

Primer ejercicio (f) INGLÉS **Estudios Superiores de Diseño**

Prueba de acceso planteada en el Curso 2005 - 2006. Sólo sirve a efectos de ejemplo.

1. READING COMPREHENSION. "CHANGING ROLES".

The "roles" or social positions of men and women are changing. Women's Lib is now a world-wide movement. As modern technological societies depend less on physical strength and more on human intelligence, women are no longer necessarily relegated to the traditional role of mother and housewife, and therefore women's status has risen up quite considerably.

Changes in developed countries occur very frequently and one of the most recent of those is that of the "roles". That is why, if you observe the society, you will see that in a number of families the roles are reversed. The most common situation in a typical family used to be where the father worked outside at a job to earn money for the family, and the mother worked inside the home in order to take care of the needs there.

Women's Liberation Movement was founded in USA so that women could fight together for "equal rights". Therefore women don't have, any longer, to take only "women's jobs" which are usually as: secretaries, teachers, or clerks. Because they faced and overcame unknown obstacles for males, females can be seen, at present, working as pilots, doctors, lawyers, coal-miners or businesswomen, among other jobs considered not long ago "only for men".

After the progress of the last decades women are showing so much capability for any job that more and more women are being promoted for a traditionally "men's heaven" like executive suit, court, heavy industry, etc.

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A. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does James of the University of Chicago mean when he says: (2 p)
"Since we are moving from muscle industry to mind industry, women are likely to break any of the old barriers of sexism?"
- 2) Find a sentence in the text where it shows that the following statements are true. (2 p)
 - a. Some women are now working outside while their husbands are doing the housework.
 - b. Some kinds of work used to be regarded unfit for women.
 - c. A lot of variations are taking place in advanced communities nowadays.
 - d. Women are fighting for their rights all over the world.
- 3) TRUE OR FALSE. (2 p)
 - a. The mothers used to take care of the financial needs in the old times.
 - b. Men have handed over some jobs unselfishly, of their own accord.

- c. Body strength is more necessary everyday.
- d. Women have struggle for their rights.
- c. The usual functions of men and women are the same as they used to be.
- 4) Find a synonym of these lexical units. (1 p)
 - a. raised
 - b. displaying
 - c. requirements
 - d. cope with
 - e. advances.
- 5) Apart from the fact of you being a man or a woman, what is your personal idea about “changing roles”? (about 50 words) (3 p)

II. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT TENSE. (0.3 each)

1. Is your car ready yet?. “The garage (not/finish).....it when I (phone).....
.....them half an hour ago.
2. I (enjoy) going to the theatre last week; I (not/go).....since I (be)
..... A student.
3. “What (he/do)for a living?”. “He’s a teacher.”
4. He cannot drive because he (brake)his arm.
5. I (not/hear) A word from John since he (go)..... Back to Bahrain.
6. She (write) letters for three hours!

III. REPORT THE FOLLOWING DIALOGUE YOU HAD WITH YOUR BOSS SOME WEEKS AGO. (5 p)

- “Are you ill?” He said coldly.
- “no”, I said.
- “Did you sleep well last night?”
- “Yes”, I said.
- “Then, why are you sitting about when all the others are working?. Go out at once and give them a hand”.

IV. WRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN THE PASSIVE VOICE. (5 p)

1. We must sell everything before the end of the month.
2. They are building several new factories in the north of England.
3. A man told us to wait outside.
4. You are not to open this parcel until Christmas day.
5. Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928.