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### Option A

#### LIVESTRONG BRACELET: TO WEAR OR NOT TO WEAR?

- 1 Lou Hablas has supported Livestrong for years and worn the iconic yellow bracelet in honor of those people who have lost loved ones to cancer. He also has volunteered for the cancer charity as a photographer to raise money for Livestrong's programs.
- 5 Hablas says he'll continue to wear the bracelet despite news that embattled cyclist Lance Armstrong is stepping down as chairman of the charity he founded 15 years ago. But the poster of Armstrong leading his Discovery teammates in 2005 is coming down from his office wall amid news that the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency found "overwhelming" evidence of Armstrong's involvement in doping as a professional cyclist.
- 11 Like many who admired the cyclist and cancer research advocate, Hablas is attempting to reconcile images of Armstrong as a fallen hero and a cancer survivor who used his stardom to dramatically change the stigma attached to the disease.
- 15 Others, like Paul Smeulders, who saw Armstrong as a symbol of hope and solidarity were completely devastated by his fall, with some cynically wondering if Livestrong was a front to deflect attention from doping allegations. "It appeared he started using Livestrong as a brand to elevate himself and as a shield to cover or dodge criticism of his unsportsmanlike behavior", Smeulders said.

#### QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why wouldn't some people wear the bracelet any longer?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. Hablas wears the yellow bracelet as a tribute to people who died of cancer.

B2. News reported there are no proofs of Armstrong's doping.

B3. Smeulders thinks Armstrong is now a symbol of hope.

C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 point as a whole).

Some people believe:

- a) Armstrong has volunteered for the cancer charity as a photographer.
- b) Armstrong used Livestrong to hide his doping.
- c) Armstrong's involvement in doping started 15 years ago.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Those who saw Armstrong as a symbol of hope felt devastated.

b) Transform into the passive voice: "The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency found "overwhelming" evidence of Armstrong's involvement in doping as a professional cyclist."

c) Complete: Smeulders would wear the bracelet if ...

d) Transform the following sentence into reported speech: 'He'll continue to wear the bracelet despite news that Armstrong is stepping down as chairman of the charity organization.' Start with Hablas said ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

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

- a) commanding others
- b) somebody who overcomes a traumatic experience

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

- c) participation
- d) fame
- e) protection

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS  
(4 POINTS).

Is Armstrong a hero or just a fallen hero? Justify your answer.



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Option B

THE FOREIGN-BORN ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN  
BRITAIN THAN IN MOST PLACES

- 1 Polls repeatedly show that Britons are unhappier about immigration than most people, especially after a decade of record inflows. Britain's foreign-born population includes a higher proportion of people with tertiary education than in almost any other OECD country. Incomers are much more likely to be highly educated than native Brits.
- 5 This is thanks in part to the small number of Americans and others who flocked to the City before the financial crisis. It also reflects a flood of well-qualified east Europeans from 2004 and a growing number of clever Asians and so forth who come to study and stay to work.

Predictably, they have found jobs –many of them good ones. The proportion of  
10 employed foreign-born men in Britain was above the OECD average in 2009-10. Though around a fifth of people in migrant households figure in the poorest tenth of the population, 8.5% are in the richest tenth, well above the norm. The picture is more mixed for their children. Most do well in school, often beating the offspring of native English-speakers. More children of foreign-born parents complete tertiary education.

- 15 Overall, though, Britain's immigrants are a success story, especially compared with other European countries. One reason is that many have come to work or study, fewer to join family or escape persecution. They are motivated to stand on their own feet and  
18 usually have, or quickly gain, the skills to do so.

QUESTIONS

- [1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why are Britons unhappier about immigration than most people?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. Britain's foreign-born population include a high percentage of University graduates.

B2. Children of foreign-born parents do not take tertiary education.

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B3. Compared with other European countries, Britain's immigrants are a failure story.

C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points as a whole).

The employed foreign-born men in Britain are ...

- a) asylum seekers.
- b) highly educated people.
- c) third world migrants.

- [2] COMPLETE TASKS **a, b, c, d** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Britons are unhappier about immigration.
- b) Transform into reported speech: 'Incomers are much more likely to be highly educated than native Brits.' **Begin with:** The poll said that ...
- c) Transform into the passive: The government squeezes the migration routes.
- d) Complete: Britons would not be uncomfortable with immigrants if ...

- [3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
  - a) a period of ten consecutive years
  - b) the descendant of a person
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
  - c) surveys
  - d) increasing
  - e) oppression

- [4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS  
(4 POINTS).

Imagine you have to emigrate, which country would you go to?

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**OPTION A**

**A GAP YEAR**

- 1 A gap year is a period of time when students take a break from formal education to travel, volunteer, study, intern, or work. A gap year experience can last for several weeks up to a year or more. Typically a gap year is taken between high school graduation and starting college, during college, or between college and starting graduate school or a career.
- 6 The gap year is becoming increasingly popular with US students. One reason is that parents are more open to the idea nowadays. Studies conclusively show that students who take a year out before college are more focused and motivated when they arrive on campus than those who don't take this detour. Harvard's admissions department is so convinced of the benefits of a gap year that they offer the option to every admitted freshman in their acceptance letter.
- 12 Taking time out between high school and college used to evoke fear that the student would not follow through with college. Today, the college admissions offices at universities are getting more requests from students who have previously enjoyed a gap year. This trend is great news for both colleges, students and parents. Given the fact that the dropout rate amongst US college freshman is nearly 30 percent, the gap year option is fast becoming a viable alternative for many students.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C**  
**(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**  
 What do people do during a gap year?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1 point as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

B1. A gap year is always a period of 12 months.

