

INGLÉS

OPCIÓN 1

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

Like it or not, teachers are still expected to be suitable role models for their students. This presents something of a problem, because although some teachers try hard to disguise the fact, they are obviously no less wicked than the rest of humanity.

Teachers already do society a great service in stressful jobs that have less status and pay than many other graduate professions. Asking them to be also more morally pure than the rest of us would be going too far. However, there are practical reasons why teachers should not display their imperfections. Kids have a supernatural ability to **spot** the weaknesses in their teachers and exploit them ruthlessly. Rumours spread and mutate in the playground at great speed. If, during the first lesson, Miss Davis seems to have had a bit of a heavy night, by the final bell she is a certified alcoholic. Authority is easily undermined if you are exposed as a **wrongdoer**.

Also, we want schools to encourage children to aspire to high standards of conduct. We know that humans constantly fail to be as good as they should. But it is better to set the bar high and fail from time to time, than it is to set it low and sanction everyday wrongdoing.

For these reasons, it is important that teachers appear to be upholders of the values we aspire to, standing for high standards of ethics and not allowing their message to be undermined by revealing how they themselves fail to meet them.

Toleration of hypocrisy? Pure and simple, the old "Do as I say, not as I do". People who don't want to be hypocrites should try to live by the standards they teach. But the concern of employers, students and parents should be only with how teachers behave in public.

**Questions**

1. Write a title in English which best summarises the text and justify your answer in order to demonstrate that you have understood the global meaning of the text. (25-40 words; 1.5 points).
2. Explain in English the meaning of the following expressions as used in the text (1.5 points: 0.75 each)
  - a) Spot
  - b) Wrongdoer
3. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one (2 points: 1 point each):
  - a) Teachers are expected to be suitable role models.  
We .....
  - b) People who don't want to be hypocrites should try to live by the standards they teach.  
If people .....
4. Answer the following questions in your own words. The information must be taken from the text. (2 points: 1 point each)
  - a) Why should teachers not show their weaknesses?
  - b) Which are the choices teachers have to make concerning their behaviour?
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).

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OPCIÓN 2

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The crowd cheered as the notorious highwayman, Jack Cade, climbed onto the waiting farm cart in 1779. After two weeks alone in a cold, damp prison cell, living on bread and water, he was going to pay for all the coaches he had robbed. With a smile, he slowly peeled off his silk jacket and threw it to them. He placed the rope carefully round his own neck.

“It’s not the kind of necktie I really like,” he said, “but still, my friends, I’ve no real regrets, for I’ve always enjoyed **living life sweetly to the full**. I do not have anything to fear, because although my business was robbing coaches, I have never hurt anyone. I have enjoyed more than my share of wine, women and song, so let’s part smiling.”

A man fired a shot and the horse ran away with the cart, watched by a tearful girl who was 3 months pregnant by him. After struggling for twenty minutes, Jack Cade died, hanged from the Hanging Tree, which grows next to the smallest prison in the world. It was built in 1521 by Henry VIII and is only 2 metres wide. The villagers named it “The Cage”.

The story of Cade did not end there. Villagers reported sightings of his ghost, and the Archbishop sent a priest to exorcise it, but in November 1912 over a dozen people reported seeing the ghost. A well-known medium, Mrs Ada Garvey, **held a séance** inside The Cage the following year to make contact with his spirit. The ghost made contact and said he was waiting for his lady love to return to him. He’s still waiting.

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  - a) Living life sweetly to the full.
  - b) She held a séance.
3. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one (2 points: 1 point each).
  - a) The prison was built in 1521 by Henry VIII and is only 2 metres wide.  
The prison, which .....
  - b) He said he was waiting for his lady love to return to him.  
He said: “I .....
4. Answer the following questions in your own words. The information must be taken from the text (2 points: 1 point each).
  - a) Why do you think Jack Cade was popular with the crowd, although he was a notorious criminal?
  - b) In what way was justice harder in eighteenth century England than in Spain nowadays?
5. Write about three criminal offences and the punishments you think they should receive. (minimum 100 words, maximum 120 words; 3 points)

