

ACCESO MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS-UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE-AÑO 2011-INGLÉS RESUELTO

## OPCIÓN A

1. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text answer these questions. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Why do some people dislike modern architecture? BECAUSE THEY LIKE THINGS FROM THE PAST, THEY JUDGE BASED ON THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE PAST.

b) What happens when a building is a failure? IT AFFECTS A LOT OF PEOPLE, NOT ONLY THE ARCHITECT BUT ALSO THE AREA AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE.

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Write down the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Few creative artists don't succeed in achieving their object. FALSE "It is, of course, true that many creative artists do not succeed in achieving their object and instead produce works that can only be described as failures"

b) Some people think that all modern painting is awful. TRUE "they think that all modern painting is ugly"

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words or phrases. (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto).

a) Genuine (paragraph 2). ORIGINAL

b) Occur (paragraph 3). HAPPEN

4. Follow the instructions for each part of this question. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Rewrite the sentence in the passive.

Modern Brazilian architecture attracted attention at the beginning of the twentieth century.

ATTENTION WAS ATTRACTED BY MODERN BRAZILIAN ARCHITECTURE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

b) Rewrite the sentence in reported speech. He said: "these architects have designed an ugly building".

HE SAID THAT THOSE ARCHITECTS HAD DESIGNED AN UGLY BUILDING

c) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

We should resist the temptation (judge) ---NOT JUDGING----- every modern building by the standards of the Athenian architects, even though we may (admire) ---ADMIRE----- the perfection of the Parthenon.

d) Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition

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British architects were given the opportunity ---OF----- rebuilding the centres of several cities -  
---DURING----- the war.

5. Write about 80 to 100 words on the following topic. (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos).

Do you like everything that is modern or do you prefer conservative things? Why? Explain your answer.

It is very difficult to choose between classical or conservative things and modern things. It depends on a lot of factors.

On the one hand, conservative and modern art are both very interesting and both worth respect and admiration. The same thing happens with literature or other artistic aspects.

On the other hand, conservative thoughts are now old fashioned, like homophobia or chauvinism, I like modern world because it is open and less narrow-minded than other times.

In general, both, classical and modern objects are interesting and useful but it is true the fact that there are some gadgets that have beaten the old ones, like mp3 with discman or Walkman.

## OPCIÓN B

1. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text answer these questions. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Explain the two kinds of education found in Britain. ON THE ONE HAND, THERE ARE ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY UNIVERSITIES AND ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE VOLUNTARY ASOCIATIONS THAT ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES.

b) What are the differences between them? THE UNIVERSITY PROMOTES ACTIVITIES OF SINGLE SUBJECTS LIKE LITERATURE OR PHILOSOPHY AND THEY ARE FOR AN ELITE, OTHER ASOCIATIONS PROMOTE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE SEMI-RECREATIVE LIKE THEATRE OR PAINTING.

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE. Write down the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Learning for pleasure interests just a few adults in England. FALSE "Learning for pleasure and getting to know more about the things in which they are more interested – these are the reasons why many adults in Great Britain attend classes and study-groups in their spare time"

b) The Workers' Educational Association was directed towards the masses. FALSE "At the beginning of the twentieth century, the Workers' Educational Association was formed. It appeals deliberately to the intellectual elite among the working class population"

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words. (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto).

a) To take a hand (paragraph 2). TO TAKE PART

b) Roughly (paragraph 2). APPROXIMATELY

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4. Follow the instructions for each part of this question. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos).

a) Rewrite the sentence in the passive. A genuine love of knowledge inspires curiosity.

Curiosity is inspired by a genuine love of knowledge

b) Rewrite the sentence in reported speech.

Some people said: "Things are not what they were in our young days".

Some people said that things were not what they had been in their young days.

c) Fill in the blanks with a preposition.

All forms --of----- manual works arouse the curiosity of children, whose thirst ----of---- knowledge puts the most intelligent adults to shame.

d) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Of the men who (interview) ---were interviewed-----last year, nearly all (approve) --approved----- of their wives working.

5. Write about 80 to 100 words on the following topic. (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos).

In your opinion, which is more valuable to a modern state: to train intellectuals, or to give a general culture to everybody? Explain your answer.

In a modern world everybody should have a general culture, for many reasons, because it is important to have a cultured population, people who can think and be critical with the news, with the government...people who are capable to think by themselves.

Besides, it is important to train intellectuals to develop the country and the society to go ahead with the advances that we have made.

So in my opinion, everybody should have a general culture, and then, after that, some people should be trained intellectuals. IN fact, in a lot of countries people study general culture and then, if they want and they have aptitudes, they go to university to become professional and intellectual.