**INGLÉS II – INGENIERÍA ELECTROMECÁNICA –**

**3rd form- 15th April class.**

**Reading comprehension and grammar activities**

Liam O´Connor is a familiar face in homes all over the country. Millions of us watch his documentaries. Now he’s making a new programme about life in Russia. Here he tells Gaby Redmond about winter in Siberia. Surviving Siberia-Wednesday 14 May 8 p.m. on Channel 7 **– THE BIG CHILL**

A……………..

Yes, it does. Generally speaking, winter starts in September and lasts until May-so far about nine months. In the north, the sun never rises in December and January and it’s dark nearly all day.

B…………….

Well, minus 30 or 40 degrees Celsius is normal, but in northern Siberia the temperature sometimes drops to 60 or 70 degrees.

C…………….

One reason is that, in the far north, the sun is always low in the sky and produces very little heat, so the ground stays cold all year. Another reason is that freezing winds come down from the Arctic because there are no mountains or trees to stop them.

D……………

It often snows, but it’s rarely heavy. In the far north, snow cover lasts between 260 and 280 days.

E……………

Yes, they are. Definitely. Western Siberia is getting warmer faster than anywhere in the world. In fact, it’s actually melting. And is some places in eastern Siberia, dangerous gases are rising from the ground. They’re stopping the surface from freezing, even in the middle of winter. But it’s still very cold!

F……………

They wear fur. In the West, we consider fur a luxury, but it’s the only thing that keeps you warm when it’s extremely cold.

G…………..

Yes, it is. Without gloves, your fingers freeze. The little hairs in your nose freeze too. It’s quite scary! The tyres of cars and lorries burst. Sometimes children can’t go to school because it’s so cold. They have lessons on TV!

H………….

Actually, they don’t mind them. They enjoy a lot of outdoor sports. Ice-skating is the number one sport-it’s really popular. They also like cross-country skiing and ice-hockey. Reindeer racing is quite popular too. Some people swim in rivers and lakes in the sub-zero temperatures.

I……………

They say there are health benefits to swimming in icy water. It’s a way to avoid colds. Also, it’s a real community event. Everyone takes part – men, women and children.

J……………

Well, to tell you the truth, I love it! In my home city, Liverpool, the winters are usually cloudy and mild and I don’t like them much. You don’t get many days when the weather’s fine, you know, sunny and not raining. In Siberia, it’s different. On bright sunny days, it’s beautiful.

**Activity 1**: **Read the text “The Big Chill”. Complete it with these interview questions.** (Lea el texto “The Big Chill”. Complete con estas preguntas de entrevista)

1. Really? Why do they do that?
2. How do people keep warm?
3. Is the climate changing? Are winters getting warmer?
4. Is it really cold?
5. Does winter last a long time?
6. What do Russians think about their cold winters?
7. I see. What about snow? How much snow is there in Siberia?
8. What about you? What do you think about winter in Siberia?
9. And what’s life like? Is it very difficult for people?
10. That’s incredible! Why is it so cold?

**Activity 2: Complete these sentences with one or two words. The words you need are in the text.** (Complete estas oraciones con 1 o 2 palabras. Las palabras que necesita están en el texto)

1. Winter lasts for about………………………….in Siberia.
2. Temperatures of minus 70 degrees are not…………………
3. The ground stays cold because…………………………………produces very little heat.
4. In some places in eastern Siberia……………………….are melting the frozen ground.
5. A lot of things…………………….in the very cold conditions.
6. People wear……………..to keep warm in Siberia.

**Activity 3**: **Answer about the text.**

1. Why do you think that Siberia is called “The big chill”?
2. How long does winter last?
3. What’s the normal temperature?
4. Why is it so cold?
5. Is the climate changing? Are winters getting warmer?
6. How do people keep warm?
7. What about children and schools?
8. What do Russians think about their cold winters?

**Activity 4**: **Put the words in order to make questions. Answer them**. (Ordene las palabras para formular preguntas. Contéstelas)

1. sad – you – days – do – on – feel – cloudy - ?
2. wearing – your – teacher – what’s – today - ?
3. English – are – fun – learning – you – for - ?
4. time – your – how – spend – free – you – do - ?
5. friends – doing – what – now – are – your - ?

**Activity 5: Extra Practice (act 1), page 127. Put the words in order to make sentences (affirmative or negative) or questions.** (Extra Practice – act. 1), página 127. Ordenar las palabras para armar oraciones positivas, negativas o preguntas)

**Activity 6: Extra Practice (act 2), page 127. Choose the correct form. (**Elija la forma correcta)

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**Do it on your own.**

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