B2. Students take a gap year before high school graduation.

**C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct (1 point as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

C1. Students who take a gap year ...

- a) follow an American invention.
- b) study at Harvard, as this is the leading university in offering gap year enrolment.
- c) are described by some researchers as “more focused and motivated”.

C.2. Parents ...

- a) are always willing to send their kids abroad.
- b) feel different about the concept of a gap year now.
- c) are always reluctant to send their kids abroad.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN**  
**(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** Harvard's admission office is happy to offer the benefits of a gap year to freshmen because they feel it is beneficial for the students.
- b) **Transform into the passive voice:** The college admissions offices at universities are getting more requests from students who have previously enjoyed a gap year.
- c) **Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** A gap year is a break from formal education. A gap year can last different timespans.
- d) **Complete:** *The dropout rate amongst US freshmen wouldn't be so high if ...*

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

- **Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**
  - a) first year student
  - b) cause reaction or feeling
- **Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:**
  - c) concentrated
  - d) advantages
  - e) tendency

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

What would you do if you were to take a gap year?



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**OPTION B**

**WHAT IS LAUGHTER THERAPY?**

- 1 Ramsey Campbell once spoke to the BBC about people's fear of clowns, which he believes is due to a clown's unchanging mask of forced comicality. Yet advocates of laughter therapy believe that laughing is what helps us rid ourselves of our own masks of fear and pain. From workplaces to therapists' offices to hospitals, laughter coaches aim to get people laughing in an effort to get them to be their best selves. By laughing, the theory goes, you're able to keep your cool in a stressful work situation, make peace with the hurt and pain in your past or deal with the stress of a serious illness. That doesn't mean miserable days are completely gone. Laughter therapy can't take the place of conventional therapies entirely, but there is increasing evidence that a few hearty laughs can help you along the road to recovery. Laughter is believed to be beneficial to patients because it reduces anxiety and stress, renders pain manageable and bolsters the immune system. Yet humor is highly subjective -what gives one person the giggles might just as easily put another to sleep. Part of laughter therapy is figuring out exactly what stimulates your funny bone, so that getting some healing laughs can be just as easy as popping in a DVD.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

Why does the author relate clowns to laughter?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

B1. Laughing can make you benefit from your best nature.

B2. Although laughter therapy does not replace other standard aids, it does improve recovery.

B3. Laughter therapy is utterly about determining people's subjective sense of humor.

**C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 points).**

If you get sick you can take advantage of laughing since...

- a) it will make other conventional therapies unnecessary.
- b) it will boost your unmasked pain.
- c) it can make you less worried.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

**a) Complete:** If waves of laughter had been sweeping the land, waves of violence...

**b) Rewrite into the passive voice:** You may ease the conflict by saying something light and unexpected.

**c) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** In our frenzy to succeed and to have it all, we have shortened everything.

**d) Transform into reported speech:** 'Weren't the first human beings born serious?' **Begin with:** All along yesterday's talk the lecturer kept asking herself...

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

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

a) established by accepted usage or general agreement

b) able to be dealt or controlled easily

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

c) proof

d) vigorous

e) curative

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

Why do we need to laugh more nowadays and how can it help us enjoy a happier life?



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OPTION A

ITALIANO? “NEIN”: A PART OF ITALY WANTS OUT

1 In Italy's Alps, at the border with Austria, there's a land where people speak in  
German and dream of independence. Once part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, it was  
annexed by Italy at the end of World War I. But even today, not a single drop of Italian  
blood runs through the veins of its more than 500,000 inhabitants. They feel and simply  
5 are still Austro-German. If a Napolitan or Roman, but even a Florentine, pops up asking  
for directions, they'll look at him in a funny way trying to grasp what he's saying and  
might reluctantly reply in Italian with a pronounced German accent.

In honor of bilingualism, all roads, locations, villages and peaks bear both German  
and Italian names. Citizens' ID cards are different from the rest of Italy's -they are green  
10 and written in both languages. Children go to separate schools according to their mother  
tongue, and there's even a third linguistic group: Ladin, an alpine version of Vulgar  
Latin.

Real Italians here are in a minority. Those coming from other parts of the boot will  
14 feel like fish out of water, while foreigners might think they've inadvertently stepped  
across the border into Austria.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why do people in a certain Italian region speak in German?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text  
supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. There are no Italians whose mother tongue is German.

B2. In Italy's Alps citizens' ID cards are written exclusively in German.

B3. In Italy's Alps people coming from other parts of Italy always feel at home.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points as a whole).

In Italy's Alps locations have ...

