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OPTION A

COSTA RICAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNICATES THROUGH ART

- 1 When Costa Rican Xinia Smith-Camacho moved to the USA in 2009, at the age of 17, she couldn't speak any English. Her first assignment in the art class in high school was to complete a special project it should take several weeks to be finished, but Xinia did not understand when the project was supposed to be complete. She went home and spent all night finishing it. The next day, she gave it to her art teacher completed. It was a piece of artwork entitled "Donkey", which depicts a donkey eating grass next to some birds. Its head is low and its back is heavy with a saddle. It represents her struggle with the English language and how much she had to overcome. It was her first expression in another language. Art helped her express herself in a predominantly English-speaking culture. She eventually mastered English, but she said that if she had to choose a language to express herself to the fullest, it would be art.
- 10 Her more recent piece is a depiction of her family dynamics. Three cheetahs are resting in a prairie. She said they depict her, her twin sister and her brother, and overwatching them, there is a depiction of her mother. It shows what her family means to her, but especially what her mother means to her family. Xinia's mother is a big influence on her current work, "An owl". "She's always bringing me stuff to use for my art as I'm working on it," she said.

QUESTIONS

- [1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Why did Xinia Smith-Camacho spend all night finishing her first art project?

- [2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST 2 WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

2.1. Xinia's first project was meant to last a few weeks.

2.2. Xinia completed her first assignment in one night.

2.3. Xinia's teacher is a major influence on her work.

- [3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) Xinia's sister, present in all her work, is her greatest influence.
b) "Donkey" depicts her difficulty in communicating in English.
c) The three cheetahs in her latest work represent her mother, her sister and her brother.

- [4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a seat for a rider on the back of a horse
b) an attempt to get something that is difficult and takes a lot of effort

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) called
d) representation
e) grassland

- [5] COMPLETE TASKS **a** AND **b** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Put into the passive: "Her family has greatly influenced her work"

5.2. Join these sentences using a relative pronoun. "A donkey is eating grass next to some birds. Its head is low."

- [6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

What are the main problems that immigrants have to face when they arrive in a different country?