



INGLÉS
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OPCIÓN A

Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) George Orwell used to visit his favourite pub every day.
- b) Pub closures have been most significant since the beginning of the 21st century.

Solución:

- a) FALSE. Here is the evidence: "It was the perfect pub, but it didn't exist since the ideal boozier lived only in Orwell's imagination".
- b) TRUE. Here is the evidence: "However, in the past decade numbers have dropped like a stone".

Ejercicio 2. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) There are several reasons for pub closures. Mention four.
- b) Why is the decline of pubs affecting British people's feelings?

Solución:

- a) Some of the reasons are, for example, the anti-smoking laws, low salaries, alcohol taxes or shop prices.
- b) Because they feel pubs like comfortable places similar to their homes. They feel pubs as a sign of national identity.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) spectacular (paragraph 2)
- b) succeed (paragraph 3)
- c) actually (paragraph 3)
- d) establish (paragraph 4)

Solución:

- a) spectacular — dramatic
- b) succeed — thrive
- c) actually — In fact
- d) establish — set up

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in the brackets when given.



- a) People should _____ (encourage) to visit pubs by the government so as _____ close the gap between the price of supermarket and pub booze.
- b) _____ smoking is no longer permitted, some people still _____ (enjoy) socialising in pubs.
- c) You always come _____ friendly people in local pubs. That's _____ we should try to frequent them.
- d) I remember _____ (go) to the pub with my father when I was a child. However, now you are not allowed _____ you are over 18.

Solución:

- a) People should be encouraged to visit pubs by the government so as to close the gap between the price of supermarket and pub booze.
- b) Although smoking is no longer permitted, some people still enjoy socialising in pubs.
- c) You always come across friendly people in local pubs. That's why we should try to frequent them.
- d) I remember going to the pub with my father when I was a child. However, now you are not allowed unless you are over 18.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.
Is it important to save traditions? Give your opinion.

Solución:

Nowadays traditions are usually topic of discussion. Even if they are defended by a numerous part of the community, most time they are found out-dated or obsolete by young people.

By the one hand, traditions help to keep alive the culture of ancient societies. Continuing with old costumes is sometimes a good way to carry popular knowledge from one generation to another. They are even a symbol of cultural identity, some of them turned into cultural heritage.

By the other hand, some of these traditions are considered out-dated or inappropriate these days. Old costumes might be thought to be against modern ways of thinking as they were set up a long time ago. Maybe it could be helpful to lightly modify traditions in order to adapt them to current times. Anyway, we need to find the balance between today thinking and old ways.

In conclusion, traditions might be both cultural goods and obsolete costumes to be reformulated.