- a) German and Italian names.
- b) Italian names.
- c) Ladin names.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**  
90 percent of taxes raised in Alto Adige remains within the territory.
- b) **Transform into reported speech:** Several mountain huts have had their  
original German names restored. **Begin with:** *They stated that ...*
- c) **Transform into the active voice:** It was annexed by Italy at the end of World  
War I.
- d) **Complete:** If I lived in the north of Italy I ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
  - a) group of countries or states under a single ruler
  - b) a very small quantity of liquid
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
  - c) understand
  - d) type
  - e) unintentionally

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in a bilingual region.

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**OPTION B**

**WHY ARE SMART APPLIANCES SO STUPID?**

- 1 Every year at the Consumer Electronics Show, the world's gadget makers unveil a slate of refrigerators, ovens, and washer-dryers that they insist have been infused with superior intelligence. And every year, everyone mocks. That's because smart appliances' "abilities" are usually pretty stupid and never worth the price. This year Samsung showed off a \$4,000 fridge called the T9000. It's got an LCD touch screen and a wireless connection to the Internet. That's the *sine qua non* of intelligence according to gadget makers—slap a touch screen and Wi-Fi on a fridge and voilà, you've got yourself an icebox with an IQ to rival Einstein's! Why do you need a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge? Is it better for your cucumbers? That's where the whole argument breaks down. The T9000 will show you a clock, news headlines, and let you use apps like Evernote right on the door. Apparently you can add an item to your grocery list by tapping it into the fridge then have it available to you on your phone later on. Why wouldn't you just type it into your phone in the first place? Or on one of the four iPads you've likely got lying around, considering that you're rich enough to drop \$4,000 on a fridge?

**QUESTIONS**

- [1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

What are, apparently, the advantages of having a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge?

- B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).**

- B1. New refrigerators have been infused with superior intelligence.  
B2. The T9000 is almost \$ 4,000.  
B3. Cucumbers keep better in smart refrigerators.  
B4. If you have a T9000 you probably can afford four iPads.

- [2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

**a) Put into the passive:** You can add an item to your grocery list.

**b) Complete:**

If I were rich enough to drop \$ 4,000 on a fridge...

**c) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**

He just wants a fridge that keeps food cooled and makes good ice.

**d) Fill in with the correct verb forms:**

Nowadays some critics ..... (argue) that the self-evident stupidity of these smart gadgets ..... (show) that the entire pursuit of intelligence in our appliances is misguided.

- [3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

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

- a) a person who purchases goods and services for personal use  
b) the amount of money expected, required, or given in payment for something

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

- c) reveal  
d) ridicules  
e) employ

- [4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).**

How would your life be without smart devices around?



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OPTION A

THE SECRET LIFE OF PASSWORDS

1 We despise them –yet we imbue them with our hopes and dreams, our  
dearest memories, our deepest meanings. They unlock much more than our  
accounts. In our authorship of passwords, in the fact that we construct  
them so that we (and only we) will remember them, they take on secret  
5 lives.

Often they have rich back stories. A motivational mantra, a criticism at  
the boss, a hidden shrine to a lost love, an inside joke with ourselves, a  
defining emotional scar — these keepsake passwords, as some people  
call them, may derive from anything: horoscopes, nicknames, lyrics, book  
10 passages. Sometimes the passwords are playful, but they can also  
memorialize loss or mark painful turning points: a college student, trapped  
for several years in a relationship with a physically abusive boyfriend who  
routinely spied on her email, used for her new password the date of her  
decision to break up with him plus the word ‘freedom’.

15 Douglas R. Hofstadter, professor of cognitive science at Indiana University  
thinks that many passwords are silent celebrations of things we hold dear.  
His primary password, he says, is the same one he has employed since  
1975, when he was a visiting scholar at Stanford.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point).

According to the text, what is our purpose when constructing our passwords?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text  
supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 point each).

- B1. Passwords reveal more than the key to our accounts.  
B2. Keepsake passwords cannot derive from lyrics or book passages.  
B3. The college student mentioned in the text did not change her password after  
breaking up with her boyfriend.  
B4. Professor Hofstadter has been using the same primary password for 40 years.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS A, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).


- a) **Put into the passive:** People often make fun of bosses in passwords.  
b) **Complete:** You should change your password if...  
c) **Transform into reported speech:** I was trapped in a toxic relationship when I  
was very young. **Begin with:** *Sylvia remembered yesterday that...*  
d) **Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** Douglas R.  
Hofstadter is a famous professor. I do not agree with his opinions.

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:  
a) familiar or humorous names given to a person or thing instead of or as well as  
the real names  
b) in a fixed and regular way
- Find a synonym for each of the words below:  
c) build  
d) resolution  
e) mute

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Write about your best or your worst memory.

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**OPTION B**

**BRUSHING OFF A FRENCH STIGMA  
THAT DOGGIE BAGS ARE FOR BEGGARS**

1 Fabrice Moya, a restaurant chef, has no problems with doggie bags. 'We've always been used to letting people take what they haven't finished,' he said on a recent morning in his kitchen, where several of his cooks were chopping carrots and filling buckets with chickpeas for the day's lunch service. But it rarely happens -one doggie bag per week at most, out of 500 customers, he estimated. That is not to say nothing is ever left behind. Though the French remain resistant to taking leftovers home, a small movement is afoot to change attitudes. It has been encouraged by difficult economic times, rising consciousness about food waste, and an environmentally minded 10 younger generation that is more familiar with takeout culture. As part of a wider drive to cut down on food waste, the authorities in Lyon started a campaign last month to promote the use of doggie bags in local restaurants. Still, there is a long way to go to overcome French prejudices about taking home leftovers. Dining out is thus a rare experience, to be enjoyed in situ, not 15 bundled up in plastic foam containers and reheated in the microwave. Indeed, finishing one's plate is something of a French institution.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

Why are French people reluctant to use doggie bags as frequently as in other countries?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

B1. Fabrice Moya is reluctant to the use of doggie bags.

