

Fecha: 09-05-2009
Materia: Inglés
Horario: 13:00 - 14:00

Criterios de Corrección:
Deberá leerse un texto en inglés y a continuación proceder a responder 5 preguntas de 2 puntos cada una de ellas.

1. Comprensión.
2. Verdadero o falso.
3. Ejercicio de vocabulario.
4. Completar 4 enunciados eligiendo 1 de las 3 opciones.
5. Responder a 2 cuestiones sobre el tema del texto.

TEXT

The human being is essentially a tool-maker. Man is able to alter his environment so as to make it suitable for his purposes, and to do that he needs tools which he builds out of his own capacity. Once a technique has been devised, soon it will be mastered. The next step is to standardize the making of each implement, and with that, the technique turns into science. Nevertheless, the wedding of science and technology is only consummated if the creator is in community with other human beings for, essentially, technology could be defined as the systematic study of techniques and methods for creating new tools and the capacity for constructing such devices and transmitting the processes. Other species make artifacts but their activity is the result of patterns of instinctive behaviour and can not be varied to suit changing circumstances, moreover with no possibility of intercourse. Humans, on the other hand, have the capacity to think systematically and creatively about techniques and so are able to innovate, transform, and communicate in such a way no other species has achieved. By virtue of his nature as tool-maker, Man is essentially a technologist, and the history of technology very much influences his own evolution.

QUESTIONS

- 1) State in your own words what the author means when he says...

“The human being is essentially a tool-maker”

2) Say in each case whether the statement is T(ue) or F(alse), according to the text. Write "T" or "F" on the dots. If the answer is not mentioned in the text mark it (F)alse.

- a) The human species has not the capacity to make changes in its own milieu.
- b) By systematizing the making of tools, the technique turns into science.
- c) Man is instinctively a tool-maker.
- d) Technology has been a substantial influence in the evolution of human beings.

3) These words are all found in the text: TOOLS, DEvised, NEVERTHELESS, BEHAVIOUR, TO SUIT. Match them with the following:

HOWEVER: CONDUCT: TO ADAPT:
CONCEIVED: IMPLEMENTS:

4) Choose the best option according to the text. Write the appropriate letter on the dots. Only one answer is possible.

- i) "influences" here means...
 - a) concludes
 - b) affects
 - c) distorts
- ii)
 - a) The Human being creates tools by nature
 - b) Man instinctively creates tools
 - c) Man distinctively creates tools
- iii) The union of technology and science is achieved
 - a) as soon as Man lives in a group.
 - b) As soon as he is happily alone.
 - c) As soon as he communicates with animals
- iv) The difference between human beings and animals as tool-makers is that...
 - a) Man can change and adapt tools to circumstances.
 - b) Animals must change and adapt tools to circumstances.
 - c) Animals think creatively to make tools.

5) Answer these questions:

- i. Do you think Technology is a science ?
- ii. Explain why Man is by nature a technologist.