



Aferrau una etiqueta identificativa  
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Model 3. Opció A.

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**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in English. USE YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.**

**Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Total score: 10 points.**

#### **Huge race discrimination in Britain's workplaces**

A government operation targeting hundreds of employers across Britain has uncovered widespread racial discrimination against workers with African and Asian names.

Researchers sent nearly 3,000 job applications under false identities in an attempt to discover if employers were discriminating against job hunters with foreign names. Using popular names from three different communities, false identities were created with similar experience and qualifications. Every false applicant had British education and work histories. The study revealed that an applicant who appeared to be white would send nine applications before receiving a positive response of either an invitation to an interview or an encouraging telephone call. Nevertheless, minority candidates with the same qualifications and experience had to send 16 applications before receiving a similar response.

Jim Knight, the employment minister, said "we suspected there was a problem. This uncovers the shocking scale of it. Candidates with an Asian or African name face real discrimination and this has exposed the fact that companies are missing out on real talent."

The study has been welcomed by senior race advisers as evidence of discrimination in the job market. Iqbal Wahhab, chair of the Ethnic Minority Advisory Group, which proposes policy changes for the government on race and employment, said: "The evidence of the study is unquestionable – we live in a society where racial discrimination systematically occurs and currently goes mainly unchallenged."

Peter Luff, the Conservative chairman of the Commons business, innovation and skills select committee, explained that the survey was a worthwhile exercise. "The conclusions are indeed deeply disturbing and indicate the probability of significant discrimination which will have to be analysed closely once the full report is published this week," he said.

*Adapted from Times, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009*

**Vocabulary:** Job hunters = people who are looking for a job or seek employment.



**1. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Explain WHY using your own words OR finding evidence in the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (1 point)**

a) Asian and African candidates have to send more job applications than white candidates before receiving a positive response for a job interview.

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b) Iqbal Wahhab believes the evidence of race discrimination in Britain's workplaces is not evident from the study.

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**2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following question. NO marks are given for responses copied directly from the text. (1 point)**

What was the main objective of the study carried out by the Government?

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**3. Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the following (1 point):**

1) Aiming at; to have as a main objective.

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2) Formal requests in writing to be given a job.

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3) Well-received.

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4) Be useful and beneficial.

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**4. Follow the instructions for each question and answer them (2 points):**

**4.1. Fill the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

A: 'Hello Tom. .... you ..... (see) the programme on racial discrimination last night?'

B: 'Yes, I saw it while I ..... (have dinner)'.





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Model 3. Opció B.

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**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in English. USE YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.**

**Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Total score: 10 points.**

#### **Spanish region decided to ban bullfighting**

Bullfighting seems already decided to be banned in part of Spain as the Catalan parliament prepares to vote tomorrow to prohibit one of the country's most emblematic, and bloodiest, traditions. Thus, in a move that campaigners hope will mark the beginning of the end for bullfighting in the country that invented it, a petition with 127,000 signatures was delivered to the region's parliament earlier this week.

The petition calls for a change in Catalonia's animal cruelty law that would see fighting bulls, which are currently excluded, protected from any kind of torture. "If the deputies are going to behave like proper representatives of the people, then they must accept the ban," said Manuel Cases, of the Catalan Animals Rights Association. "Seventy percent of Catalans are against bullfighting", he added.

The move has led to an impassioned debate in a country where matadors are big stars. Bullfighting is referred to as "the national fiesta" and reviews are published in the arts, rather than the sports, pages of newspapers.

Among those battling for bullfighting to continue are a group of local artists and writers, including artist Miquel Barceló and theatre director Calixto Bieito. "Banning the bullfight means banning part of our liberty," they said in a manifesto published yesterday. They are supported by a group of left-wing Spanish intellectuals who are unconditional supporters of celebrity matador José Tomás. Tomás has done much recently to revive enthusiasm for bullfighting in Barcelona and other parts of Catalonia after years of decline. Campaigners hope, however, that if the ban goes ahead other Spanish regions will follow their example.

*Adapted from The Guardian, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009*

Aferrau la capçalera d'examen  
un cop acabat l'exercici



**1. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Explain WHY using your own words OR finding evidence in the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (1 point)**

a) Bullfighting was invented in Catalonia.

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b) Catalonia's animal cruelty law does not currently protect bulls from any kind of torture.

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**2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following question. NO marks are given for responses copied directly from the text. (1 point)**

Why do some local artists and Spanish intellectuals support bullfighting?

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**3. Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the following (1 point):**

1) Articles and essays in a newspaper in which someone gives his/her opinion.

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2) Fighting.

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3) Having or supporting political ideas that are close to socialism or communism.

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4) To proceed, take place or continue.

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**4. Follow the instructions for each question and answer them (2 points):**

**4.1. Fill the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

A: 'Bill, ..... you ever ..... (see) a bullfighting event?'

B: 'Yes. Sure'.

A: 'When ..... (be) the last time you saw one?'

B: 'Oh!, a long time ago. I'm not very fond of bullfighting'.

**4.2. Finish the sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before it.**

'The bull will attack you only if you move.'

Unless .....