B2. Customers at Fabrice Moya's restaurant always eat up all the food they are served.

B3. Younger people consider food takeout an environmentally friendly habit.

B4. Going out for lunch or dinner is highly appreciated by French people.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- a) **Fill in with the correct tense:** The doggie-bag custom used to be more common in the mid-20th century in France, when people ..... (not hesitate) to ask for leftovers from an unfinished dish; but now they ..... (strike) by snobbery, and they don't ask anymore.
- b) **Rewrite into the passive voice:** Elisabeth Manzon has directed food projects at the government agency for a long time now.
- c) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** We've always been used to letting people take what they haven't finished.
- d) **Transform into reported speech:** "If you cook with passion", Mr. Moya emphasized, "people will eat it." **Begin with:** *Mr Moya emphasized that...*

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

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

- a) interested in or concerned about a particular subject
- b) warmed up again

**- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:**

- c) cutting
- d) clients
- e) awareness

**[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).**

What do you think about the use of doggie bags in restaurants?

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**OPTION A**

**IS MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY SAFE?**

1 When people hear the words molecular gastronomy for the first time they often  
mistakenly view it as unhealthy, synthetic, dehumanizing and unnatural. This is not  
surprising given that molecular gastronomy often relies on fuming flasks of liquid  
nitrogen, led-blinking water baths, syringes, PH meters and shelves of food chemicals  
5 with strange names. My wife's first reaction when I surprised her with a liquid pea  
spherical raviolo was to say "Can I eat this? Is this safe?" The truth is that the chemicals  
used in molecular gastronomy are all of biological origin. Even though they have been  
purified or processed, the raw material origin is usually marine, plant, animal or  
microbial. These additives have been approved by EU standards and are used in very  
10 small amounts. The science lab instruments used just help modern gastronomy cooks to  
do simple things like cooling food at extremely low temperatures fast (liquid nitrogen)  
or extract flavour from food (evaporator). There is still some debate out there about the  
healthiness of molecular gastronomy but I personally believe there are far bigger health  
issues in the everyday food we consume. In the end, you are not going to be eating  
15 liquid pea spheres every day anyway.

**QUESTIONS**

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

How does the author justify that the discussion about molecular gastronomy healthiness is trivial?

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

- 2.1.** The EU has approved standards to allow large quantities of chemical substances in molecular gastronomy.
- 2.2.** Molecular gastronomy is initially perceived as an ecological approach to cooking.
- 2.3.** Some chemicals found in molecular gastronomy recipes are biological.

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

Understandably, molecular gastronomy is usually taken as unnatural as...

- a)** it normally encourages a denial of traditional cooking.
- b)** it has imposed all kinds of futuristic techniques upon gastronomy.
- c)** it commonly uses means and materials more typically found in labs.

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

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

- a)** those working at a kitchen preparing food
- b)** something with the quality of being uncooked

**- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:**

- c)** tools
- d)** remarkable
- e)** taste

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

**5.1. Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**

Experiments have resulted in innovative dishes like hot gelatines and faux caviar.

**5.2. Transform into the passive:** The chef asked his assistants to use alginates to create gelled spheres.

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

What do you think of modern cooking and its current coverage in the media?



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**OPTION B**

**WOMEN IN CHINA SAYING “NO” TO MARRIAGE**

1 The number of marriages is going down each year in China. Since China’s population kept growing 35 years ago, the government started a “one child” policy which ended in January 2016 with a surplus of men and with fewer people between the ages of 20 to 29, the prime age to marry. In 5 spite of this, it may just be a trend, but women are delaying marriage. They want education and jobs to be independent. Now there are more graduate women who want to advance their careers and make money.

This not only changes the drive to buy more consumer goods, like clothing or jewellery, but also fewer marriages mean fewer households; so, 10 the purchase of houses, cars, furniture and domestic appliances go down. Not to mention the fact that engagement rings are not getting sold. Chinese companies are trying to find ways to get people to spend money.

On top of that, these changes affect Chinese traditional ways of life in that parents are worrying about their young single children, while children 15 are afraid that they may not be able to take care of their parents. Consequently, Chinese women will be older when they marry and they have to face the fact that they will have young children while, at the same time, their parents may need their aid.

**QUESTIONS**

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

Why are some women in China delaying marriage?

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

- 2.1. China’s “one child” policy has resulted in a surplus of people between the ages of 20 to 29 who don’t want to get married.
- 2.2. Many families will probably struggle to meet both the needs of children as well as the needs of older parents.
- 2.3. Fewer marriages imply a fall in the purchase of household requirements.

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

Delaying marriage ...

