

PROVES D'ACCÉS A LA UNIVERSITAT PER A MAJORS DE 25 ANYS
PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD PARA MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS

Assignatura/Asignatura	ANGLÈS / INGLÉS
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Convocatòria/Convocatoria	2008-09	Barem/Baremo	10 punts/puntos	60 minuts/minutos
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Indicacions/Indicaciones

Llegiu el text següent amb atenció, almenys dues vegades, i responeu després, en anglès i en els fulls d'examen a banda, les cinc preguntes formulades. Disposeu d'una hora per a fer-ho. En les preguntes (1) i (5) heu d'evitar la reproducció literal de l'original.

Lea con detenimiento, al menos dos veces, el siguiente texto y responda a continuación, en inglés y en las hojas de respuestas, a las cinco preguntas formuladas. Para ello dispone de una hora. En las preguntas (1) y (5) deberá evitar la reproducción literal del original.

HOMELESSNESS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

I can hardly pay my bills every month. I am living from pay cheque to pay cheque, and the amount of money I make per hour is insufficient for me to save anything. However, I am lucky enough to come from a family who worked hard to pay for my education and who will help me out if anything at all should happen to me. The irony is that *without such a generous family and without a strong belief in myself, I too could be homeless.*

Like most people, I usually walk quickly past those who appear less fortunate than ourselves. Every day I see homeless people, but the most attention I might give them is a 'how sad' look. I sometimes get angry with myself for being so selfish, and I justify my fears by saying, 'They should get a job.' Unfortunately, the reality is: who would hire someone who is untidy and doesn't have a contact address or phone?

Although I am ashamed for feeling the way I do, I know that it is not uncommon. One day I decided to experience the feelings associated with homelessness and understand those who do not have anywhere to go. So, I got myself a pair of torn jeans, packed a bag, took off my make-up, and put on a very old sweater. Then I walked downtown and sat next to two homeless men.

It was freezing cold and, during that day, I learned more about life and people than I ever had before. All I needed to do was to open my mind.

QUESTIONS

1. State in your own words what the author means when she says: '[...] without such a generous family and without a strong belief in myself, I too could be homeless.' **(2 marks)**

2. Say in each case whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Write T or F. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it as false (F). **(2 marks)**

- a) The author doesn't usually pay much attention to homeless people. _____
- b) The author has a well-paid job. _____
- c) The author's attitude towards the homeless changes after spending a day as a homeless person. _____
- d) Nobody would like to experience the feelings associated with homelessness. _____

3. These words and expressions are all found in the text: *untidy, make-up, insufficient, amount, ashamed, hard, fears, strong, selfish, lucky, save, hire*. Choose the ones that mean the same as the following: **(2 marks)**

- (a) with great effort or energy _____
- (b) cosmetics (for example, lipstick and mascara) _____
- (c) not enough _____
- (d) fortunate _____

4. Choose, *a, b* or *c* after each statement below. Only one answer is correct. **(2 marks)**

- 1. The author believes that ...
 - a) it's difficult for a homeless person to get a job.
 - b) it's not difficult for a homeless person to get a job.
 - c) the government should do something to help the homeless.
- 2. The author's family ...
 - a) didn't pay for her education
 - b) can't help her financially.
 - c) will help her financially if she is in difficulty.
- 3. The author put on some old clothes ...
 - a) because she didn't have enough money to buy a new pair of jeans.
 - b) in order to look like a homeless person.
 - c) because she had decided to give her new pair of jeans to a homeless person.
- 4. The author says she gives homeless people a 'how sad' look. However, ...
 - a) she is totally happy with her attitude.
 - b) there is nothing she can do to change their lives.
 - c) she is not happy with her attitude.

5. Answer the following question: **(2 marks)**

What could our government do to help the homeless? Give reasons to support your answer.