



INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea cuidadosamente el texto y las preguntas.
2. Después de leer el texto y las preguntas, responda a éstas en francés.
3. Conteste a las preguntas respetando el orden en que están planteadas.

Calificación : las preguntas 1, 2 y 4 se calificarán de 0 a 2 puntos cada una. La tercera se calificará de 0 a 1 punto, la quinta pregunta de 0 a 3 puntos.

Tiempo : 60 minutos.

Students these days!

My son, Danny, is in his second year at university studying computing. He's not enjoying it. He tells me it's boring and too hard. He says he has to go to too many lectures, and he doesn't really have enough time to do the essays and projects he has to write. He wants to drop out and apply to do American studies at a different university, but I say he shouldn't. Last night we had a big argument about it while we were having dinner. "You don't understand. It was different when you went to university!" he shouted and then he left the house. Actually I really do understand and he is right to say things were different when I went to university. Twenty-five years ago, being a student in Britain was very easy. We didn't have to pay anything to study at university. It was completely free. In fact, when I went to university, the government actually gave me money. And I mean, *gave*. I got a grant of over two thousand pounds (which was a lot of money in those days) and I was free to spend it, and I never had to pay any of it back at all. Nowadays, lots of students (or their parents) have to pay two or three thousand pounds for their course. They also have to pay for food, somewhere to live, books, bills and everything else. The government gives you a loan, which you then have to pay back after you graduate. Most people have to get a part-time job while they're studying.

QUESTIONS

1. Decide if the following statements are true or false. Write true or false and also copy the statement from the text that supports your decision.

- a) Danny thinks it is better to study a course he enjoys.
- b) When Danny's mother went to university, she got a loan which she had to pay back.

2. Answer the following questions in your own words, basing your answers on ideas from the text.

- a) Why did Danny and his mother have an argument last night?
- b) Is it expensive to study at university today? Why?

3. Complete these lists with the words in the box:

1. A lecture 2. An essay 3. An exam 4. Course 5. Term 6. University

- a) Pass / fail / retake.....
- b) A hard / to do a / an English / a part-time / a full-time.....
- c) The start of / the end of / a long / the summer
- d) Apply to / get into / go to / drop out of
- e) Go to / have got / fall asleep in / give
- f) Write / hand in / rewrite

4. Look at the verbs in italics. Could you write them in the negative form?

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5. Write between 80 and 100 words on one of the following topics.

- a. Has Spain changed a lot over the last thirty years?
- b. Is it easier today to study at university than it was fifty years ago?