- a) has put an end to the “one child” policy.
- b) is not trendy among graduate women.
- c) is affecting Chinese economy.

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

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

- a) an amount, quantity, etc., greater than needed
- b) the way or direction things tend to go

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

- c) help
- d) motivation
- e) fundamental

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

5.1. **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**

Women want education and jobs to be independent.

5.2 **Complete:** Unless women stop delaying marriage...

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

Would you wait to marry until you have a well-paid job?



Option A

PIRATES FACE A NEW FOE: A PRIVATE NAVY

1 Times are tough and getting worse for Somali pirates, as their targets take countermeasures. The number of attacks off the Horn of Africa tumbled from 236 in 2011 to no more than 72 in 2012, according to the International Maritime Bureau, a body that monitors crime at sea. Now a private naval effort is adding to their woes. A  
5 company called *Typhon* will use a 10,000 tonne "mother ship" to accompany convoys of merchant vessels. With 60 mostly armed, mostly British ex-soldiers on board, it will deploy speedboats and unmanned drones to watch and intercept hostile boats. Anthony Sharp, *Typhon's* boss, says customers will find that more efficient than putting armed guards on every ship. It will also spare them keeping guns on board. *Typhon* plans  
10 to have three large ships by the year end, with at least one based in the Gulf of Guinea, a hotspot for pirate attacks last year, and ten by 2016. Its backers include Simon Murray, a former foreign legionnaire who is now chairman of Glencore. The new outfit will be a big potential customer for *Typhon*. But Mr Sharp downplays comparisons with Britain's East India Company, which ran a private empire  
15 with its own navy. His is "actually quite a boring business," he claims. Not for the pirates.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Which is the purpose of using a 10,000 tonne "mother ship"?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. The number of attacks off the Horn of Africa has increased.

B2. Putting armed guards on every ship is more efficient.

B3. *Typhon* plans to increase the number of large ships in a three years time.

C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points as a whole).

Somali pirates are the owners of ...

- a) mother ships
- b) merchant vessels
- c) hostile boats

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).


- a) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:  
Its backers include Simon Murray
- b) Transform into reported speech: 'The Gulf of Guinea is a hotspot for pirate attacks.' **Begin with:** They stated that ...
- c) Transform into the passive: *Typhon* will use a 10,000 tonne mother ship.
- d) Complete: A new private naval effort would not be necessary if ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
  - a) an area of potential violence or political unrest
  - b) people who give financial or other support
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
  - c) dropped
  - d) unfriendly
  - e) president

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS  
(4 POINTS).

A film you have ever seen about pirates.

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**Option B**

**HOW FRIENDSHIP MAKES YOU MORE SUCCESSFUL**

- 1 Back in college, my dorm-mate and I invented a ritual we called “Power Wednesdays.” Every week, we headed to the campus fitness center for a workout, and then to the library for four hours. We would stride back to our dorm with a huge feeling of accomplishment. But that uplifting cocktail of virtuousness, productivity and sore muscles — rewarding as it was — wasn’t what kept us repeating Power Wednesdays. Our real motivation was each other’s company.
- 5 I’ve been immersed in the study of friendship for the past several years, and among the many things I’ve learned, one idea stands out: If you truly want to change some aspect of your life, developing friendships with people who aspire to the same goals as you do — like I did with my dorm-mate 15 years ago — can lead to more successful endeavors than embarking on solitary efforts.
- 15 Shortly after we make a decision to change our behavior, we often sense a softening of what at first felt like ironclad conviction. We punish ourselves for our inability to summon motivation and return to the poor habits we’re trying to break to comfort us. What a disheartening cycle. But research shows that having friends with the same goal can interrupt that cycle.

**QUESTIONS**

- [1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

What is important to do when you make a decision to change your behavior?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 each).**

- B1. Going to the fitness center was a rewarding activity.  
B2. The author has been immersed in the study of friendship for 15 years.  
B3. To be able to change our behaviour we have to keep our old habits.

- C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 points as a whole).**

Power Wednesdays is...

- a) a ritual.  
b) an algorithm.  
c) a reward.

- [2] COMPLETE TASKS *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- a) Complete:** If you met your friends at an all-you-can-eat brunch every Sunday ...  
**b) Put into the passive:** We should replace bad behaviors with healthier ones.  
**c) Transform into reported speech:** ‘There’s a lot of research suggesting that it’s best to tackle negative behaviors obliquely.’ **Begin with:** He noted that ...  
**d) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** Back in college, my dorm-mate and I invented a ritual.

- [3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

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

- a) a session of physical exercise  
b) the act of carrying out or achieving

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

- c) went  
d) engaging  
e) investigation

- [4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).**

Why is friendship important, do you feel that you could live without friends?



