



Prova d'accés a la Universitat 2014

Anglès

Model 3. Opció A.

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in English. USE YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Total score: 10 points.

Justin Bieber announces his retirement from music on Twitter - and this time it is "official"

The 19-year-old Canadian Pop star Justin Bieber has announced for the second time he is to retire from the music industry - and this time it is "official". The multi-platinum selling singer used "Twitter" to break the news to his 47 million followers on Christmas Eve, in a "tweet" that said: "My beloved beliebers I'm officially retiring". His 4 a.m. "tweets" then continued with the contradictory statement that he would be here "forever". He wrote: "The media talks a lot about me. They make up a lot of lies and want me to fail but I'm never leaving you, being a belieber is a lifestyle... I'm here forever".

Justin Bieber first suggested he would be quitting the industry during an interview with "Power 106 FM", where he told radio presenter Kurt Alexander in Los Angeles: "Um, I'm actually retiring, man". He added: "I want to grow as an artist, and I'm taking a step out, I want my music to mature". Whether Bieber was joking in the interview remains unknown, but a video clip posted by the station this week seems to show him speaking with a straight face. Bieber went on to assure fans he is not as "arrogant" as people think, telling "Power 106" that he has "always been a caring and giving person". "I'm 19, I'm gonna make mistakes, it's inevitable", he said, referring to the recent controversies connected to him. However, his manager Scooter Braun later dismissed the singer's remarks and confirmed that he will not be retiring after all. "Next year he's taking a break just to make music and relax, take some time for himself for the first time since he was 12", Braun explained at the premiere for his new movie *Believe*.

How his 47 million Twitter followers will react should the singer truly be planning a break could be interesting, as the "Beliebers" are renowned for being one of the most dedicated fanbases in the world. "Tweets" have already been flooding in from shocked, worried and despairing fans.

The question is: what might have driven a kid with the world seemingly at his feet to feel that retiring from music was the best option open to him?

Adapted from 'The Independent', December 2013

Vocabulary:

- **To flood (V)** = To inundate, overflow.



1. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Explain WHY using your own words OR finding evidence in the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (1 point)

a) Justin Bieber’s manager has confirmed that the singer is finally retiring. (0.5)

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b) Justin Bieber’s followers are known as the “Beliebers”. (0.5)

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2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following question. NO marks are given for responses copied directly from the text. (1 point)

Why are Justin Bieber’s remarks on his retirement thought to be contradictory?

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3. Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the ones below. In the case of verbs, ONLY *infinitive forms* will be accepted (1 point):

1) To invent, suppose things which are not true. (0.25)

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2) To leave a job, resign, retire. (0.25)

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3) To cause laughter or not to say something seriously. (0.25)

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4) Serious expression. (0.25)

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4. Follow the instructions for each question and answer them (2 points):

4.1. Fill the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (0.5)

A: Oh, Tom, I’m so sad.

B: What (happen)?

A: I just (hear) that Justin Bieber is retiring from music.

B: Really? I didn’t know. I’m sorry.

4.2. Complete the following clauses with an appropriate word (Use only one word in each blank). (0.5)

a) A: ‘Is the concert still going on?’ / B: ‘Yes, it hasn’t finished’

b) ‘I used to go to his concerts but I no like this kind of music’.



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Model 3. Opció B.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in English. USE YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Total score: 10 points.

Flying cars: The future of personal aviation

Many of us have wished for a personal flying machine to lift us out of annoying traffic jams and deposit us on our driveways. With recent advances in materials, power sources, and automation, those dreams may become reality more quickly than many of us realise. Earlier this month, a US aerospace company named "Terrafugia" presented the "TF-X", a concept design for a radical new type of personal air transport vehicle. Carl Dietrich, co-founder of the company, explains: "We think this is the right time to start seriously looking at the challenges associated with creating what people call a flying car. The vision is to try to create the future of personal transportation that people have dreamed about for years". Dietrich believes that all the required technology already exists, and that initial discussions with the US Federal Aviation Administration suggest that existing regulatory obstacles can be overcome.

"Terrafugia" is just one of a number of companies proposing personal aviation. One of the "TF-X" main selling points is the ability to take off and land vertically, like a helicopter. According to Dr Frank Nieuwenhuizen, Aerospace Engineer at the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, "it's definitely an interesting proposition". However, Nieuwenhuizen cautions that futuristic visions are not enough. "It's not just the vehicle. Acceptance is also important, and that's where a lot of work still needs to be done in terms of what will actually happen when something like this becomes available. Would people want such a flying vehicle above their homes all the time?"

Professor Mario Gerla from the University of California, Los Angeles, seems to like the idea but warns about the significant potential problems of this new concept. "We always think how nice it would be if we're stuck in a traffic jam, to all of a sudden, just take off from the road pavement and go where you want", he says. "I can understand the idea of flying from airport to airport. In the air, you're just one more plane. But if you take off from your car park and fly a few blocks away, it is more like a helicopter. It becomes much more flexible, but maybe dangerous".

Dietrich estimates as between 8 and 12 years for the concept to become a reality. Will the idea fly?

Adapted from 'BBC News', 23rd May 2013

Vocabulary:

- Driveway (N) = Street, roadway.



1. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Explain WHY using your own words OR finding evidence in the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (1 point)

a) According to Dietrich, the necessary technology to be able to create a flying car does not exist yet. (0.5)

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b) Professor Mario Gerla believes that flying cars might not be safe. (0.5)

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2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following question. NO marks are given for responses copied directly from the text. (1 point)

Why is Dr Frank Nieuwenhuizen cautious about the idea of creating flying cars?

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3. Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the ones below. In the case of verbs, ONLY *infinitive forms* will be accepted (1 point):

1) Lines of stopped vehicles. (0.25)

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2) To succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem. (0.25)

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3) To leave the ground and start flying. (0.25)

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4) Accessible, ready, able to be obtained. (0.25)

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4. Follow the instructions for each question and answer them (2 points):

4.1. Fill the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (0.5)

A: Hello Ann. When Tom (arrive)?

B: Early this morning. He's resting right now.

A: Yes, I know. How long he (drive)?

B: About 3 hours from Madrid.

A: No wonder he's so tired.

4.2. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets. (0.5)

a) She was(serious) injured in the car accident.

b) I am really..... (please) to hear that she is getting better.

4.3. Rewrite the following sentence using the 2nd conditional form. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence. (0.5)

'I can't drive more quickly because the roads are slippery'.

If the roads.....

