



**PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD**  
**MATERIAS COMUNES: FASE GENERAL**  
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<b>MATERIA: INGLÉS</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Convocatoria:</b>	

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**OPCIÓN A**

	<b>Are Selfies a Sign of Narcissism and Psychopathy?</b>
1	If you are one of those persons who likes taking selfies, you better read this! In a recent investigation scientists said that taking <u>tons</u> of selfies could be <u>linked</u> to narcissism, addiction and mental illness.
5	Dr. David Veal determined that taking selfies can be diagnosed as a mental health problem. As an example of how some people become so obsessed with taking the perfect selfie, we could mention one 19-year old boy in Britain, Danny Brown, who was taking <u>at least</u> 200 photos of himself every day. He suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and body dysmorphic disorder (BDD)* and he developed a selfie addiction. After dropping out* of school, losing 15 kilos and not leaving his house for 6 months, Danny Brown discovered that he couldn't take the perfect selfie and tried to commit suicide. Dr. Veal said, "Since the rise of camera phones, two out of three of all the patients who come to see me with BDD have a compulsion to repeatedly take selfies".
10	The 19-year old British male explained, "I was constantly <u>in search of</u> taking the perfect selfie and when I realized I couldn't, I wanted to die. I lost my friends, my education, my health and almost my life." He is believed to be the UK's first selfie addict and has received therapy for his technology addiction as well as his OCD and body dysmorphic disorder.
15	"Paying <u>close</u> attention to published photos, controlling who sees or who likes or comments them, hoping to reach the greatest number of likes are all symptoms that 'selfies' are causing problems", said Panpimol Wipulakorn, of the Thai Mental Health Department. The doctor believes that these behaviors could <u>generate</u> brain problems in the future, especially for people who lack confidence.
	The word "selfie" was elected "Word of the Year in 2013" by the Oxford English Dictionary. (306 words)
	Adapted from <i>Healthy life tricks</i> , March, 2015
	Glossary: *body dysmorphic disorder (BDD): people with BDD suffer from obsessions about their appearance that can last for hours or up to an entire day *to drop out of: to abandon

**1. Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1.5 points)**

- a) A British male teenager killed himself when he realized he could not take the perfect selfie.
- b) Everyone who takes selfies suffers from narcissism.
- c) The UK's first selfie addict has not been given medical assistance to recover from his addiction.

2. **Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)**

- a) – tons (line 2)
- b) – to link (line 2)
- c) – at least (line 5)
- d) – in search of (line 11)
- e) – close (line 15)
- f) – to generate (line 18)

3. **Read this conversation between two people and complete it. Write the numbers (1-8) and complete each sentence on your exam paper. (2 points)**

Two friends meet at the shopping centre after not seeing one another for a long time and have been chatting for a while

- Julia: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Lucy: For the moment I haven't.  
Julia: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel?  
Lucy: He's got a girlfriend.  
Julia: Oh, I thought they broke up.  
Lucy: No, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ together.  
Julia: And how about that boy from the gym?  
Lucy: (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Bob? He's got a girlfriend too.  
Julia: (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It seems like everyone our age has got a partner.  
Lucy: Yeah, everybody but me! It's not easy to find a boyfriend.  
Julia: But, is there anyone you're interested in?  
Lucy: There is one boy I like who lives in my building. I talk to him a lot because he's also studying English at the Language School.  
Julia: (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Lucy: He's very nice. He moved here from Seville three months ago.  
Julia: And (7) \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Lucy: He's a university student, he's studying Medicine.  
Julia: That sounds great! He must be very smart. And haven't you asked him out yet?  
Lucy: (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
Julia: Good luck, anyway.

4. **Choose only 4 of the following situations. Write what you would say in or about each one to show that you understand the context of the situation. Between 6 and 20 words. (2 points)**

1. Your mum tells you, "Can you stop using your WhatsApp and pay attention to me?" Give an explanation and apologise.
2. Your friend has come over for dinner. When he sees the yummy pizza you've made, he comments, "I thought you knew, I'm allergic to gluten!" Apologise and offer a solution.
3. You're watching *Big Brother* on TV and your granny says, "That program should be banned". Express your disagreement.
4. Your father complains, "I don't like the friends you're hanging out with". Give him a convincing explanation.
5. Your friend asks you to take him home on your scooter but he does not want to wear a helmet. What do you say to him?
6. Your brother/sister is starting at a new school (moving on to secondary school). Give him/her some advice.

