



<p><b>PRUEBA DE ACCESO A CICLOS FORMATIVOS DE GRADO SUPERIOR JUNIO 2017 PARTE COMÚN: Apartado A2 LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS) Duración: 45 minutos</b></p>	<p><b>PROVA D'ACCÉS A CICLES FORMATIUS DE GRAU SUPERIOR JUNY 2017 PART COMUNA: Apartat A2 LLENGUA ESTRANGERA (ANGLÉS) Duració: 45 minuts</b></p>
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## CYBERBULLYING TAKING PLACE AMONG YOUNGER CHILDREN

There are risks to having a smartphone. In a recent survey, more than half of fifth grade students had smartphones. And with smartphones, kids may become victims of cyberbullying or become a cyberbully. In the survey, 18 percent of those with smartphones reported that they had been cyberbullies.

Researchers asked kids if anyone online had said or done anything that was very cruel and that really hurt or bothered them. The number of children who were bullied went down from the third to the fifth grade. As kids develop, more of them know who their tormenters are. And the incidents of repeated bullying goes down. However, the number of kids who were bullied and were also bullies rose from 15 percent in the third grade to 21 percent in the fifth grade.

More and more children report bullying; the number of reports is rising. Educators think this may be because programs to report bullying are working. They believe programs to prevent bullying, which include reporting it, are helping. The percentage of kids who know what bullying is, is going up.

A new approach to teaching children how to behave is developing. It is called social-emotional learning (SEL). In SEL, kids learn how to detect and manage their own emotions and they also learn how to make good decisions. Schools are including it in their curriculums as they are one of the primary places where students learn social and emotional skills. The program gives kids courage and skills in the online world. Reporting bad behavior and helping those who need help is part of the SEL program.

First thing for parents: talk to your kids about the subject of bullying and look for signs. As a parent, you have a direct influence on your child's social behavior. It's never too late for parents to teach moral values and ethical behavior to their kids. Children should feel safe and loved in their home, and there should always be communication between parents and their children.

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### Vocabulary

**Bully:** a person who is habitually cruel, insulting or intimidating others who are vulnerable

**To be bullied:** to be the victim of insult or intimidation

**To bother:** to cause trouble

**Report:** information / to inform

**Third grade students:** eight or nine-year-old students

**Fifth grade students:** ten or eleven-year-old students

Read the instructions for each question carefully before answering.

1. Answer the following questions. Write complete answers. (0.5 points each = 1 point)

a) According to Educators, why are the reports of bullying rising?

Evidence from the text: "Educators think this may be because programs to report bullying are working. They believe programs to prevent bullying, which include reporting it, are helping." (Paragraph 3)

**Possible answer:** Educators believe that more children are reporting bullying because school programmes are helping them understand what bullying is and how to report it.

b) What is SEL (social-emotional learning)?

Evidence from the text: "kids learn how to detect and manage their own emotions and they also learn how to make good decisions." (Paragraph 4)

**Possible answer:** SEL is a way of teaching children to understand their emotions, control their behaviour and choose the right thing to do.

2. Underline the best option. (0.5 points each = 1 point)

a) Having a smartphone...

1. gives kids courage and skills in the online world. ✗ This option is incorrect because "Gives kids courage and skills in the online world" refers to the SEL programme, not to having a smartphone.



2. means that youngsters will be cyberbullied at some point. **X** This option is incorrect because the text says children *may* become victims of cyberbullying, but it does not say that all young people *will* be cyberbullied.
3. **increases the risk of becoming a bully or being a victim of cyberbullying. Evidence from the text: "There are risks to having a smartphone" and "with smartphones, kids may become victims of cyberbullying or become a cyberbully." (Paragraph 1)**

b) The number of children...

1. Who were bullied and also were bullies increased from 15 percent in the third grade to 21 percent in the fifth grade. **X** This option is true, but it is incomplete
2. Who were bullied decreased from the third to the fifth grade. **X** This option is true, but it is incomplete
3. **Both 1 and 2 are correct. Evidence from the text: "The number of children who were bullied went down from the third to the fifth grade" and "the number of kids who were bullied and were also bullies rose from 15 percent in the third grade to 21 percent in the fifth grade." (Paragraph 2)**

3. Find a synonym in the text for these words. (0.5 points each = 1 point)

a) Kids: **children**

b) Decrease: **go down**

4. Are the following sentences true or false. Underline the correct option. (0.5 points each = 1 point)

a) Parents mustn't speak to their children about the problem of bullying. **TRUE / FALSE** Evidence from the text: "First thing for parents: talk to your kids about the subject of bullying and look for signs." (Paragraph 5)

b) According to the research, over half of fifth grade students had smartphones. **TRUE / FALSE**

Evidence from the text: "In a recent survey, more than half of fifth grade students had smartphones." (Paragraph 1)

5. Write the past simple form of the following verbs. (0.5 points each = 2 points)

a) become: **became**

b) think: **thought**



c) talk: **talked**

d) feel: **felt**

6. Choose one of the following topics and write a text 60–80 words long. (4 points)

### MODEL SAMPLE A

a) Bullying can take many forms, from cyberbullying to physical abuse. What can we do to fight against this form of aggression and discrimination both at school and at work?

**Note:** We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay

Short  
introduction,  
2–3 lines

Bullying is a serious problem because it can hurt people physically and emotionally.

Main body  
divided into 2  
or máx. 3  
paragraphs

**In my opinion**, we must act quickly when we see this kind of behaviour.

**First of all**, students and workers should report bullying to teachers or managers. **Also**, schools and companies should teach respect and organise talks about discrimination.

**However**, it is not enough to punish bullies. We should **also** support victims and help them feel safe.

Short  
conclusion, 2–3  
lines

**To sum up**, communication, education and respect are essential to fight bullying.

(82 words)

### MODEL SAMPLE B

b) The Internet and social networks can be dangerous, especially for children. Write about its/their benefits and dangers.

**Note:** We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay



Short  
introduction,  
2- 3 lines

The Internet and social networks are very useful, **but** they can **also** be dangerous, especially for children.

Main body  
divided into 2  
or máx. 3  
paragraphs

**On the one hand**, they help us find information, study, watch videos **and** talk to friends.

**In addition**, social networks can be good for sharing ideas and learning new things. **On the other hand**, children can see inappropriate content or talk to strangers online.

**For this reason**, parents should control screen time and teach children how to use the Internet safely.

Short  
conclusion, 2-3  
lines

**In conclusion**, the Internet is useful if we use it carefully.

(89 words)