

Anglès

Model 1. Opció A

Opció elegida

A B

Nota 1ª

Nota 2ª

Nota 3ª

Aferrau la capçalera d'examen

un cop acabat l'exercici

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.

Valentine's Day is more like a tax than a tribute to love.

As Valentine's Day approaches, the true horror of my situation is once again beginning to dawn on me. I am going to be required to be something called "romantic" for 24 hours. What on earth does that mean anyway? Is it heart-shaped chocolates, champagne, flowers? The whole event has been corrupted, as are so many traditions, by the intrusion of commerce into the equation. It is not a tribute to love, it is just more like a tax.

I think the most horrible "tradition" is the Valentine's dinner. Go into any restaurant on 14 February and witness all the sad faces, as the candlelight flickers on them and the determination to be gentle and caring at all costs increases the tension. Love is nothing at all if not spontaneous. This is why Valentine's Day is normally doomed. Love comes and goes, and you cannot say when you will be overwhelmed by passion for your partner or, on the contrary, be overcome by dislike. This is not to say I do not believe in romance. I do – rather more than my rather sensible wife does. She has been happy to go out for a McDonald's and get a cheese hamburger on 14 February. She understands that Valentine's cannot be represented in monetary terms. I agree – and not because I am cheap. I just think buying stuff is never a real tribute to anything.

A truly romantic gesture would, ideally, be spontaneous, but it is impossible to organise spontaneity by definition. So failing that, the most romantic thing you can give to your partner is time or thought, neither of which can be bought. To take time out from a busy schedule to go for a walk with your partner is romantic. To do a chore they know you hate, and do it well, is romantic. To write a well-considered love letter is even better. It just has to be sincere.

So, do not go out for a meal together. It is likely to result in disappointment. Cook your partner a meal, something you have never attempted before instead. Be kind to one another. Remember Valentine's Day is no big deal. Love is for 365 days a year, not just for one. And if the love is authentic, then you should above all, be authentic. That is the real meaning of romance, not a candlelit dinner with champagne – or even, for that matter, a cheese hamburger for two.

Adapted from The Guardian, 14th February 2014.

Vocabulary:

- **Dawn on** (V) = To realise or to understand



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) The author believes love is not a stable feeling or emotion. (0.5)

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b) The author truly believes in romance. (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 does the author think that Valentine's Day has been corrupted?

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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) Amount of money paid to the government for its support. (0.25)

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2) To be caused to fail or be ruined. (0.25)

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3) Practical, rational. (0.25)

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4) A domestic task, everyday work around a house. (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: How Peter and you (meet)?

B: We met at a mutual friend's party about three years ago.

A: And (be) it love at first sight?

B: Not really. Indeed, I thought he was rather vain.

4.2. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (0.5)

a) You should avoid (have) a fight on that particular day.

b) It is not a good idea to go out to celebrate Valentine's Day with your girlfriend tonight. You'd better (plan) a romantic dinner at home.

4.3. Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech. (0.5)

'Come and have dinner with me', Tom said to Ann.

Tom invited

4.4. Fill the blanks in the following two sentences with a phrasal verb that means the same as the verb in brackets. (0.5)

a) It was a really boring evening. He (continue) talking non-stop for literally over two hours.

b) He has been very sad lately. He (end a relationship) with his girlfriend a month ago.

5. Look at the highlighted part of the words below. Three of the words in each line (A, B, C, D) contain the same sound. Circle the word which contains a different sound (1 point):

5.1. **A) fierce** **B) beard** **C) kite** **D) ear** (0.25)

5.2. **A) doubt** **B) apple** **C) brow** **D) out** (0.25)

5.3. **A) health** **B) breathe** **C) either** **D) these** (0.25)

5.4. **A) added** **B) tried** **C) moved** **D) called** (0.25)



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Fast fashion does not automatically mean unsustainable

Today anyone can be a fashion trendsetter and consumers are increasingly conscious of their choices. But buying from big high street brands does not always mean sacrificing on sustainability. At the Copenhagen Sustainable Fashion Summit on 24th April, a heated panel discussion was held about luxury brands versus high street brands, or as some people like to call them, "fast fashion" brands.

Generally, seasonal trends are less important today than a decade ago. People have unlimited online information and anyone can become a fashion expert, as opposed to the past when only a lucky few had access to fashion shows. Consequently, fashion today is more about individual style. It is about how you interpret fashion news and information and how you make it work for you. Today great fashion is also available at affordable prices so people can build the wardrobe they want. Fashion has become democratic.

But does not fashion democracy mean disposable fashion - clothes so cheap that you over-consume? The fact is, most people cannot afford to buy luxury designer brands. A coat or dress at €2000 is simply not an option for most fashion lovers, regardless of the garment's beauty, quality or fit. And the quality is not necessarily that much better - if at all. Today's fashion consumer is well-informed, with a growing awareness of sustainability. They want to know how, where and by whom products are produced. And everyone in the fashion industry knows that luxury brands and high street brands more than occasionally use the same suppliers. Factory workers are paid the same salary to produce luxury goods as so-called "fast fashion", and under the same conditions. So, why pay 10 times the price if you do not need to? Very few *fashionistas* are snobbish about brands anymore. It is considered smart to get a good deal and even smarter to look stylish for less. We just need to produce and consume sustainably and collaborate at all levels of the industry. This means we have nothing to gain in even comparing or debating about the luxury industry against the high street brands because we are all in it together.

Adapted from The Guardian, 14th February 2015.

Vocabulary:

- **Sustainable (Adj)** = Using methods that do not affect the environment in a negative way.



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) Luxury brand clothes are always of much better quality than high street brand clothes. (0.5)

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b) Nowadays, fashion lovers are only interested in wearing luxury brands. (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 does the author believe fashion has become democratic?

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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) Economic, cheap enough for ordinary people to buy. (0.25)

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2) In spite of everything. (0.25)

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3) Arrogant, proud, feeling self-important. (0.25)

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4) Agreement especially in business. (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: What your boyfriend (do)?

B: He's a fashion designer.

A: Really? How interesting! How long he
(work) on the fashion industry?

B: Just a couple of months.

4.2. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. (0.5)

a) It was really (embarrass) to see them dressed like that at your party.

b) She's very extrovert and likes wearing (colour) clothes.

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

a) It's the most expensive dress I have bought myself.

b) The reason I don't want to go to the party is that I don't have anything to wear.

4.4. Rewrite the sentence using a modal verb. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence. (0.5)

He doesn't even know how to sew a button.

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5. Look at the highlighted part of the words below. Three of the words in each line (A, B, C, D) contain the same sound. Circle the word which contains a different sound (1 point):

5.1. **A)** height **B)** line **C)** star **D)** buy (0.25)

5.2. **A)** global **B)** age **C)** gin **D)** jeep (0.25)

5.3. **A)** pot **B)** sports **C)** caught **D)** forks (0.25)

5.4. **A)** guarded **B)** produced **C)** dedicated **D)** departed (0.25)



Aferrau una etiqueta identificativa de codi de barres

6. Write a composition of 120-150 words on the following topic. Answer all the questions (4 points):

What is your opinion about high street brands or 'fast fashion' brands? What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

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Total number of words:

Assessment criteria:					
Task fulfilment:	0	0.25	0.50	0.75	1
Grammar:	0	0.25	0.50	0.75	1
Organisation:	0	0.25	0.50	0.75	1
Vocabulary:	0	0.25	0.50	0.75	1
Total :					