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OPTION A

NETFLIX'S GAIN IS HBO'S LOSS IN SUBSCRIBER WARS

- 1 According to a new report from the NPD Group, streaming services have seen a 4% rise in subscribers over the past two years.  
People can't get enough Netflix. According to this report, the streaming video service and others like it have been gaining subscribers as premium pay
- 5 networks like HBO and Showtime have been losing them. The NPD Group, a global information company, says over the past two years, the number of households subscribing to premium networks has fallen by 6%. Online streaming subscriptions, however, have risen by 4%, according to their report.  
According to the report, in August 2013, 32% of American households paid
- 10 for premium networks like HBO or Showtime and 27% subscribed to on-demand digital services. While Netflix is the most widely used service, Hulu Plus and Amazon Prime are gaining in popularity. "It's fair to say ... that some of the shift that you're seeing is probably caused by Netflix," Russ Crupnick, a senior vice president of the NPD Group told the Los Angeles
- 15 Times. "Some of this could be caused by the economy. It could be people looking at their cable bills and saying, 'I can't afford this.'"

QUESTIONS

- [1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point).

What is the main idea in the report from the NPD Group?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 each).

- B1. HBO is gaining subscribers.  
B2. Premium networks subscriptions have decreased in the last two years.  
B3. Nowadays Netflix is hardly used.

- C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points as a whole).

Amazon Prime...

- a) has to do with horses.  
b) is becoming popular.  
c) is unknown.

- [2] COMPLETE TASKS **a, b, c, d** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

a) **Complete:** If I had access to Netflix I ...

b) **Put into the passive:** Netflix has offered cheap subscriptions.

c) **Transform into reported speech:** 'Some of this could be caused by the economy.' **Begin with:** It was noted that ...

d) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** The number of households subscribing to premium networks has fallen.

- [3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

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

- a) a business enterprise  
b) favour of the general public

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

- c) increase  
d) honest  
e) charges

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

How do you like to have on-demand offerings to watch movies or TV shows?



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OPTION B

SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT OVER GLOBAL WARMING

- 1 The overwhelming consensus among climate scientists is that human-caused climate change is happening. Yet a fringe minority of our populace clings to an irrational rejection of well-established science. This virulent strain of anti-science infects the halls of Congress, the pages of leading newspapers and what we see on
- 5 TV, leading to the appearance of a debate where none should exist.
- In fact, there is broad agreement among climate scientists not only that climate change is real (a survey and a review of the scientific literature published say about 97 percent agree), but that we must respond to the dangers of a warming planet. If one is looking for real differences among mainstream scientists, they can
- 10 be found on two fronts: the precise implications of those higher temperatures, and which technologies and policies offer the best solution to reducing, on a global scale, the emission of greenhouse gases.
- For example, should we go full-bore on nuclear power? Invest in and deploy renewable energy — wind, solar and geothermal — on a huge scale? Price carbon
- 15 emissions through incentive-based legislation or by imposing a carbon tax? Until the public fully understands the danger of our present trajectory, those debates are likely to continue to fail.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

- A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).  
According to the text, is global climate change man-made?
- B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).
- B1. Although there still are some who deny climate change, their beliefs have failed to enter our democratic institutions.
- B2. Most climatologists share the opinion that the perils brought about by global warming need addressing.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).

- C1. Skepticism on exhaustive scientific findings has led to...
- a) analyze the precise implications of higher temperatures.
  - b) an undesirable debate aimed at discrediting climate change.
  - c) study the best answers to greenhouse problems.
- C2. Arguments about climate change won't come to anything...
- a) as long as carbon is not taxed.
  - b) until we go full-bore on renewable sources of energy.
  - c) unless people wholly realize the risks of our current situation.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer: Some experts are calling for the immediate introduction of a price on carbon emissions.
- b) Transform into reported speech: 'How will history judge us if we fail to communicate the urgency of acting now?' **Begin with:** The chief asked his colleagues...
- c) Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause: It was explained to the collaborators. Their contributions would be necessary for the project.
- d) Put into the passive: Our Security Department has urged citizens to report anything dangerous they witness.

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:
  - a) able to be restored or replaced by natural processes
  - b) operating by or utilizing the energy of the sun
- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:
  - c) refusal
  - d) discussion
  - e) completely

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

What might be the consequences of global warming if the correct policies are not adopted?

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**OPTION A**

**SELFIE**

- 1 Even as little as ten years ago, the idea of pointing a camera at your own face and taking a picture which you later share with a random group of people would have been considered unusual, a bit weird, ostentatious even. These days however, it's not only a perfectly acceptable but also a fashionable thing to do, as the popularity of social media steers us on a course of self-interest epitomized by the selfie.
- 7 A selfie is a picture of yourself that you take using a camera on a mobile phone or other hand-held device, usually composed of no more than head and shoulders. Selfies are often taken with a pose and/or camera angle that attempts to add a little something unique –not just a conventional picture of someone looking straight at the camera.
- 12 The domain of the selfie is almost always digital –they are not printed, framed and put on the mantelpiece, but circulated via mobile phones, tablets, etc. for consumption by fellow partakers of social media. Arguably this is the key to their appeal –we can use them to remind each other of what we actually look like, or to put a face to names where acquaintance is restricted to the online universe.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point).**

What is a selfie?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

- B1. Taking a selfie is a trendy action.  
B2. Selfies may be taken in artificial positions.  
B3. Selfies are printed pictures you send to your friends and family.

**C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points).**

According to the text, selfies are normally distributed...

- a) via mobile phones.
- b) via ordinary mail.
- c) via fax.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

**a) Complete:** If I had a smartphone ...

**b) Rewrite into the passive voice:**

A recent study found that posting photos of oneself correlates with lower levels of intimacy.

