

Nombre:

## **PRUEBA DE ACCESO A GRADO SUPERIOR**

20 de junio de 2013

**MATERIA: INGLÉS**  
**OPCIÓN: 1**

**TEXT:**

### **LIFE IN 2050**

It's Monday April 2050, and Tom Woods, aged 17, from Islington, in the suburbs of London, is getting ready to go to school. It's 7.15 a.m. and Tom's alarm clock has woken him up earlier than usual because its mechanism knows that it will take him longer to get to school as today the traffic is awful. He goes downstairs and on his way to the kitchen he can see his mother is working in her office. She works for an American company which manufactures luxury cars. She is talking to her manager in New York. The telephone is a tiny gadget which is inside her ear and works on electricity generated by her brain.

His dad is in the garden picking vegetables and fruit for dinner. Most people grow their own fruit and vegetables because high oil prices make sending food long distances so expensive that most families can't afford to buy imported food. They used to grow fruit and vegetables indoors but now, with the warmer climate, they can grow some fruit outside.

Tom's looking forward to the weekend when he is going on holiday with his family to Spain. They have decided to travel by train because plane tickets are so expensive that very few people can afford to fly. Sometimes Tom complains about the long train journeys and wishes that they could travel by plane like his parents used to do in the past. But then his parents remind him that in those days the air was more polluted and public transport was much worse than it is now.

### **QUESTIONS:**

**Question 1 (2 points) Indicate whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.**

1. Tom usually gets up at 7.15

2. Tom's parents usually travelled by plane when they were younger

3. In 2050 the air is dirtier than in the past

4. Food from abroad is too expensive for people in 2050

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2 (2 points) Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. How different is Tom's alarm clock from traditional ones?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do people in 2050 grow fruit and vegetables at home?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3 (1.5 points) Find a synonym in the text for the following words.**

1. very small (paragraph 1)

2. cultivate (paragraph 2)

3. criticizes (paragraph 3)

**Question 4 (1.5 points) Complete the sentences with the correct structure.**

1. Tom Woods is a teenager \_\_\_\_\_ lives in the suburbs of London (**relative pronoun**)

2. If Tom didn't get up earlier, he \_\_\_\_\_ be late to school (**conditional sentence**)

3. Vegetables can \_\_\_\_\_ grown outdoors because of the warm weather (**passive**)

**Question 5 (3 points) Write a short essay (about 100 words) on ONE of the following topics:**

\_ Working at home: advantages and disadvantages

**Or**

\_ People working at home are more efficient than those working in an office

Nombre:

## **PRUEBA DE ACCESO A GRADO SUPERIOR**

20 de junio de 2013

**MATERIA: INGLÉS**  
**OPCIÓN: 2**

**TEXT:**

### **Suicide of Student Bullied by Classmates**

On October 17th, 2009, 17-year-old Tyler Long committed suicide. After years of being bullied\* by his classmates at his school, Tyler had gone from a happy child to a sad and moody boy. Fat, gay or just different from the other students in the class. These are the reasons why children are being bullied -- sometimes to death -- in America's schools, with at least 14 students committing suicide in the past year alone. Intensified by the Internet, bullying has become out of control. An epidemic that causes 160,000 children a day to stay home from school because they are afraid of being bullied, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Tyler had Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism that his parents say made him different from his classmates with unique personal characteristics which were unpopular with the other students in class. His mother, Tina Long said, "If someone was talking in class, I know that he would say, 'You know we're not supposed to be talking. And that irritated his classmates", his parents added. "One day to the next, it was continuous psychological and physical attacks from the other kids in the classroom."

His parents said, "we complained to school authorities about this, but no action was taken".

'Boys will be boys,' was the response Long said he got from school officials.

One morning, Tyler changed his pajamas into his favorite T-shirt and jeans and he hanged himself from the top shelf in his bedroom. Tyler's parents have taken legal actions against the school, saying officials ignored the bullying that tormented their son. Surprisingly, rather than take action, the school refused even to have a moment of silence in Tyler's honor, his parents said. Tyler's parents still wonder if this type of bullying could be prevented with more help and work from experts and authorities.

(Adapted from ABC News)

**\*To bully: to intimidate or persecute**

### **QUESTIONS:**

#### ***Question 1 [2 points]***

*Indicate whether the following statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.*

- Tyler Long was bullied because he was different from his classmates.
- The internet has made bullying a bigger problem in America's schools.
- 14 children a day are bullied in the US.
- School authorities didn't do anything about Tyler's problem.

#### ***Question 2 [2 points]***

*Answer the following questions in your own words.*

- What happened to Tyler on 17th October 2009?
- According to the text, what are the reasons for being bullied?

Nombre:

**Question 3 [1.5 points]**

*Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given.*

- a) unhappy (paragraph 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) an infectious disease (paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) rejected (paragraph 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4 [1.5 points]**

*Complete the following sentences without changing the meaning.*

- a) Officials didn't pay attention to Tyler's bullying so he committed suicide. (conditional)  
Tyler would not .....
- b) "We complained to the school but no action was taken," said his parents.(indirect speech)  
His parents said that .....
- c) Tyler's parents have taken legal actions against the school. (passive)  
Legal actions .....

