

2021

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: Would you agree to not using your mobile phone for a whole day every week? Why/ Why not? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: Why is racism so difficult to eradicate? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: What things do you do that are good for your health? And things that are bad? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

2020

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: **Do you sometimes read your horoscope? Why/ Why not?** (Approximately 120 words; 2.5 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: **What is the strangest thing that ever happened to you?** (Approximately 120 words; 2.5 points) -- **NARRATIVE**

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: **Is the future promising for women in our western society?** (Approximately 120 words)(2.5 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: **Why is advertising necessary? Do you think there are too many ads on TV, Internet, etc.?** (Approximately 120 words)(2.5 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2019

6. **In which part of life is it more important to be competitive, in a) studies, b) sports or c) business? Why is it especially important in that area?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

6. **What are the advantages and disadvantages of social networks?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

6. **Write a letter to a friend to tell her/him that you have received an electric scooter for you birthday.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **INFORMAL EMAIL**

6. **What changes would you like to make in your life?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2018

6. **Is the place where you live friendly to visitors? What would you do to attract more visitors?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

6. **What other things make it difficult to live with other members of the family, apart from alcohol?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

6. **Would you like to study in another country? Why / Why not? If your answer is “yes”, which country?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

6. **Imagine you are Dr. Wise. Write a letter in answer to “Desperate’s” one advising him what he should do. Begin with “Dear Desperate,”** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **INFORMAL LETTER**

2017

5. **Write a letter to a friend who is feeling stressed because of an exam telling them what they can do to try to relax. Begin with “Dear”** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **INFORMAL LETTER**

5. **Do you think the way we eat in Galicia is healthy? Why/why not? If you didn’t live with your parents, would you eat the sort of food you normally have at home?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **In your opinion, are many people addicted to social media and the Internet? Are there any dangers in using them too much?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Can you remember what toys and games you played with when you were young? What is your favourite memory of when you were young?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points – **NARRATIVE // OPINION**

2016

5. **What can you do, personally, to reduce pollution?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Would you like to be a fitness instructor in the future, and do you think you would make a good one? Why/ why not?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Practising a sport is important not only for people's physical development, but also for their development as a person. Do you agree? Why/why not?** Give examples. (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **In what ways can a child's future be influenced by his / her family?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2015

5. **What do YOU think about Britain and the British?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **How do you think we as individuals should change our everyday behaviour in order to make a better world?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2014

5. **Write a short biography of someone who is important to you.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points -- **BIOGRAPHY**

5. **Do you think taking a year off between school and university is a good idea? Why/why not? What would you like to do if you could do this?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Is personal appearance important? Why? Why not?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **How do you think children's education will change in the future?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

2013

5. **Have you got a pet? If so, describe it. If not, what sort of pet would you like to have? Why?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DESCRIPTION // OPINION ESSAY**

5. **What other things make it difficult to live with other members of the family, apart from alcohol?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Do you think that it is right for the state to control whether people smoke, drink or take drugs? What arguments are there for and against such control?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Would you like to have children? What is the best age to start a family?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

2012

5. **What is your favourite means of transport? Why?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **If you have done a language course abroad, tell us about it. If not, where would you like to go and do one, and why would you choose this place?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **“DESCRIPTION” // OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Some famous athletes earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Continue the story. Who was the mysterious man? What is going to happen?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). -- **NARRATIVE**

2011

5. **Write a letter to a friend who is getting a bit fat telling him/her what to do in order to lose weight. Consider both diet and exercise.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **INFORMAL LETTER / EMAIL**

5. **Have you ever had a pet? If so, describe it. If not, what sort of pet would you like to have, and why?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DESCRIPTION // OPINION ESSAY**

5. **What activities did you enjoy most in your English classes? And which ones did you like least?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Where would you go if you wanted to disappear? Explain your choice.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