**c) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**

Selfies are typically taken either with a camera held at arm's length or in a mirror.

**d) Transform into reported speech:**

I took this picture of myself looking at the mirror, Robert said.

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

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

- a) characterized by pretentious, showy, or vulgar display.
- b) a way of standing or sitting, especially in order to be photographed, painted, or drawn

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

- c) leads
- d) exemplified
- e) attractiveness

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

Do you enjoy taking selfies? Why? When?

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**OPTION B**

**SPEAKING MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE COULD SHARPEN YOUR BRAIN**

1 A recent study found that bilingual speakers may actually process information more efficiently than single-language speakers. Researchers used brain imaging to look at bilingual people's comprehension abilities and they found that they are comparatively better at filtering out unnecessary words than monolinguals, who had to work harder to  
5 complete the same mental tasks.

The researchers studied 17 Spanish-English bilinguals and 18 monolinguals, and had them undergo tests that assessed their brains' ability to eliminate irrelevant words. In one task the participants heard the word *cloud* and were then immediately shown four pictures. One of the photos was of a cloud, and another was a similar-sounding word like  
10 *clown*. The goal was to watch how quickly the brain could make connections to the correct word. Bilinguals were consistently better at the task.

The results create a bit of a chicken-or-the-egg scenario. Is a bilingual person better at such tasks because of their expertise in both languages, or are people with greater comprehension capacity better equipped to master multiple languages? It could be a  
15 mixture of the two. The researchers of this study believe that being bilingual is a constant brain exercise. So instead of tackling a puzzle, why not give a new language a try?

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**  
What was the main result of the study mentioned in the text?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

- B1. The participants of the research were single-language speakers.  
B2. Bilinguals' results were not consistently better at the task.  
B3. The results show a clear cause-effect relationship.

**C. Choose *a, b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct  
(0.5 points as a whole).**

The materials used in one of the tasks included...

- a) videos and words.  
b) words and pictures.  
c) videos and pictures.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**  
Researchers used brain imaging to look at bilingual people's comprehension abilities.  
b) **Transform into reported speech:** Bilingualism has already been shown to result in functional changes to the human brain. **Begin with:** *They argued...*  
c) **Transform into the passive:** Researchers believe that bilinguals are better at most tasks.  
d) **Complete:** If I were a bilingual speaker ...

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

- **Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**  
a) involving comparison  
b) a mass of water or ice particles visible in the sky  
- **Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:**  
c) undertake  
d) evaluated  
e) blend

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

Write about the usefulness of speaking more than one language.



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OPTION A

PETS THAT FIND THEIR WAY HOME

1 A pity you can't ask a dog for the shortest route home when you're lost –or a cat or a seabird or a tortoise. They know a lot more than you think. It is amazing how nonhumans manage to find their way, often over very great distances. Recently a dog walked eleven miles to return home. It was especially praiseworthy because the dog had  
5 been taken to its new location by car and found its way back on foot.

The kind of natural map any animal follows depends largely upon the species. Seabirds are believed to steer mostly by the sun and the stars. Other animals navigate via magnetism –in one study on baby sea turtles, which typically migrate east just after being born, changing the orientation of magnetic generators around a swimming pool  
10 changed the direction in which the new-borns swam too.

Dogs, no surprise, are very good on scent. Cats might rely more on magnetic fields. The overall temperament can play a role in navigation too. A dog that travels a great distance to get home may be trying to return to its owner; a cat travelling the same distance is –sorry, cat owners- very probably trying to return to its territory.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why was so remarkable that a dog walked eleven miles to return home?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

- B1. Seabirds depend on their sight to find their way.
- B2. Baby sea turtles remain in their birth places until they grow up.
- B3. Cats and sea turtles may use similar systems for navigation.
- B4. Cats and dogs may have different purposes when travelling long distances.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Recently a dog walked eleven miles to return home.
- b) Transform into reported speech: "It is a pity you can't explain why you arrived so late last night." **Begin with:** *My angry mother shouted that...*
- c) Transform into the active voice: Seabirds are believed to steer mostly by the sun and the stars.
- d) Complete: If my dog had gone missing ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

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


- a) deserving approval and admiration
- b) the combination of mental, physical and emotional traits

- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:

- c) astonishing
- d) smell
- e) likely

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Write a story with an animal performing a particularly remarkable or clever action.

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**OPTION B**

**CANDY CRUSH SAGA**

- 1 *Candy Crush Saga* is a match-three puzzle video game released on April 12, 2012 for Facebook. Different ‘special candies’ can be formed by matching a combination of 4 or 5 in a certain formation, such as a ‘Striped’ candy (which clears either an entire row or column), a ‘Wrapped’ candy (which acts like a bomb; clearing the 8 surrounding candies, falling, and exploding one more time), or a ‘Color Bomb’ (which removes all candies with the same color of the one it is matched with). Special Candies can also be matched together, producing varying effects; for example, matching a color bomb with a striped candy turns all of the candies of its color into striped candies, which are immediately detonated.
- 10 Once all levels in an episode are completed, the next episode is locked and the player must either get three friends on Facebook to send them ‘tickets’ to unlock the next episode, or occasionally the game will allow the player to move on for free if the player has not been able to clear the next area. If the game is not linked to the player's Facebook account, a new level can be accessed by playing a Mystery Quest, a random
- 15 previous level with a higher point threshold for winning.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B**  
**(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

