



## TAREA 1

### Gender equality

Read the text about gender equality and choose the right answer for each question (a, b, or c). Question 0 has been done as an example. Write your final answers in the Answer Sheet at the beginning of the booklet.

(7x1=7 points)

**Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.**

### Gender equality is not a 'women's issue' – it's good for men too.

Julia Gillard

Men have always played critical roles in the women's movement. From John Stuart Mill to Fredrick Douglass, a few men have long supported the struggle for gender equality. And today there are plenty of men who are proud feminists – just ask Andy Murray, who hired a female coach, Amélie Mauresmo; or Ryan Gosling, who has become something of a feminist icon. But there is still a long way to go, and we'll only get there by drawing more men into the conversation.



A new study by Ipsos Mori, in collaboration with the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King's College London, has found that while a third of British men think they are being expected to do too much to support women's equality, far more – half – do not. In fact, three in five men in Britain agree that gender equality won't be achieved unless they also take action to support women's rights.

Despite attempts to paint gender equality as a *zero-sum game*\*, there are plenty of win-win propositions for these men to support. Better parental leave for fathers would be a good start. Sorry, Piers Morgan, but the vast majority of people who answered our survey don't believe that childcare is emasculating, with 75% of people globally disagreeing that a man who stays at home to look after his children is less of a man.

Government policy needs to catch up with this new reality, and the evidence is clear that, unless paternity leave is non-transferable and well paid, few people will use it. Sweden and Norway show us that the introduction of the "daddy quota" – the period of parental leave reserved specifically for fathers – has a positive effect on men using their parental leave, and then on men's long-term involvement in household work and childcare.

Men want employers to do more. Globally, three-quarters (72%) agree that employers should make it easier for men to combine childcare with work. We are seeing an increasing number of jobs that offer flexible working schemes to do just this, but too often they are only offered to women. Probably, the best way to change this stigma would be to encourage more men to take on part-time and flexible work. Businesses need not fear: research links flexible working to increased productivity, as better work-life balance leads to happier, more effective workers.

Women gain from having flexible partners, too. A study of German couples found that having a partner who works flexibly boosted the wages of men and women, with the effect most pronounced for mothers. Conversely, women whose partners work very long hours are significantly more likely to quit the labour force – taking their talent and experience with them.

\* A zero-sum game is defined as a game in which the total gains and losses equal zero. That is, if one of the players wins something, the other players lose an equal amount so that the total sum is zero. Here, it means that, for some, if women win something, it will be at the cost of men losing something in return.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/08/gender-equality-not-womens-issue-good-men-too>

**0. John Stewart Mill and Frederick Douglass are mentioned as examples of**

- a) men who struggled for equality.
- b) men who supported women's equality. ✓**
- c) men who struggled to support gender equality.

**1. The main idea in the first paragraph is that**

- a) more men need to be involved in the fight for equality.
- b) there are a lot of men involved in the fight for equality.
- c) there are more male than female celebrities fighting for equality.

**2. According to the study by Ipsos Mori, regarding gender equality**

- a) the majority of British men feel they are being asked to do too much.
- b) about a third of British men are asking women to do too much.
- c) a significant amount of British men feel they are being asked to do too much.

**3. The results of that same study show that a majority of British men**

- a) feel they'll play an important part in the struggle for equality.
- b) think they should play a secondary role in the action.
- c) support actions taken by women in the fight for equality.

**4. According to the text, the opinion of \_\_\_\_\_ is that childcare makes you less of a man.**

- a) 75% of men
- b) most fathers
- c) Piers Morgan

**5. According to the text, globally, working men feel that \_\_\_\_\_ to combine work and childcare**

- a) they should be offered more flexibility
- b) governments should help them
- c) women have it easier

**6. Research into part-time and flexitime working seems to prove that**

- a) businesses are afraid of offering them.
- b) they help to increase productivity.
- c) work-life balance is not affected.

**7. A study of German couples found that**

- a) incomes decreased but couples were happier working flexitime.
- b) incomes were boosted if both partners worked flexible time.
- c) mothers earned more if their partner worked flexitime.

