



Anglès II

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Opció A

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.

How East and West think in profoundly different ways

Nowadays, it is becoming increasingly clear that history, geography and culture can change how we all think in surprising ways. Until recently, scientists had largely ignored the global diversity of thinking. In 2010, an influential article in the journal 'Behavioural and Brain Sciences' reported that the vast majority of psychological subjects had been "western, educated, industrialised, rich and democratic", or 'Weird' for short. Nearly 70% were American, and most were undergraduate students hoping to gain pocket money or course credits by giving up their time to take part in these experiments. The tacit assumption had been that this select group of people could represent universal truths about human nature – that all people are basically the same. Yet the small number of available studies which had examined people from other cultures would suggest that this is far from the case.

Some of the most notable differences revolved around the concepts of "individualism" and "collectivism"; whether you consider yourself to be either independent or else interconnected with the other people around you, valuing the group over the individual. Generally speaking, people in the West tend to be more individualist, and people from Asian countries like India, Japan or China tend to be more collectivist. When questioned about their attitudes and behaviours, people in more individualistic, Western societies tend to value personal success over group achievement, which in turn is also associated with the need for greater self-esteem and the pursuit of personal happiness. This also manifests in overconfidence, with many experiments showing that 'Weird' participants are likely to overestimate their abilities. This latter tendency appears to be almost completely absent in a range of studies across East Asia.

But why did the different thinking styles emerge in the first place? The obvious explanation would be that they simply reflect the most prominent philosophies in each region over time. However, other theories suggest that our thinking may have even been shaped by the kinds of crops our ancestors used to farm, and a single river may mark the boundaries between two different cognitive styles. Since these diverse ways of viewing the world are integrated into the culture's literature, education, and political institutions, it is perhaps of little surprise that those ideas have been internalised, influencing some very basic psychological processes.

In short, it seems that, wherever we live, a greater awareness of history, geography and culture can help us all understand our own minds a little better.

Adapted from BBC News, January 2017



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) Western societies tend to value the individual over the group. (0.5)

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b) Some geographical knowledge can help us understand the different ways people think. (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 the majority of psychological subjects in research studies so far believed not to represent the global diversity of thinking?

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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 stop doing something that you do regularly. (0.25)

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2) The achievement of an aim or purpose. The attainment of fame, wealth or social status. (0.25)

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3) A variety or number of things that are of the same general type. (0.25)

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4) The limits of an activity or experience. Imaginary points separating two different qualities or ideas. (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: I haven't seen you for a long time! Where you (be)?

A: Oh, I stayed in China for 3 weeks.

B: Indeed I am planning to visit Beijing in July. you (recommend) me some nice hotels near the city centre?

A: Sure! No problem.

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

a) He is an ignorant man. It is not paying attention to him.

b) What was the name of the passenger passport was stolen?.

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

a) I tried to call John this afternoon but I couldn't (be connected).

b) Mary can't (tolerate) people who do not respect other ways of thinking.

4.4. Turn the following sentence into the passive voice. (0.5)

Nobody told me that Julian had been recently arrested in Mexico.

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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) ironic** **B) mine** **C) mint** **D) cider** (0.25)

5.2. **A) often** **B) some** **C) cousin** **D) mother** (0.25)

5.3. **A) honour** **B) hotel** **C) half** **D) hawk** (0.25)

5.4. **A) cooked** **B) moved** **C) jumped** **D) reached** (0.25)

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.

Woman freaks out after realising someone is stalking her with *Instagram*

Jack Morris and Lauren Bullen, both travel photographers and minor *Instagram* stars, seem to have a remarkably enviable life. They travel all over the world together, taking breathtakingly beautiful pictures of paradise locations. In fact, their life seemed so enviable that someone has actually tried to copy it. This *Instagram* user, called 'The Dame Traveller', posts pictures of herself obsessively recreating every Jack and Lauren's photos. The locations, the framing, the captions, the outfits, everything down to the most minute detail. People are surprised by the amount of time, money, research and dedication it would require to recreate the pictures in this way.

A few days ago, Lauren posted on her blog a long explanation of her reaction to The Dame Traveller's pictures, titled "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery". She begins: "Having a large *Instagram* following does come with some interesting experiences, but this has been by far the strangest one. When a girl travels across the world recreating your exact imagery over and over again you begin to worry". She further points out: "Part of why I do what I do is to inspire and motivate people through our art- our imagery. But The Dame Traveller's account has direct copies on all elements of our images- at least 20 of mine and Jack's imagery. I understand seeking inspiration from what I do- and I love that, but this truly shocked me. Stealing someone's art is never okay".

In her post, Lauren explains that when she messaged the girl about discovering her page, The Dame Traveller tried to justify her actions by saying that everybody copies the couple, and that she should make her pictures private if she would rather that did not happen. But, as Lauren said: "I think she missed the point that no one has copied down to this extreme before – everything is just so next level". The Dame Traveller also said why they cared about her if she had only 1,000 followers when they had 500,000 following, but as Lauren states: "That is not at all the point, it is not about how many followers anyone has - you are copying and stealing someone's art to a ridiculously creepy level".

Some people may question what would lead anyone to painstakingly copy someone's holiday photos. Others might just say that exposing such an enviable life on social media could invite some stalkers or obsessive fans.

Adapted from The Independent, December 2016

Vocabulary:

- **Stalk (V)**: To follow obsessively.

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) Lauren Bullen believes that The Dame Traveller's pictures of herself recreating every Jack and Lauren's photos is a flattering experience. (0.5)

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b) The Dame Traveller has fewer *Instagram* followers than Jack Morris and Lauren Bullen. (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):

What are the main reasons provided by The Dame Traveller to make direct copies of Jack and Lauren's pictures?

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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) In a way that is very impressive, beautiful or surprising. (0.25)

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2) A little too much, or to a degree that is slightly too great. (0.25)

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3) To try to find something. (0.25)

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4) Scary, unpleasant in a way that makes you feel nervous or frightened. (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: You are under too much stress. I think you (take) a holiday and go somewhere.

B: Actually, I'm taking a holiday trip to California on Sunday. So, this time next week I (lie) on the beach.

A: Lucky you! Remember to upload some photos on *Instagram* so that we can see you!

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

a) I think that story doesn't any sense.

b) Mary spends hours on *Facebook* and *Instagram*. I'd warn her about the dangers of social networking.

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

'Why don't you try out this new app?', Jane asked me.

Jane

4.4. Rewrite the following sentence using the 3rd conditional form. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence. (0.5)

'She couldn't watch the videos because she didn't register on *Instagram*'.

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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) genius** **B) gift** **C) German** **D) gentle** (0.25)

5.2. **A) bank** **B) chocolate** **C) actress** **D) nervous** (0.25)

5.3. **A) root** **B) bully** **C) wood** **D) full** (0.25)

5.4. **A) started** **B) mended** **C) followed** **D) collected** (0.25)



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

Do you follow any social media accounts? Why or why not? Why do you think some popular social media accounts go private?

Dotted lines for writing the composition.

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
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