



Option A

LIVESTRONG BRACELET: TO WEAR OR NOT TO WEAR?

- 1 Lou Hablas has supported Livestrong for years and worn the iconic yellow bracelet in honor of those people who have lost loved ones to cancer. He also has volunteered for the cancer charity as a photographer to raise money for Livestrong's programs.
- 5 Hablas says he'll continue to wear the bracelet despite news that embattled cyclist Lance Armstrong is stepping down as chairman of the charity he founded 15 years ago. But the poster of Armstrong leading his Discovery teammates in 2005 is coming down from his office wall amid news that the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency found "overwhelming" evidence of Armstrong's involvement in doping as a professional cyclist.
- 11 Like many who admired the cyclist and cancer research advocate, Hablas is attempting to reconcile images of Armstrong as a fallen hero and a cancer survivor who used his stardom to dramatically change the stigma attached to the disease.
- 15 Others, like Paul Smeulders, who saw Armstrong as a symbol of hope and solidarity were completely devastated by his fall, with some cynically wondering if Livestrong was a front to deflect attention from doping allegations. "It appeared he started using Livestrong as a brand to elevate himself and as a shield to cover or dodge criticism of his unsportsmanlike behavior", Smeulders said.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why wouldn't some people wear the bracelet any longer?

B. Are the following statements true or false? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. Hablas wears the yellow bracelet as a tribute to people who died of cancer.

B2. News reported there are no proofs of Armstrong's doping.

B3. Smeulders thinks Armstrong is now a symbol of hope.

C. Choose a, b or c in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 point as a whole).

Some people believe:

- a) Armstrong has volunteered for the cancer charity as a photographer.
- b) Armstrong used Livestrong to hide his doping.
- c) Armstrong's involvement in doping started 15 years ago.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Those who saw Armstrong as a symbol of hope felt devastated.

b) Transform into the passive voice: "The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency found "overwhelming" evidence of Armstrong's involvement in doping as a professional cyclist."

c) Complete: Smeulders would wear the bracelet if ...

d) Transform the following sentence into reported speech: 'He'll continue to wear the bracelet despite news that Armstrong is stepping down as chairman of the charity organization.' **Start with** Hablas said ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) commanding others
- b) somebody who overcomes a traumatic experience

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) participation
- d) fame
- e) protection

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS
(4 POINTS).

Is Armstrong a hero or just a fallen hero? Justify your answer.



Option B

**THE FOREIGN-BORN ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN
BRITAIN THAN IN MOST PLACES**

1 Polls repeatedly show that Britons are unhappier about immigration than most
people, especially after a decade of record inflows. Britain's foreign-born population
includes a higher proportion of people with tertiary education than in almost any other
OECD country. Incomers are much more likely to be highly educated than native Brits.
5 This is thanks in part to the small number of Americans and others who flocked to the
City before the financial crisis. It also reflects a flood of well-qualified east Europeans
from 2004 and a growing number of clever Asians and so forth who come to study and
stay to work.

10 Predictably, they have found jobs –many of them good ones. The proportion of
employed foreign-born men in Britain was above the OECD average in 2009-10.
Though around a fifth of people in migrant households figure in the poorest tenth of the
population, 8.5% are in the richest tenth, well above the norm. The picture is more
mixed for their children. Most do well in school, often beating the offspring of native
English-speakers. More children of foreign-born parents complete tertiary education.

15 Overall, though, Britain's immigrants are a success story, especially compared with
other European countries. One reason is that many have come to work or study, fewer to
join family or escape persecution. They are motivated to stand on their own feet and
18 usually have, or quickly gain, the skills to do so.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why are Britons unhappier about immigration than most people?

B. Are the following statements true or false? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

B1. Britain's foreign-born population include a high percentage of University graduates.

B2. Children of foreign-born parents do not take tertiary education.

B3. Compared with other European countries, Britain's immigrants are a failure story.

C. Choose a, b or c in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 points as a whole).

The employed foreign-born men in Britain are ...

- a) asylum seekers.
- b) highly educated people.
- c) third world migrants.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Britons are unhappier about immigration.

b) Transform into reported speech: 'Incomers are much more likely to be highly educated than native Brits.' **Begin with:** The poll said that ...

c) Transform into the passive: The government squeezes the migration routes.

d) Complete: Britons would not be uncomfortable with immigrants if ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a period of ten consecutive years
- b) the descendant of a person

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) surveys
- d) increasing
- e) oppression

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS
(4 POINTS).

Imagine you have to emigrate, which country would you go to?