

**PRUEBA DE ACCESO A CICLOS FORMATIVOS DE GRADO SUPERIOR
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Parte común: INGLÉS

The Diderot Effect

(Par. 1) **3.a 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. **1.a Ease of access and incessant marketing practices create a desire to keep buying and consuming. This phenomenon is known as consumerism and materialism culture.**

(Par. 2) The Diderot effect is **3.b 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 **2. 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, **4.b we become whole individuals who do not need to rely on excessive consumption to find joy.** Instead, **4.a family provides us with emotional 2. security, identity, and personal growth, offering a lasting source of happiness beyond material possessions.**

(Par. 3) **1.b 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?

The easy availability of products and constant advertising encourage people to continue purchasing and consuming. This situation is called consumerism and materialism culture. Justification: The text says: "Ease of access and incessant marketing practices create a desire to keep buying and consuming. This phenomenon is known as consumerism and materialism culture." (par. 1)

1.b. According to the author, what is the true meaning of life?

According to the author, the true meaning of life is to love and be loved, developing meaningful relationships with family. Justification: The text explains: "All in all family is where we learn the meaning of life as we are born to love and be loved." (par. 3)

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

satisfaction: **fulfilment** (par. 2)

safety: **security** (par. 2)

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. (the text says *rapid*, not slow progress.)~~

b) Rapid progress in production and consumption sectors.

~~c) Decreased marketing practices and limited access to goods. (it says *incessant marketing practices* and *ease of access*, not decreased marketing or limited goods.)~~

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

~~a) The impact of incessant marketing practices on consumer behaviour. (although marketing influences consumerism, the Diderot effect is specifically about the spiral of consumption after acquiring a new possession.)~~

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. (there is no mention of environmental harm in the definition.)~~

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. **True** (par. 2: "family provides us with emotional security, identity, and personal growth, offering a lasting source of happiness beyond material possessions.")
- 4.b. Feeling the love of your family does not influence your consumption needs. **False** (Par. 2, the text explains that when we feel loved and supported, "we become whole individuals who do not need to rely on excessive consumption to find joy.")

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~~ (do not fit grammatically or semantically) ~~c) shouldn't~~ (do not fit grammatically or semantically.)

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

~~a) study / pass~~ (wrong because passing is positive, not missing an opportunity.) **b) study / miss** ~~c) try / profit~~ (incorrect because "profit the opportunity" is not idiomatic English.)

- When I was a child I have long hair

~~a) forget~~ (grammatically wrong in this sentence.) ~~b) remember~~ (grammatically wrong in this sentence.) **c) used to**

- What was the film

a) like ~~b) nice~~ (it's an adjective, not correct in the question form.) ~~c) sympathetic~~ (it's a false friend which means "compassionate" in English, not "simpático").

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?

MODEL ESSAY

Usually, I go shopping once or twice a week. Most of the time, I buy things I really need, like food, clothes or school materials.

However, sometimes I feel tempted to buy things that are not necessary, **especially when** I see discounts online. **Also**, I try not to spend too much money because I know happiness does not come from material things. **For me**, it is important to control my habits and spend responsibly.

In conclusion, shopping is necessary, but it is better not to buy too much. **(88 words)**

💡 Let's have a look in more detail why this model essay is a good example of writing

📌 Prompt breakdown

1. Explain your shopping habits.
2. Say if you are tempted towards overconsumption.
3. Give examples of what you buy.
4. Express a personal opinion about shopping. (optional)

PROMPT POINT	COVERED?	EVIDENCE
1. Explain your shopping <u>habits</u> .	✔	"Usually, I go <u>once or twice a week</u> , and most of the time I buy things I really need..."
2. Say if you are <u>tempted</u> towards overconsumption.	✔	"However, <u>I sometimes feel tempted to buy unnecessary things</u> , especially when I see offers online."
3. Give <u>examples</u> of what you buy.	✔	"...such as <u>food, clothes or materials for school</u> ."
4. Express a <u>personal opinion</u> about shopping.	✔	"In conclusion, <u>shopping is necessary, but buying too much is never a good idea</u> ."

- **Option B.** Describe time you spent with your family.

MODEL ESSAY

Last weekend, I spent a wonderful day with my family. **First**, we cooked lunch together and later we went for a walk in the park.

After that, we watched a movie at home and played some board games. I really enjoyed this time because it made me feel relaxed and happy. **Moreover**, being with my family gives me energy and motivation.

In conclusion, it is special to share moments with them because they always support me and make me feel loved. (81 words)

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2. Say what activities you did.
3. Explain how you felt.
4. Give a personal reflection on why family is important. (optional)

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1. Describe a <u>time</u> you spent with your family.	✓	" <u>Last weekend</u> , I enjoyed a wonderful day with my family."
2. Say what <u>activities</u> you did.	✓	"First, we <u>cooked</u> lunch together... After that, we <u>watched</u> a movie at home and <u>played</u> board games."
3. Explain <u>how you felt</u> .	✓	"It was simple, but it made me feel <u>relaxed</u> and <u>happy</u> ."
4. Give a <u>personal reflection</u> on why family is important.	✓	"Moreover, being with my family <u>gives me strength, motivation, and the feeling of being supported</u> ."