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**Parte común: INGLÉS**

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## The Diderot Effect

The modern world is characterized by rapid progress in various fields, including the production and consumption sectors. People seek to live in an abundance of goods and services. Ease of access and incessant marketing practices create a desire to keep buying and consuming. This phenomenon is known as consumerism and materialism culture.

The Diderot effect is a phenomenon that occurs when acquiring a new possession, which leads to a spiral of consumption that results in the acquisition of even more possessions. In this way, overconsumption has become a common way for people to seek happiness and fulfilment. Many believe that buying more products or owning expensive items will bring them satisfaction. However, true happiness does not come from material wealth but from meaningful relationships and emotional well-being. Family plays a crucial role in shaping our values and teaching us what truly matters. It is within the family that we learn the meaning of life, experience love, and develop a sense of belonging. When we feel loved and supported, we become whole individuals who do not need to rely on excessive consumption to find joy. Instead, family provides us with emotional security, identity, and personal growth, offering a lasting source of happiness beyond material possessions.

All in all family is where we learn the meaning of life as we are born to love and be loved. This love makes us whole individuals, so we don't need material things to feel happy. Through emotional support, belonging, and shared experiences, family helps shape our identity and personal growth. It teaches us values, resilience, and the importance of human connection, giving us a deep sense of fulfilment beyond material possessions. By guiding us in education, moral development, and emotional well-being, family prepares us for life's challenges and helps us build meaningful relationships. In this way, family is not just a source of support but also the foundation for a happy and balanced life.

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**1.1 Answer the following questions from the text, write complete sentences** (2 points. 1 point each; correct answer 0'5 points, correct grammar and spelling 0'5 points)

- **1.a.** According to the text, what exactly is consumerism and materialism culture?
- **1.b.** According to the author, what is the true meaning of life?

**2. Find a synonym in the text for these words:(1 point, 0'5 each)**

- satisfaction: \_\_\_\_\_ safety: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Underline the correct option based on the information in the text. (1 point, 0'5 each)**

- **3.a.** What characterizes the modern world according to the paragraph.....?

- a) Slow progress in various fields.
- b) Rapid progress in production and consumption sectors.
- c) Decreased marketing practices and limited access to goods.

- **3.b.** What does the Diderot effect describe?

- a) The impact of incessant marketing practices on consumer behaviour.
- b) The phenomenon where acquiring a new item leads to further purchases and overconsumption..
- c) The environmental harm caused by the production and consumption sectors.

**4. Are the following sentences true or false? Underline the correct option** (1 point, 0'5 each)

- **4.a.** Family provides emotional security, identity, and personal growth, offering happiness beyond material possessions.
- **4.b.** Feeling the love of your family does not influence your consumption needs. Answer.

**5. Use of English. Choose the right option: (1 point, 0'25 each sentence)**

- Honestly, I ..... mind winning the lottery next Christmas..

a) wouldn't b) can't c) shouldn't

- If you don't ..... harder, you'll ..... the opportunity.



a) study / pass b) study / miss c) try / profit

- When I was a child I ..... have long hair

a) forget b) remember c) used to

- What was the film .....?

a) like b) nice c) sympathetic

**6. Chose one of the following topics and write a text 60 to 80 words long** (4 points, 1 each correction criteria:

1. Content organization & Cohesive devices, 2. Grammar Accuracy & correct Sentence structure, 3. Vocabulary, 4. Spelling & neatness)

- **Option A.** Explain your shopping habits. Are you tempted towards overconsumption?
- **Option B.** Describe time you spent with your family.