



Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura

Asignatura: Inglés

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: Una hora

El alumno deberá responder a todas las preguntas que se formulan, excepto en el caso de la primera pregunta (la redacción), donde puede elegir entre la opción a y la opción b. El alumno deberá hacer todos los ejercicios en inglés. (Puntuación máxima del ejercicio: 10 puntos. Puntuación máxima de cada pregunta: 1ª pregunta = 3 puntos; 2ª = 2 puntos; 3ª = 1'5 puntos; 4ª = 1 punto; 5ª = 2'5 puntos).

Marrying more than one

Polygamy exists in three specific forms, including polygyny (one man having multiple wives), polyandry (one woman having multiple husbands), or group marriage (some combination of polygyny and polyandry). Historically, all three practices have been found, but polygyny is by far the most common. Confusion often arises when the general term 'polygamy' is used by a narrower definition is intended.

Polyandry is a practice where a woman is married to more than one man at the same time. Fraternal polyandry was traditionally practised among nomadic Tibetans in Nepal, parts of China and part of northern India, in which two or more brothers share the same wife. Polyandry is believed to be more likely in societies with few environmental resources (little food, poor access to drinking water, and the like), as it helps to limit the growth of human population and to guarantee survival of children. A woman can only have a limited number of children in her lifetime, no matter how many husbands she has. Moreover, a child with 'many' fathers has more possibilities to survive, because all those fathers will take care of him or her. In contrast, the number of children would be increased if polygyny were practised, and a man had more than one wife, because those wives could get simultaneously pregnant.

Group marriage, or circle marriage, can exist in a number of forms, such as where more than one man and more than one woman form a single family unit, and all members of the marriage share a parental responsibility for any children arising from the marriage. Another possibility is a long-lived line marriage. In a line marriage, every time a husband or a wife in the group dies he or she is replaced by another, so that family property never becomes dispersed through inheritance.

- Write a composition about **one of the following two topics** (maximum 3 points):
 - Do you think that polygyny should be permitted in Spain today? Give your opinion in at least 80 words.
 - Write a story of at least 80 words **beginning with** this sentence: "*Elizabeth never imagined she could legally marry two men at the same time, but she was wrong*". Remember that **the 17 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write**.
- Answer the following two questions:
 - Does the writer say that polyandry is common in very rich societies? Explain your answer (maximum 1 point).
 - According to the text, is marriage between a woman and two or more men more common than marriage between one man and two or more women? Explain your answer (maximum 1 point).
- Find in the text words having a similar meaning to the following words. Give **only one synonym** for each word (maximum 0'5 points each word):
 - particular*
 - custom*
 - legacy*
- Read the following short dialogue:

Mark: Do you know what? I'm in love! I've found a wonderful woman and we're going out.

Edward: What...? But you are the one who has always said that having a couple was just like being in a prison, only doing what that other person wants to do!

Mark: My friend, I'm even thinking about getting married, but I'm not sure.

Now, imagine you are Edward and Mark is your best friend. **Use just two or three sentences** to advise him to get married and give him a good reason for it (maximum 1 point).
- Grammatical transformation.
 - Rewrite the following sentence in the negative interrogative (maximum 1 point)

Group marriage can exist in a number of forms
 - Turn the following sentence into the passive voice. **Do not omit any part of the sentence**. (maximum 1'5 points)

One husband may take care of a limited number of children