



Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura Curso 2007-08

Asignatura: Inglés

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: Una hora y 30 minutos

El alumno deberá responder en inglés a las cinco preguntas que se formulan. (Puntuación máxima del ejercicio: 10 puntos. Puntuación máxima de cada pregunta: 1ª pregunta = 4 puntos; 2ª = 1,5 puntos; 3ª = 1,5 puntos; 4ª = 1 punto; 5ª = 2 puntos).

Please sir, we want more

It's an old cliché that many men leave home not even knowing how to boil an egg, but now it seems a whole generation of people lack the most basic cooking skills. Cookery has virtually disappeared from timetables and the result is a generation of young adults who have passed through the school system without learning how to cook and look after themselves nutritionally, say critics. A new Ofsted report backs them. It says even when cooking - or food technology as it is now known - is taught, pupils are more likely to be using computers to produce drawings of icing on cakes than learning how to cook nutritious meals.

Although the use of new technologies in classrooms is popular with many politicians and educational theorists nowadays, over reliance on virtual learning environments can have serious consequences for pupils' learning of practical skills or simple recognition of 'real world' entities. And this is particularly important when it comes to skills that are vital for survival.

Many young adults don't know how to chop vegetables, grill meat or even make a salad, leaving them with little option but ready meals and fast food when it comes to feeding themselves and their family, says Anita Cormac, director of the Focus on Food campaign. "What has happened in schools is disgraceful, there's been a whole erosion of food culture," she says. "Every child should have a right to learn about food because it's only if you can cook that you have a choice in what you eat. We've taught students who seriously think a bowl of tinned tuna is donkey meat, can't recognise an onion and don't know chips come from potatoes. Some adults aren't much better. Is it any surprise that childhood obesity is rising very fast? If parents can't teach their children how to cook and schools don't, the problem is passed on through the generations."

1. Do you think that important practical skills like first aid, driving or cooking should be taught at school? Give your opinion in about 80-100 words.
2. According to Anita Cormac, why is it important for cooking to be taught at school? (Give two reasons)
3. Imagine that your friend is going to order a very large hamburger in a fast food restaurant. Advise him/her not to do this, and give him/her a reason.
4. Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech), beginning: *She said :*
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5. Find **two** words in the text containing vowels or groups of vowels that are pronounced in the same way as a in want, ea in please, and a in basic. Underline the part of the word that contains the sound.