## TAREA 2

### What is your opinion about the Educational System?

Match each of the following statements with one of the texts. Write **J** for Josephine, **D** for David, or **A** for Abraham. Item 0 has been done as an example. There are two extra statements that you do not need to use, so two of the boxes must be left blank. Write your final answers in the Answer Sheet at the beginning of the booklet.

(6x1=6 points)

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#### Josephine Misson

In my opinion, today's educational system, and especially higher education, is failing the students.

You see, when you look at our educational system, it has basically been the same for centuries. Teachers and professors simply give their class, and students are supposed to sit quietly and listen. However, things evolve, the way we learn and teach should too. For instance, today we are surrounded by technology; technology has proven to help mankind in many ways. We achieve way more thanks to technology, and this is also applicable to education.

Educators need to understand that technology is not disruptive in the classroom. Yes, it might distract students, but even if you prohibit it, they will find a way to use their smartphones and tablets in class.

So, instead of fighting these digital tools, why not transform them instead into exceptional learning tools that maximise the learning and teaching experience?

#### David de Alba

In most places, education systems are still falling further and further behind the current times. They produce classes full of students who are highly uninterested in learning the way their old folks used to learn in the late XX century and even before. Unless education systems are brought up to speed soon, more and more students will go through school making an insignificant amount of learning.


Besides, some teachers are not too comfortable using new technologies. They sometimes refuse to use the most basic tools such as digital whiteboards or interactive material. If some effort is not made to bring these educators up to date, it will be very hard to implement many teaching innovations.

#### Abraham Rudra

Build small communities in which every member can learn from each other, and they can share the same curiosity. These groups should work independently, with just some guidance from the educators. They could choose the projects and subjects they want to study and research and they would also decide how exactly these projects would be carried out.

There should be an authority that can be changed by members. It does not necessarily have to be the teacher, it could be one of the students. The groups themselves should decide how and when this authority is decided: via elections, in turns, or however they see fit. It is important that the figure of authority is perceived as a fair choice, and not as someone who has been imposed on the rest of the group.

### OPTIONS

0. ~~One educational stage is suffering more than the others.~~  J
1. Decisions about content should be taken by students.
  2. Teachers should accept that gadgets have a place in their classrooms.
  3. An effort must be made to make sure that educators know about new technologies.
  4. The teacher should decide when and where phones are acceptable.
  5. The group should decide who has classroom authority.
  6. Mobile phones should be banned in formal education.
  7. Mobile phones may become a very useful tool for teachers.
  8. Failure to modernize education will influence student's performances.

### TAREA 3

## 5 Major Breakthroughs Scientists Are Eyeing in 2019

Choose the correct option for each of the blanks. There are **two extra statements that you do NOT need to use**. Item 0 has been done as an example.

(6x1=6 points)

**Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.**

WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS. BUT WE'RE GETTING SO MUCH MORE.

By **ALEX DANIEL** (DECEMBER 26, 2018)

When you think of “scientific breakthroughs,” you probably think of the major, history-shifting ones. Newton’s laws of gravity! Einstein’s theory of relativity! Penicillin! But for every textbook-worthy discovery, **(0) there are a dozen more amazing revelations**— most of which we hear almost nothing about. So, to help you know something about them, we’ve rounded up all the major breakthroughs scientists are about to discover.

### DNA Storage

Many scientific breakthroughs (1)\_\_\_\_\_. A clear example of that is DNA storage—using synthetic DNA strands to store massive amounts of data. Just as the DNA in the human body contains loads of information, research has found that a few grams of DNA can store an exabyte of data (that’s one quintillion bytes for those who are counting) and hold it safely intact for thousands of years.

### A Better Look at Black Holes

Though we’ve been able to confirm the existence of black holes by measuring motions of individual stars orbiting them, actually (2)\_\_\_\_\_ has proven more difficult. But researchers have struck on the idea of imaging it by using a large number of radio telescopes to simultaneously measure the same objects from a wide range of locations, then putting them together (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

### Quantum Computing

Using the principles of quantum mechanics, this approach is a step up from the usual binary 0s and 1s to the more complex qubit. Running on quantum algorithms to process information, this far more powerful equipment (4)\_\_\_\_\_ than it already is—and could help with medical and other scientific breakthroughs.

