



**PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD PARA MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS – ABRIL/MAYO 2009**  
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**EJERCICIO / EXERCICI DE: LENGUA EXTRANJERA: INGLÉS / LLENGUA ESTRANGERA: ANGLÉS**

**OBSERVACIONES / OBSERVACIONS:**

Lea con detenimiento, al menos dos veces, el siguiente texto y responda a continuación, en inglés y en la hoja de respuestas, a las cinco preguntas formuladas. Para ello dispone de una hora. En las preguntas (1) y (5) deberá evitar la reproducción literal del original.

*Llegiu el text següent amb atenció, almenys dues vegades, i responeu després, en anglès i en un full d'examen a banda, les cinc preguntes formulades. Hi disposeu d'una hora. En les preguntes (1) i (5) heu d'evitar la reproducció literal de l'original.*

***Long-distance adoptions***

Today Spain is the second country in the world in number of adopted children from other countries. The figure is approximately 4,000 a year but the demand is growing very fast. France has a similar number and Italy 3,000. At the same time as international adoptions have increased in these countries, so has immigration from outside western Europe. Indeed, very often the immigrants and the adopted children come from the same countries.

By contrast, in other parts of Europe inter-country adoptions are declining. There were only around 350 international adoptions in the UK last year. The process there is very slow and there are a lot more restrictions on international adoptions than in other parts of Europe.

Why do people adopt children from other countries? In the past, humanitarian reasons were most often cited. Sweden and Norway had the highest levels of international adoptions in the 1970s, mostly Vietnamese and South Korean orphans from the wars. Thousands of children were adopted from Romania in the early 1990s in response to TV documentaries of desperate conditions in orphanages. Similarly, in the mid-1990s video recordings of conditions in Chinese orphanages led to an increase in adoptions from China.

Another factor is the changing structure of society and families in western Europe. Italy and Spain are two countries where the traditional family is seeing an unprecedented period of change. As both men and women now work outside the home, people are starting their families later in life and having fewer children. As fertility rates are falling, people are eager to adopt children. And since there is more demand than supply within the country for adoptions, people are looking overseas to adopt. People are increasingly seeing adoption as another way to have a child. It isn't just an option for childless people, many families have biological children and choose to adopt as well.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/professionals-analysis-adoption-1.htm>

## Questions:

1. State in your own words what the text means by: (paragraph 4) "And since there is more demand than supply within the country for adoptions, people are looking overseas to adopt."  
**(2 marks)**

2. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the text. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it as false. **(2 marks)**

- a) Spain is the country with the largest number of international adoptions.
- b) Inter-country adoptions are not growing at the same rate in Europe.
- c) Wars have a direct influence on the numbers of adoptions from the conflict zones.
- d) There are an increasing number of men and women with fertility problems.

3. These words are all found in the text: **supply, increased, restrictions, conditions, change, response, around**. Choose the ones that mean the same as the following words: **(2 marks)**

- a) limitations
- b) reply
- c) grown
- d) alteration

4. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* to complete the sentence correctly according to the information in the text. Only one answer is correct. **(2 marks)**

4.1. The demand for inter-country adoptions in Spain...

- a) is decreasing very fast.
- b) is higher than Italy.
- c) is stable.

4.2. International adoptions in the United Kingdom...

- a) are quick and have no restrictions.
- b) have increased 350 percent in recent years.
- c) are slow and subject to many conditions.

4.3. Many people adopt children...

- a) for humanitarian reasons.
- b) because of television documentaries.
- c) due to the increasing number of wars.

4.4. Adoptions have increased in Spain and Italy...

- a) due to the descent in the number of men and women that work outside the home.
- b) due to family traditions.
- c) due to the changing structure of society and families.

5. Answer the following two questions: **(2 marks)**

- a) Why do you think international adoptions are so high in Spain? Give reasons.
- b) Do you think international adoptions are good for the children? Give reasons.