



- Instrucciones: a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.  
b) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

**A LIFE'S AMBITION: TO CROSS THE BORDER**

Until recently the main news about immigration in this part of the world focused on the boatloads of Africans attempting to reach the shores of southern Spain. Lately, however, a new phenomenon has hit the headlines: immigrants have been storming the borders between Morocco and the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla massively.

5 The double three-metre-high barbed-wire fences that divide Spanish and Moroccan territories have not put them off. Hundreds or even thousands of sub-Saharan Africans camp out in the woods near the border. They choose their place and moment carefully according to the position of the Spanish and Moroccan guards, and use their handmade ladders to scale the fences always after dark. If several hundreds attempt to get across, at least a few are bound to succeed.

10 "These men and women can go nowhere else because they have nothing to eat; they have no job and many have no family left. That's why they are going to try it again and again," says the president of a non-profit organization that tries to provide aid for these immigrants. Meanwhile, the centres that run as temporary shelters for homeless immigrants are more than overflowing.

**(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)**

- a) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (1 point per answer)
- 1) What has changed about immigrants' efforts to reach Spain?
  - 2) Which are the two means that Spain uses to prevent Africans from crossing the border?
- b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) Immigrants are so desperate that they jump the fence at any time.
  - 4) The double three-metre-high barbed-wire fence is effective.
  - 5) Poverty is the only reason why they risk their lives.
  - 6) There are not enough temporary shelters for immigrants.

**(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)**

- 7) Give one **synonym** for BORDER (line 3) (0.25 points)
- 8) Find in the text **the word** which has the following definition (0.25 points)  
"a place giving protection from bad weather or danger" (noun)
- 9) Give an **adjective** with the **same root** as PROFIT (line 9) (0.25 points)
- 10) Give one **opposite** for TEMPORARY (adjective) (line 10) (0.25 points)
- 11) Rewrite the sentence **without changing** its meaning. **Begin** as indicated. (0.5 points)  
These men and women can go nowhere else.  
These men and women cannot ...
- 12) **Complete** the following sentence: (0.5 points)  
If rich countries helped poor ones...
- 13) **Turn** the following sentence into **the passive voice**: (0.5 points)  
A new phenomenon has hit the headlines
- 14) Give a question for the **underlined words**: (0.5 points)  
Africans wait in the woods for the right moment.

**(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)**

- 15) WRITE A COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS). CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.
- a) Would you like to go abroad for a temporary job? Why?
  - b) Why do African immigrants want to come to Spain?



Instrucciones: **MUY IMPORTANTE:** por favor, atégase a los criterios de corrección redactados por la Ponencia de Inglés de Andalucía.

KEY TO "A LIFE'S AMBITION: TO CROSS THE BORDER"

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

- a) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (1 point per answer)
- 1) What has changed about immigrants' efforts to reach Spain?  
*THEY USED TO COME BY BOAT BUT NOW THEY TRY TO CROSS THE BORDER.*
  - 2) Which are the two means that Spain uses to prevent Africans from crossing the border?  
*THE WIRE FENCE AND THE GUARD.*
- b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) The double three-metre-high barbed-wire fence is effective. *FALSE. ... THE DOUBLE . . . FENCES . . . HAVE NOT PUT THEM OFF (line 4); or THEY SCALE THEM AND A FEW ARE BOUND TO SUCCEED (lines 6-7)*
  - 4) Immigrants are so desperate that they jump the fence at any time. *FALSE. ... THEY CHOOSE THEIR MOMENT CAREFULLY. (lines 5-6)*
  - 5) Poverty is the only reason why they risk their lives. *FALSE. ... MANY HAVE NO FAMILY LEFT (lines 8-9)*
  - 6) There are not enough temporary shelters for immigrants. *TRUE. ... THEY ARE MORE THAN OVERFLOWING (lines 10-11)*

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) Give one **synonym** for BORDER (line 3) (0.25 points)  
*FRONTIER, SIDE, EDGE, BRINK, MARGIN, LIMIT, BOUNDARY, (US: "LINE")*
- 8) Find in the text **the word** which has the following definition (0.25 points)  
"a place giving protection from bad weather or danger" (noun) *SHELTER (line 10)*
- 9) Give an **adjective** with the **same root** as PROFIT (line 9) (UN)PROFITABLE (0.25 points)
- 10) Give one **opposite** for TEMPORARY (adjective; line 10) (0.25 points)  
*PERMANENT, EVERLASTING, ETERNAL*
- 11) Rewrite the sentence **without changing** its meaning. **Begin** as indicated. (0.5 points)  
These men and women can go nowhere else.  
These men and women cannot *GO ANYWHERE ELSE*
- 12) **Complete** the following sentence: (0.5 points)  
If rich countries helped poor ones... THIS *WOULD BE A HAPPY WORLD*
- 13) **Turn** the following sentence into **the passive voice**: (0.5 points)  
A new phenomenon has hit the headlines  
*THE HEADLINES HAVE BEEN HIT BY A NEW PHENOMENON*
- 14) Give a question for the **underlined words**: (0.5 points)  
Africans wait in the woods for the right moment.  
*FOR WHAT DO AFRICANS WAIT IN THE WOODS?*  
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