



- Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1 hora y treinta minutos
b) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas

HOME ALONE

With marriage apparently in trouble, so many single-parent families and people living alone ready to dominate the country, Britain is currently going through one of the most dramatic social changes in its entire history. This is one more example of globalization, and many other countries around the world seem to be accompanying Britain in the same process.

5 The statistics are shocking. Since 1961, the number of UK homes occupied by one person has risen from 10 to 30 per cent, with predictions of 40 per cent for the year 2010. There are other fundamental social changes behind Britain's single-household explosion. The increasing independence of the working woman, more orientated to her career than to personal relationships, has been essential. The prototypical Bridget Jones, thirty-

10 something, single, and in search of a man, is becoming a little old-fashioned. These changing social attitudes and the higher divorce and separation figures are the causes of the growing numbers of single parents. More and more women, both in the UK and the USA, no longer think it necessary to have a man around to have a child. Such radical social changes inevitably have their side effects, which are often as interesting as the changes themselves. Obsession with work seems to have provoked a boom in online agencies for making friends.

(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) How is the family changing in Britain?
- 2) What is the role of women in family changes?

b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)

- 3) Family changes are also observed throughout the world.
- 4) Many women are trying to imitate Bridget Jones.
- 5) The large numbers of single parents are only due to changing attitudes.
- 6) Even people obsessed with their careers need relationships.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

7) Give one **opposite** for INCREASING (adjective) (line 7) (0.25 points)

8) Find in the text a **synonym** for NOW (adverb) (0.25 points)

9) Fill in the gap with a correct **preposition**: (0.25 points)

All my family was brought _____ in England.

10) Give an adjective with the same root as CHILD (noun) (line 12) (0.25 points)

11) Join the following sentences using a **relative pronoun**. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)

Johnny Depp is starring in *Finding Neverland*. His portrait of Captain Sparrow is superb.

12) Turn the following sentence into **reported speech**: (0.5 points)

Michael asked her: "Where did you find these trainers?"

13) Complete the following sentence: (0.5 points)

If Harry were allowed to use magic at home . . .

14) Use the words in the boxes to make a **meaningful sentence**. Use **all** and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

15) Write a **composition (80-100 WORDS)** Choose **ONE** of the following options. Specify your option.

- a) How do you meet new friends?
- b) Men and women's new roles in society.