What is Candy Crush Saga?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).**

- B1. Different sweets are given by combining 4 or 5 candies.  
 B2. A ‘Wrapped’ candy destroys all candies with the same colour.  
 B3. All matched candies produce varying effects.  
 B4. Playing a Mystery Quest allows players to get to a new level.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN**  
**(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** The player can also purchase various Boosters to attempt to win levels more easily.  
 b) **Join the two sentences using a relative pronoun:** Other special candies appear on the boards for free. The candies can be purchased from the in-game store.  
 b) **Transform into the passive voice:** Liquorice Locks cage off single pieces of candy to prevent them from use.  
 d) **Complete:** If I had five lives...

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

- **Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**  
 a) folded or enclosed in soft or flexible material  
 b) connected with something or someone
- **Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:**  
 c) dropping  
 d) finished  
 e) open

**[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).**

How do video games affect our lives?

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**OPTION A**

**A WOMAN MANAGED TO BREAK UP A GANG ATTACK**

- 1 Quick-thinking Susan Brown, 59, witnessed the prolonged attack in Cleethorpes, on her way to her relative's house. She put her foot down to drive at the gang of seven thugs, causing them to disperse. Ms Brown's actions prevented further violence from continuing and she then rang 999.
- 5 Witnesses said the victim, who was later taken to Hull Royal Infirmary, was kicked repeatedly during the 6 pm beating on Wednesday evening. Driver Susan Brown said: 'If I hadn't driven at them – I think they would have carried on kicking the poor one. I was travelling to a relative's home when I saw them there. I thought they were messing about – but when I
- 10 got closer they were completely beating up this young lad on the road. I drove at them and sounded my horn continuously to try to disperse them – most of them ran off.'
- Crime scene investigators spent several hours combing the area and taking fingerprints from the car of the woman who broke up the attack.
- 15 Humberside Police arrested three men after the attack on suspicion of assault. A spokeswoman for the force said: 'Officers are currently on the scene working to establish the circumstances of the incident'.

**QUESTIONS**

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

What happened in Cleethorpes on Wednesday evening?

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

- 2.1. A loud warning noise was one of the reasons why the gang separated and left.
- 2.2. Although the police are investigating the incident, they haven't found any suspects yet.
- 2.3. The victim was a young woman who was driving to her relative's house.

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

The beating didn't stop until...

- a) the police officers arrived.
- b) a witness rang the emergency number.
- c) a car approached the attackers.

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

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

- a) marks which you leave on something when you touch it
- b) people who see an event happening, especially a crime or an accident

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

- c) now
- d) criminals
- e) avoided

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

**5.1. Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer: Susan Brown witnessed the attack in Cleethorpes.**

**5.2. Transform into active:** The victim was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.

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

What would you do if you saw someone being beaten up?

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**OPTION B**

**INCREASED INEQUALITY**

- 1 According to figures released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the top 20% of Spanish society earns nearly seven and a half times more than the bottom 20%. This puts Spain third on the list of EU countries where the wealthy take a bigger piece of the pie.
- 5 “As a result of the crisis, social indicators deteriorated sharply,” reads the IMF’s annual report on the Spanish economy. The report analyses the consequences of the crisis on income distribution, warning that although a fast pace of job creation has helped reduce them, the benefits of the recovery are being unevenly shared among different generations and different education levels: “Job losses affected
- 10 disproportionately low-educated/low wage workers, youth, and immigrants, particularly working in the construction sector under temporary contracts (...) The number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion increased by more than 23 percent between 2007 and 2015 in Spain.”

The IMF recommends implementing policies to improve “the employability of young and low-skilled workers” as a “policy priority to reduce risks of social exclusion among vulnerable groups.” The increase in inequality, the study suggests, is not so much due to higher income among the top earners as to the poor situation at the bottom of the economic ladder.

**QUESTIONS**

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

Why does the IMF consider the Spanish crisis recovery has failed to produce its desired effects?

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

- 2.1.** The risen inequality mainly results from the lowest economic sectors’ bad conditions.
- 2.2.** Concerning income distribution, Spanish economy is within the average regions of the Eurozone.
- 2.3.** Those under temporary contracts in the construction sector suffered the lowest job losses.

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

During the studied period, the possibility of becoming economically or socially marginalised...

- a)** was no longer a serious threat.
- b)** rose considerably.
- c)** kept on growing up to a point of no return.

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

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

- a)** the group of skills that allow someone to get a job
- b)** legal documents that state legal agreements between two parties

**- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:**

- c)** building
- d)** data
- e)** preference

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

**5.1. Transform into reported speech:** “How much has the gap between the rich and the poor been slowing down growth so far?” **Begin with:** *A journalist asked the spokesman...*

**5.2. Join the two sentences using a relative pronoun:** Politicians should consider a redistribution of wealth through subsidies and taxes. Their responsibility is to control inequality.

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

How do you feel about this increased inequality and what do you think we, as citizens, could do about it?