

A FAMOUS CIRCUS

THE CIRCUS, CIRQUES DU SOLEY BEGAN IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

IT WAS STARTED (25) **BY** THE CANADIAN GUY 'LALIBERTE' IN 1984.

WHEN HE LEFT COLLEGE, LALIBERTE TRAVELLED AROUND EUROPE AND EARNED MONEY **BY** (26) **PLAYING** MUSIC IN THE STREETS.

NOT LONG AFTER HE RETURNED HOME, HE STARTED CIRQUE WITH (27) **HIS** FRIEND, DANIEL GAUTHIER, DURING THE 1990s, CIRQUE GREW QUICKLY.

IT NOW DOES SHOWS (28) **ALL** OVER THE WORLD AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WORKING FOR IT HAS GROWN FROM 73 TO (29) **MORE** THAN 3500.

THE CIRQUE DOES NOT HAVE ANY ANIMALS, BUT (30) **THERE** IS MUSIC AND DANCE AND EACH SHOW TELLS A STORY.

(31) **ONE** SHOW, WHICH IS CALLED VARIAN, IS ABOUT A MAN WHO COULD FLY.

THE SHOW STARTS WITH HIM FALLING FROM THE SKY AND TELLS THE STORY OF HOW HE (32) **HAS** TO LEARN FLY AGAIN.

RESPUESTAS

LECTURA 4.

B, C, B, B, A, C, A, C.

INVENTIONS

SOME INVENTIONS ARE (33) **SO** **UBIQUETOUS** THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THEY STARTED AS AN IDEA SCRIBBLED ON PAPER AND THEN A PATENT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO SAY, THE US PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO).

ALUMINUM FOIL, ADHESIVE BANDAGES, THE BALFOUR PEN, THE COMPUTER MOUSE, THE MICROWAVE OVEN THESE ARE JUST A (34) **EXAMPLES** OF GREAT IDEAS THAT BECAME INDISPENSABLE PRODUCTS WE NOW TAKE (35) **TO** GRANTED.

(36) **BESIDES**, OF THE 520 277 APPLICATIONS THAT INVENTORS FILED WITH USPTO IN 2010, CHANCES ARE THAT NOT EVEN HALF WILL BE GRANTED PATENTS, AND FAR FEWER WILL BECOME COMMERCIAL SUCCESSSES. FOR EVERY NEW GADGET THAT (37) **BECOME** A HOUSEHOLD NAME AND CHANGES (38) **OUR** LIVES, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS THAT LANGUISH IN PATENT OFFICE FILES, UNAPPRECIATED EXCEPT PERHAPS AS CURIOSITIES. SOME OF (39) **THEM** ARE INDGENIOUS, BUT PLAGUED WITH SMALL BUT FATAL FLAWS. (40) **OTHERS** ARE TO EVER GAIN WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE. A FEW ARE SIMPLY AHEAD OF THEIR TIME.

RESPUESTAS

LECTURA 5.

A, B, A, B, B, C, A, A.

SELLING HUMAN EGGS

A Twenty five year old English woman has advertised (41) **her** own eggs for sale (42) **on** the Internet to pay off her credit card debt.

She (43) **says** that she has three jobs a day job and two part time jobs in pubs (44) **at** the evening but thinks selling her eggs would be a better way to (45) **sort** out her money problems.

Last year, the law changed and children (46) **born** from donated eggs can be told (47) **who** their biological mother is. Since then, fewer women have been donating eggs.

Critics (48) **say** that it is dangerous to donate eggs and also say that people should do it for free and not for money.

Despite the critics, it is likely that paying for eggs will become more common in the future.

RESPUESTAS

LECTURA 6

B, C, B, A, C, A, C, B.