) particularidad, is appropriate.

7. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank refers to the recording devices hiding inside the electronic bear, so the sense of hidden as indicated by choice (A) ocultos is appropriate, even though one of the nouns that it modifies is feminine.

8. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank describes one of the bear's truly innovative aspects, so the sense of truly, as indicated by choice (A) verdaderamente, is appropriate.

9. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank refers to the actual moment when the bear utters a word, which is appropriately expressed by choice (C) al.

10. **Difficulty: 3**
The word that goes in the blank relates to the verb vender in that sentence. It refers to the idea that the bear is sold at a particular price, which is appropriately expressed by choice (A) se.

11. **Difficulty: 2**
The question asks where the action in the passage takes place. The correct answer is choice (B) en un automóvil because the passage describes two people driving an automobile during a heavy rainstorm.

12. **Difficulty: 2**
The question asks what Álvaro wants. The correct answer is choice (C) Tomar un café because Álvaro recommends stopping for coffee during the journey.

13. **Difficulty: 3**
The question asks what service is provided by the company. The advertisement describes insurance coverage available to travelers, so (C) Protección al viajar is the correct answer.

14. **Difficulty: 5**
The question asks what characteristic of the company stands out. The advertisement focuses on the variety of situations covered by its insurance, so (D) Su amplitud is the correct answer.
Listening Questions

1. Difficulty: 2
   The picture shows a woman looking for something in a library. Choice (D) *Creo que está por aquí* (I think it is over here) is something the woman in the picture might say. Choice (A) refers to *being a florist*, but there are no flowers in the picture. Choice (B) indicates that *there is only one person in line*, but the woman in the picture is not waiting in line. Choice (C) says that *the onions are inexpensive today*, but the woman is not buying onions in the supermarket.

2. Difficulty: 3
   The woman says that Ana is an excellent cyclist. Choice (C) *Y además, es muy simpática* (And also, she is very nice) is the correct answer. The most appropriate response is to say that in addition to being an excellent cyclist, Ana is a nice person. There is no reason for the man to say that *he has a new T-shirt* (A), that *his is much better* (B) or that *the motorcycle is also good* (D).

3. Difficulty: 3
   The woman asks the man if he would like to buy anything else. The man says no and asks if he can use a credit card to pay for his items. Choice (A) is the most appropriate response; it is likely that the woman would answer the man's question by saying *Claro que sí* (Of course you may). Choice (B) is an inappropriate response because the woman orders the man to *leave at once*. Choice (C) *We do not accept coins* and choice (D) *No, I do not have change* are also inappropriate responses because the man does not intend to use bills or coins to pay for his items.

4. Difficulty: 2
   The man wishes to purchase tickets for a show on Saturday, but the woman indicates that there are only tickets available for Sunday; therefore, choice (C) *para el domingo* (for Sunday) is correct. The woman does not indicate that tickets are available for the afternoon (A), for Saturday (B) or for next week (D).

5. Difficulty: 2
   The man asks if the same show is offered on Sunday, but the woman says that there is a classical music concert on Sunday. Choice (C), *un concierto* (a concert), is correct. The woman does not say that there will be a *comedy* (A), an *opera* (B) or a *ballet* (D) presented on Sunday.

6. Difficulty: 4
   The weather forecast says that tomorrow there will be heavy rain with possible flooding in some areas. Choice (B), *lluvia*, is correct; the forecast announces that it will *rain* the next day. The forecast does not predict *sun* (A), *wind* (C) or *cold* (D).