### Immunotherapy Advances for Treating Cancer

No, it’s unlikely the cure for cancer will come around in 2019, (5)\_\_\_\_\_, that is, a biological treatment that uses the body’s own immune system to fight cancer. The Cleveland Clinic, which includes this as a medical innovation to expect in the coming year, states: “With the near daily discovery of new immunotherapeutic targets and biomarkers, it is the hope that effective therapies will soon exist for all tumor profiles.”

### Flying Cars

No, you shouldn’t expect to see machines similar to the sleek automobiles from your favorite sci-fi films. But you can expect this year to see developments (6)\_\_\_\_\_. For example, the “Liberty” from Dutch company Pal-V, which uses a dual-propulsion system, allowing it to both drive and fly (as high as 11,480 feet in the air). It’s still a bit expensive, at almost \$600,000, but expect more developments to make these more affordable soon.

### OPTIONS

- a. came out of the blue
- b. to get an overall picture
- c. have been inspired by following Mother Nature's lead
- d. but we will likely see developments in immunotherapy
- e. toward vehicles that don't need roads
- f. is expected to make machine learning more powerful
- g. more and more investment will be needed
- h. getting images of these light-eliminating things
- ~~i. **there are a dozen more amazing revelations**~~

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## TAREA 4

### California becomes first US state to ban animal fur products

Read the text about a new California law. Choose the best option for each blank (a, b, or c). Item 0 has been done as an example.

(7x1=7 points)

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Leather and some animal skins still allowed, while circuses will be banned from using wild animals like tigers and bears.

Sun 13 Oct 2019

California will become the first US state to (0) **ban** the sale and manufacture of new fur products and the third to bar most animals from circus performances under a pair of bills signed on Saturday by the governor, Gavin Newsom.



The law will bar residents from selling or (1) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing, shoes or handbags with fur, starting in 2023. Animal rights groups cheered the measure as a stand (2) \_\_\_\_\_ inhumane practices.

“California is a leader when it comes to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ welfare, and today that leadership include banning the sale of fur,” Newsom said.

The ban could cause significant (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the fur industry that makes products from animals including mink, chinchillas, rabbits and other animals. The US retail fur industry produced \$1.5bn in sales in 2014, the most recent data available from the Fur Information Council.

Under the California law, there is a fine of up to \$1,000 for multiple violations. Fashion designers including Versace, Gucci and Giorgio Armani have stopped or say they (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop using fur.

Animal rights groups have said animals may be subject to gassing, electrocution and other inhumane actions to take their (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Advocacy group Direct Action Everywhere said it was working with activists to pass similar bills in cities nationwide, including Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon, and was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that California's law would have a positive effect.

Opponents of the legislation have said it could create a black market and be a slippery slope to bans on other products. The ban is part of a “radical vegan agenda using fur as the first step to other bans on what we wear and eat”, Keith Kaplan of the Fur Information Council said in a prior statement. He claimed fake fur was not a renewable or sustainable option.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/13/fur-ban-california-outlaws-making-and-selling-new-products>

0.	a) <b>ban</b> ✓	b) promote	c) forgive	4.	a) profit	b) damage	c) hazard
1.	a) making	b) sewing	c) doing	5.	a) refuse	b) plan	c) claim
2.	a) for	b) up	c) against	6.	a) hair	b) leather	c) fur
3.	a) natural	b) vegetarian	c) animal	7.	a) optimistic	b) pessimistic	c) reluctant

## 1. CLAVE DE CORRECCIONES

### Task 1 (Gender equality)

Number	Example	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Answer	<b>b</b>	a	c	a	c	a	b	c

### Task 2 (What is your opinion about the Educational System?)

Number	Example	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Answer	<b>J</b>	A	J	D	-	A	-	J	D

### Task 3 (5 Major Breakthroughs Scientists Are Eyeing in 2019)

Number	Example	1	2	3	4	5	6
Answer	<b>i</b>	c	h	b	f	d	e

### Task 4 (California becomes first US state to ban animal fur products)

Number	Example	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Answer	<b>a</b>	a	c	c	b	b	c	a

## 2. TABLA DE CONVERSIÓN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0,4	0,8	1,2	1,5	1,9	2,3	2,7	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,2	4,6	<b>5</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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