



INGLÉS
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OPCIÓN A

Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

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

- a) In the past studying at university opened the door to suitable job opportunities.
- b) There exists a possibility for male university graduates to earn a lower salary than men who never studied at university.

Solución:

- a) True. "It used to be that a university degree was a fast track to a good career." (L. 1)
- b) True. "Men studying English or philosophy may also earn less than the average man who left school at the age of 16." (L. 9-10)

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) Why do women find it economically more convenient to go to university than men – even when women choose a lower-paying career?
- b) Is it still useful to study at university according to the text? Why/Why not?

Solución:

- a) Women without a university degree earn much lower wages than men in the same situation, so having one will almost always mean earning slightly more.
- b) Yes, it is still useful according to the text because a careful and informed choice of degree can largely increase their potential salaries.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) try hard (paragraph 1) – struggle



- b) a little (paragraph 2) – slightly
- c) determine (paragraph 3) – conclude
- d) inspirational (paragraph 4) – motivating

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) If I had known this university degree was going to be so difficult, I would not have chosen it. But it's too late to make any changes now that I'm in 2nd year.
- b) The London School of Economics, which usually scores highly in university rankings, was reported last year as the one with the highest employment rate in the UK.
- c) She hasn't succeeded in getting the results she wanted. Therefore, she intends to sit the exam next year again.
- d) I'm so tired of school life: I've been looking forward to starting university since I was in 3rd year of secondary education.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

"Passion vs. Money." Which reasons will determine your university degree choice?

Solución:

My choice of higher education is driven by my passion for languages and their literatures. I have been a reader since childhood, reading illustrated books first (including a children's adaptation of *Don Quixote*), then fantasy sagas such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Lord of the Rings* and, of course, *Harry Potter*. This habit has been a constant in my life and I want to make it the centre of my professional career.

However, I have kept money in mind in my decision making. My aim is to study literature, teaching and communication and then apply my knowledge and experience in the publishing and education industries. These are adapting to the current times by shifting towards online tools, and I want to enter this medium and make a place for myself. To this end, I plan to make an early start by pursuing a work placement for my second year.

Passion can go a long way, but nowadays, one needs to put their money where their heart is.



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Ejercicio 1. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

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

- a) During World War II English women had to substitute male workers.
- b) An article said that the contribution of women in the construction of the bridge was not mentioned on purpose.

Solución:

- a) True. "As World War II overtook Europe and men went off to battle, the women of England entered the wartime workforce." (L. 2-3)
- b) False. "The displacement of women's role in the history of the Waterloo Bridge, says a 2006 article, wasn't out of malice, or discrimination." (L. 19-20)

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) Why did Rosie the Riveter become a symbol in the USA?
- b) What happened at the official opening of the bridge?

Solución:

- a) Rosie the Riveter became symbolic of female labour in the USA following a campaign meant to recruit women workers for the country's defence industry.
- b) At its opening, English politician Herbert Morrison gave thanks to the men involved, but failed to do the same for the women workers.

Ejercicio 3. (Calificación máxima: 1 puntos)

Find the words in the text that mean:

Solución:

- a) called (paragraph 1) – nicknamed
- b) possibly (paragraph 2) – perhaps



- c) lucky (paragraph 2) – fortunate
- d) supervised (paragraph 3) – oversaw

Ejercicio 4. (Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

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

Solución:

- a) Waterloo Bridge is known as the Ladies Bridge for the key role women played in its construction.
- b) More women were employed in industrial sectors during the early forties as the segregation between men and women diminished.
- c) The government has decided to go forward with the plans for building a new airport 50 kilometres away from the city.
- d) They had worked hard all morning, so at midday they stopped to have a coffee and a sandwich.

Ejercicio 5. (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)

Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

Do you think the roles of men and women in society have changed over the last fifty years? Justify your answer.

Solución:

What society expects of men and women has necessarily changed for the better over the last fifty years. For instance, today a number of countries observe the right of both parents in any marriage to take time off work leading up to and following their child's birth. In addition, many more men and women work in careers traditionally monopolised by the other, both in sciences and humanities. Most importantly, nowadays, a number of women hold positions of power that used to be universally reserved for men. Older generations have also accepted these shifts either because they wish for the happiness of their children and grandchildren or by force of their success.

Some things remain the same though. The gender wage gap is as persistent as ever, and there are still events like gender reveal parties and outdated traditions that set kids up to fulfil gender-based roles. Hopefully, in another fifty years, life will have changed some more.