**Question 5 [3 points]**

Write a short essay (about 80-100 words) on the following topic.

**'Do you think bullying is a big problem at school nowadays?'**

Nombre:

## **PRUEBA DE ACCESO A GRADO SUPERIOR**

20 de junio de 2013

**MATERIA: INGLÉS**  
**OPCIÓN: 3**

**TEXT:**

### **THE CHANGING FACE OF FRIENDSHIP**

Making friends was usually a matter of going out and meeting people. Nowadays, thanks to Facebook, you can meet new people without leaving home.

Facebook was started in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, a student at Harvard University who is known as “the youngest billionaire on earth”.

Membership was initially restricted to Harvard students. It was an immediate success and was eventually opened up to the general public. Today, anyone older than 13 with a valid e-mail address can participate in Facebook. It is free for users, but it gets a lot of money from online advertising.

Many kinds of friendship are maintained through Facebook. For instance, you can make “friends” with people you communicate with through e-mail but you have never met in person. All you have to do is find their profiles on Facebook and ask them to be your “friends”. Some people collect hundreds of “friends”, giving in this way the impression that they are popular.

Has Facebook changed the notion of friendship? You usually selected your friends among the people you saw regularly; people who had things in common with you; people who were ready to help you and you were always ready to help in return.

Is Facebook a sign of what will happen to society in the future? Will virtual friends replace “true” friends? In any case, virtual friends will never fail.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

**Question 1 (2 points). Indicate whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.**

1. In the past, people usually went out and met people to make friends.
2. In the early days of Facebook, everybody could use it.
3. Facebook is a really good business thanks to users’ payment.
4. A friend on Facebook may be someone that you have never met.

**Question 2 (2 points). Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. Who may become a Facebook member at present?
2. Why do some people want to have a lot of friends on Facebook?

Nombre:

**Question 3 (1.5 points). Find a synonym in the text for the following words.**

**1. Publicity (paragraph 3)**

**2. Kept (paragraph 4)**

**3. Idea (paragraph 5)**

**Question 4 (1.5 points). Complete these sentences with the correct structure**

**1. Facebook, \_\_\_\_\_ started in 2004, was created by a student. (Relative Pronoun)**

**2. If someone wants to sign up for Facebook, he/she \_\_\_\_\_ have to create a personal profile. (Conditional Sentence)**

**3. Personal profiles \_\_\_\_\_ created when Facebook started in 2004. (Passive)**

**Question 5 (3 points). Write a short essay (about 100 words) on ONE of the following topics:**

Facebook: its advantages and disadvantages

**Or**

Facebook: the best way to meet people

Nombre:

## **PRUEBA DE ACCESO A GRADO SUPERIOR**

20 de junio de 2013

**MATERIA: INGLÉS**  
**OPCIÓN: 4**

**TEXT:**

### **EATING DISORDERS**

Eating disorders are one of the unspoken secrets which a lot of families suffer from. Millions of people are afflicted with these disorders every year, and most of them are adolescents and, particularly, young women. Why are adolescents and young women so susceptible to developing an eating disorder? According to the Institute of Mental Health, it is because at this period of time, women are most probable to diet and keep a slim figure. Certain sports (such as gymnastics) and careers (such as modelling) especially reinforce the need to stay slim.

“Anorexia nervosa” is the name for not eating because you think you are fat. If you are at least 15 percent under your normal body weight and you are losing weight through not eating, you may be suffering from it. “Bulimia nervosa” is characterised by excessive eating and then eliminating the food by vomiting, abusing laxatives or diuretics, taking enemas or exercising obsessively. If someone suffered from this disorder, it could stay for years, because body weight often remains normal. When people suffer from bulimia, their families are very often ignorant of the situation.

Eating disorders are serious conditions which need to be diagnosed and treated like any medical disease before it is too late. If it continued to go untreated, it could result in severe medical complications that could be dangerous for your life. Treatment of eating disorders nearly always involves group psycho-therapy, and medication may also be appropriate. If you believe you may be suffering from an eating disorder, please get help. If the patient is properly diagnosed, these disorders are easily treatable and often cured within a few months.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

**Question 1 (2 points) Indicate whether these statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.**

1. People don't like talking about their eating disorders.
2. According to the text only adolescents, especially young women, suffer from eating disorders.
3. It isn't easy for other people to know if a person suffers from bulimia.
4. You only need group psycho-therapy to cure eating disorders

**Question 2 (2 points) Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. Why do anorexic people force themselves not to eat?
2. Why is it dangerous not to treat eating disorders?

**Question 3 (1.5 points) Find the words in the text that mean the same as the following definitions.**

1. Thin (paragraph 2)
2. Below (paragraph 3)
3. Unsafe (paragraph 4)

Nombre:

**Question 4 (1.5 points) Complete these sentences with the correct word**

1. Patients \_\_\_\_\_ cure easily if doctors diagnosed eating disorders properly (conditional)
2. She is the girl \_\_\_\_\_ suffers from anorexia (relative pronoun)
3. She has \_\_\_\_\_ diagnosed with anorexia (passive)

**Question 5 (3 points) Write a short essay (about 100 words) on ONE of the following topics:**

Fast food:

- its advantages and disadvantages

**or**

- parents should avoid fast food