## CONVOCATORIAS DE XUÑO E SETEMBRO

### 1. Contido e puntuación:

Primeira pregunta: Suxerir un título e xustificar a súa elección, demostrando entender o significado global do texto. Mínimo 25 palabras, máximo 40 palabras. (1,5 puntos)

Segunda pregunta: Explicar o significado dunha palabra, frase ou expresión do texto nas propias palabras do alumno. Constará de dúas partes cunha puntuación de 0,75 puntos para cada parte. (1,5 puntos)

Terceira pregunta: Transformar unha parte ou o total dunha frase tirada do texto noutras palabras para que signifique o mesmo, utilizando unha das estruturas contidas no Deseño Curricular Base de Inglés do Bacharelato. Constará de dúas partes, cunha puntuación de 1 punto para cada parte. (2 puntos)

Cuarta pregunta: Dúas preguntas acerca do significado do texto. As respostas deben demostrar que o alumno o entendeu correctamente. Constará de dúas partes cunha puntuación de 1 punto para cada parte. (2 puntos)

Quinta pregunta: Unha pregunta acerca dun tema relacionado co tema do texto. A resposta, en forma de redacción, debe conter un mínimo de 100 e un máximo de, aproximadamente, 120 palabras. (3 puntos)

2. Terase en conta a comprensión, expresión e corrección escritas. Por unha parte, o corrector valorará se existe unha comprensión total ou parcial do texto por parte do alumno. Por outra parte, o corrector terá en conta a capacidade do alumno para se comunicar de forma efectiva (avaliación da súa competencia comunicativa), a coherencia e ordenación lóxica na exposición das ideas, a riqueza do léxico, sen esquecer a expresión gramatical correcta (competencia lingüística) das respostas.

3. Se existise unha comprensión total do texto e unha expresión gramatical correcta, a puntuación será máxima, sempre que o alumno introduza elementos expresivos persoais.

4. Se existise unha comprensión total do texto, mais a expresión non fose gramaticalmente correcta, faranse as deducións oportunas, dependendo da gravidade da incorrección ou erro. As deducións faranse, entón, axustándose á importancia cualitativa do erro e do número de erros que se cometan na mesma pregunta. A modo orientativo, os erros de expresión básicos (faltas de concordancia, indebida ou inexacta orde de palabras, erros na formación de interrogativas ou negativas, etc.) serán penalizados de forma considerable.

5. Se a comprensión for parcial a puntuación máxima asignada á pregunta verase reducida de acordo coa gravidade da falta de comprensión.

6. Se non houber ningunha comprensión, a pregunta non pode ter ningún tipo de cualificación positiva.

7. Os erros ortográficos puntuaranse negativamente de acordo co seu número e importancia (serán máis graves en palabras básicas da lingua inglesa). Como criterio xeral, deberá penalizarse, como mínimo, unha décima por erro ortográfico. Un erro repetido na mesma palabra só se penalizará unha vez.

8. Se se transcribise literalmente un fragmento do texto como resposta a todas ou a unha das preguntas, aínda que este fragmento estivese relacionado co contido da pregunta, valorarase cunha puntuación máxima do 50% do total atribuíble á puntuación correspondente a cada pregunta ou cuestión, así que debe interpretarse que non necesariamente a puntuación debe ser un 0,5.

## June 2006. Opción 1 Possible Answer

1. "Teachers, society and moral standards". This is a good title because the text talks about society's attitude to teachers, and the example they should give to their students.
2. a) Spot = notice / see / find out / find / recognise, etc.  
b) Wrongdoer = a person who does something that is wrong / who does bad / wrong things, etc.
3. a) We expect teachers to be suitable role models.  
b) If people don't want to be hypocrites, they should try to live by the standards they teach.
4. a) Teachers should not show their weaknesses because they are role models for their students and because children notice when they do something wrong and tell other children.  
b) They have to choose if they want to be real, authentic role models with high standards and decent behaviour, or not. OR They can either be hypocrites (doing one thing in public and another in private), or live by the same standards that they teach the children.