5. **Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (3 points)**

- a) – Your sister is addicted to selfies but she gets angry whenever you tell her to stop. Write a post on an Internet forum describing the situation and asking for advice.
- b) – Advantages and disadvantages of smartphones.



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**OPCIÓN B**

	<b>Syrian Refugees in Iceland, 3000 Miles from Home!</b>
1	Every year, a few hundred thousand tourists travel to the <u>snowy</u> town of Akureyri in the far north of Iceland, in search of ski slopes and whale watching trips. Yet the town's newest <u>inhabitants</u> know nothing about these attractions. In fact, until a couple of months ago, Khattab Al Mohammad and his family had not even heard of Iceland. They are Syrian refugees who have been offered a new life
5	in the country.
	As Mr Al Mohammad said, "This wasn't the plan." The 48-year-old former high school English teacher, his wife and their six children were among 35 Syrians <u>welcomed</u> to Iceland last month. The majority of refugees who have fled the war in Syria have settled in camps in Lebanon or Jordan or been granted asylum in Germany or other continental European countries. But more distant
10	countries, <u>including</u> New Zealand and Canada, have also accepted immigrants. Iceland, which has a population of 323,000, has promised to accept an initial allocation of 75 refugees.
	Like the other families, the Al Mohammads did not apply to come to Iceland. They left their home in the city of Aleppo in 2012 following repeated missile attacks in their neighbourhood. They spent three years living in Lebanon, in an abandoned garage, where Mr Al Mohammad and his wife slept
15	beside their 18-year-old daughter and their five sons. The United Nations gave them free water and electricity but there was no <u>formal</u> education for their children.
	When a United Nations agency asked Mr Al Mohammad last year if his family would like to go to Iceland, he was greatly surprised. "I didn't have the slightest idea where Iceland was", he commented. But the family is now living in a large house provided by the local council. Their new
20	neighbours have donated winter clothes and the family is being given free lessons in Icelandic for two hours a day. Once they have <u>mastered</u> the basics, the children will start school.
	(324 words) <span style="float: right;">Adapted from <i>The Telegraph</i>, 20 February 2016</span>

1. **Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1.5 points)**

- a) – Mr Al Mohammad and his wife were familiar with the place in Iceland where they went to live.
- b) – Mr Al Mohammad and his family were abandoned in a garage by a United Nations agency.
- c) – The natives of Akureyri have done nothing to help the new refugees.

2. **Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) – snowy (line 1)       | d) – including (line 10) |
| b) – inhabitants (line 2) | e) – formal (line 16)    |
| c) – to welcome (line 7)  | f) – to master (line 21) |

3. **Read this conversation between two people and complete it. Write the numbers (1-8) and complete each sentence on your exam paper. (2 points)**

**John is embarking on a plane to London**

**John:** Excuse me sir, I think you are sitting in my seat.

**Steven:** I have seat 23 B. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**John:** Mine is 23 A and 23 A is the window seat.

**Steven:** (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**John:** Yes sir, yours is the seat next to the aisle.

**Steven:** (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**John:** I'm really sorry but I prefer sitting by the window.

**Steven:** Don't worry. It's OK. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**John:** No, I have been in London several times. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Steven:** Oh that's great! This is my second visit.

**John:** (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Steven:** No. I'm attending a cardiology conference.

**John:** (7) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Steven:** Yes, I am. I work in Hospital Negrín. What about you?

**John:** I'm a university student. I'm trying to improve my English. And I love London.

**Steven:** I see. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**John:** No, I'm staying on the outskirts, in a friend's house. He's really kind.

4. **Choose only 4 of the following situations. Write what you would say in or about each one to show that you understand the context of the situation. Write between 6 and 20 words. (2 points)**

1.- Your parents met your English teacher at the parents' meeting. Ask them about the meeting.

2.- You are having a birthday party. Invite a friend.

3.- You want to go out to eat. Try to persuade your parents.

4.- Your mother asks you to write the shopping list for her. Give a polite refusal.

5.- Your friend tells you she got her new T-shirt in a charity shop. Make a comment.

6.- Your neighbour never picks up his dog poo. Make a comment.

5. **Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (3 points)**

a) Write a post on a discussion forum wishing refugees all the best in their new lives in different countries.

b) Starting a new life in a country completely different to your country: advantages and disadvantages.