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	Exercise N°	Professor's Name	Mark
Part I	1. Reading/20
	2. Paraphrasing./24
	3. Cloze/16
	Total Part I (Min. 31)	
Part II	4. Letters 1 & 2/40
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**CARRERA DE TRADUCTOR PÚBLICO
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2012**

NOMBRE y APELLIDO:

N° de ORDEN:..... **PAPER 1**

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2. USE OF ENGLISH: PARAPHRASING

**Use the words given and rewrite these sentences by adding 3 or more words.
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- a. Our tussle over e-reader versus “dead wood” isn’t the only device-based disagreement wedging itself between otherwise harmonious relationships

Not only.....
.....

- b. Technology once drew couples closer

What technology

- c. Were they to lose their cellphone they would try to live without one.

If

- d. I hate both her iPads and her Kindle Fire.

I wish

3. USE OF ENGLISH: CLOZE EXERCISE
Fill in the blanks with ONLY ONE WORD

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PART II (Minimum Passing Mark 21)

4. LETTER WRITING (300 in all)

- Be tidy and orderly throughout
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Technological incompatibility can be infuriating. Because while couples love each other, they also adore their gadgets. Studies have demonstrated that people develop something akin to love for their cellphones. One study found that young Australians believed their cellphones were part of them. In another study, only 1% of American college students said that were they to lose their cellphone they would try to live without one. The introduction of Siri -a voice activation system-will probably only exacerbate the already documented tendency to anthropomorphize our clever little electronic companions.

According to a 2011 Internet survey, iPad ownership skews male (11% of American men online have one compared with 5% of American women online). Men are also somewhat more likely to own a smartphone, 42% to 37%. When it comes to brands, however, while some research indicates that men tend to buy Androids and women, iPhones, other data show smartphone varieties equally popular among men and women.

This overall demographic harmony doesn't make an individual case of techno-disjunction sting any less. Bill felt betrayed when his wife switched to the iPhone. "We got our first Droids together," he said. Bill tried to persuade her, to "upgrade" but said: "That's where we start getting into a battle."

1. READING COMPREHENSION

In your own words, answer the following questions about the passage above.

- a. What feeling do people develop towards their cellphone? What about you? What does the author mean by "anthropomorphize our clever little electronic companions"?
- b. What is the main point the writer is trying to make? Consider the title in your answer.

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