2010

5. **Describe a visit to a museum, exhibition or art gallery if you have been to one. If not, do you think they should be free, or should people have to pay to enter? Give reasons for your answer.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **What things in your life make you happy?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **What other things (apart from eating healthy foods) do you do to keep yourself healthy?** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Some people want to exclude your favourite sport from the Olympic Games. Write an argument for its inclusion.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2009

5. **Do you worry about your physical appearance? Why / why not?** (Approximately 100 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

5: **Write an informal letter to a friend, describing your feelings when you first practised a new activity. You can invent or imagine the new activity.** (Approximately 100 words; 3 points) – **INFORMAL LETTER / EMAIL**

5. **Do you (and your friends) buy a product because of the name or because of the quality? Give examples.** (Approximately 100 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

5) **Are you a competitive person? Is it good to be competitive?** (Approximately 100 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2008

5. **Write a conversation between a person who has a fear of flying and another who is trying to calm her / him. Begin in the following way:**

A: What can I do? I have to fly to Berlin next week.

B: Don't worry. I felt the same when I flew for the first time...

(Approximately 120 words; 3 points)

5. **A friend of yours wants to get married. Write to her / him giving your opinion.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **INFORMAL LETTER / EMAIL**

5. **Describe a game or sport that you enjoy, and say why you like it more than others.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **DESCRIPTION // OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Do you like learning history? Do you think it is useful? Give reasons.** (Approximately 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2007

5. **Do you think that you can learn a lot from exhibitions and museums? Why / why not?** (Approximately 80 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**
5. **Do you think rich or famous people are happier than the rest of us? Give reasons.** (Approximately 80 words; 3 points) – **DESCRIPTION // OPINION ESSAY**
5. **Write about the last time you had a surprise, or gave someone a surprise.** (Approximately 80 words; 3 points) – **NARRATIVE**
5. **What can parents do to help children spend their free time in a better way?** (Approximately 80 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2006

5. **Do teachers' personalities have a strong influence on their students? Give an opinion based on your own experience.** (minimum 100 words, maximum 120 words; 3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**
5. **Write about three criminal offences and the punishments you think they should receive.** (minimum 100 words, maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**
5. **Do you think that computers make the world less human? Explain your answer.** (Minimum 100 words, maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**
5. **What is your opinion about "fashion" and the "fashion world" nowadays?** (Minimum 100 words; maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2005

5. **What do you think could be done to avoid car accidents?** (Minimum 100 words; maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**
5. **Which famous person, alive today, will be remembered for a long time after he/she has died, and why?** (Minimum 100 words; maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**
5. **Which foreign destinations would be your choice for a holiday? Give reasons.** (Minimum 100 words; maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Are you in favour of or against children going to extra activities after school? Why /why not?** (Minimum 100, maximum 120 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2004

5. **How would you prepare yourself in order to get a job?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Are you in favour of or against mobile phones? Why?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words; 3 points) – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Apart from the anti-smoking slogans on cigarette packets, what other steps should the health authorities take to stop people smoking?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100; 3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **What kind of charity organization would you give money to, and why?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words; 3 points) – **OPINION ESSAY**

2003

5. **What do you think you will miss most about your present home when you leave it, and how will you try to compensate for these things ?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Do you think space exploration is worth the huge sums of money it costs ? Give reasons.** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Do you agree that people will have more opportunities to get a job if they get a University degree?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Write about your own reaction to one or two modern machines** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words). – **OPINION ESSAY**

2002

5. **Do you agree with the writer's opinions about holidays? Give reasons.** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **Are books and audio-visual media the best source of information?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **Do you agree with the arguments given in the text ? Why / Why not ?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **OPINION ESSAY**

5. **What conflicts can occur when a large number of new immigrants come to a country, and how can they be solved ?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

2001

5. **Advantages and disadvantages of television as a means of communication** (minimum 80, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **What did you like and dislike about your last summer holiday?** (minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

5. **What would happen where you live if the electricity didn't work for several days, and how do you think people would react?** (Minimum 80 words, maximum 100 words) (3 points). – **DISCUSSION ESSAY**

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