I really believe that teachers' characters are very important, because children can be shocked or impressed very easily at that age. We are with them for a long time every day, more than with our parents or our brothers and sisters. I had a history teacher who taught us history but also about life and I will never forget her. I think she had a stronger influence on me than my parents, and she changed my attitude to other countries and people whose skin is a different colour. On the other hand, sometimes this is not a good thing. My brother was very afraid of his geography teacher and on Wednesdays he was always ill in order to avoid that subject.

## June 2006. Opción 2

1. "The life and death of Jack Cade." This is a good title because it tells the story of all the things he did during his life and the way he was executed, paying for the crimes he had committed.
2. a) living life sweetly to the full = living the best life he could / enjoying life as much as he could.  
b) She held a séance = She celebrated a session where she tried to contact (make contact with) the spirit of a dead person.
3. a) The prison, which is only two metres wide, was built in 1521 by Henry VIII. / The prison, which was built in 1521 by Henry VIII, is only two metres wide.  
b) He said: "I am waiting for my lady love to return to me."
4. a) Jack Cade was popular, first, because he smiled when he was going to die, also because he had never hurt anyone (he had only robbed them) and because he had enjoyed life (wine, women and song).  
b) Justice was harder because people were killed for robbing, and they were put in small, cold prisons alone. In Spain nowadays this would not happen. You can study, do sport and watch TV.
5. The three offences I have chosen are robbing, murder and writing graffiti. For robbing, I would make them give back the money or objects they have stolen. If they cannot, the criminals should work until they earn enough to pay. For murder, I believe the murderer should stay in prison for the rest of his life or be hanged like Jack Cade. When young people write graffiti, they should clean the wall, unless they have made it more beautiful with a picture of a beach or a tree, for example. In this case, they should receive a prize instead of being punished.

## September 2006. Opción 1 Possible Answer

1. A possible title could be "The fear of computers". The text says that people are afraid of computers because they control our lives more and more every day, and we do not understand them.
2. a. Fear of the unknown. This means that / This happens when ... we are afraid of the things that we do not know, (such as how computers work).  
b. Feelings of insecurity. This means that / This happens when / We have this feeling when ... we do not feel secure / safe.
3. a. Computers are controlling our lives. Our lives are being controlled by computers.  
b. You have probably read something like it in magazines. It is likely that you have read something like it in magazines.
4. a. Computers dominate the world because they control robots, our bank accounts and other things. They do a lot of the work in factories and airports, where they give us our tickets and the number of our seat in the aeroplane.  
b. Some people are afraid of computers because they do not understand them and do not know anything, or very much, about them, so they believe that computers are dominating the world.
5. I do not think this sentence is true. On the contrary, the world is less human because of other things, such as wars, guns and pollution, which are happening in places where there aren't any computers, for example in Africa. Computers, I believe, can help us to be more efficient, to live better and to do our jobs faster and better. For example, cars work much better nowadays because everything in them works with mini-computers and chips. We can communicate with our friends with them on the Internet, learn anything we want, and besides computers also give us a lot of fun when we play games.

## September 2006. Opción 2

1. A good title would be "My life in the world of fashion", because Claire talks about her experience of the business of fashion, in modelling clothes and doing castings.
2. a. I decided to go into it full time. I made up my mind / made a decision ... to begin to work in it all the time.  
b. They are fairly keen on show business. They are quite fond of / enthusiastic about / excited about show business / They like show business quite a lot.
3. a. She asked if I'd ever thought of modelling. She asked: "Have you ever thought of modelling?"  
b. It's always been my ambition to be rich and famous. I have always wished / wanted to be rich and famous.
4. a. Claire's parents would have been happier if she had chosen to stay at school and gone to University so that she could be a clothes designer when she finished, instead of becoming a model.  
b. She likes most things about modelling, but she says that she has to work very hard, that she has to get up early, do a lot of exercise and be careful about her diet. She also believes that some of the male models are very vain.
5. It seems silly to me when all those very thin girls walk in a strange way in front of a lot of people on television. I suppose they are trying to sell them, but they wear such unusual, exotic clothes that nobody will ever buy them or wear them in the street or at home in the real world. Also, I have heard that these girls are not very friendly and that they only dream of being better and richer than the other girls. To sum up, I think it is a very artificial world and if I had a son or daughter I wouldn't like them to be a model.