**QUESTIONS**

1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.
   a) Speed-dating involves long-lasting online exchanges with our date.
   b) Doing many things at the same time can result in the intentional lack of attention.

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.
   a) According to the text, how can our date fail to show attention to us?
   b) Why does speed dating offer a more suitable way to measure romantic interest than surveys?

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:
   a) potential (paragraph 2)
   b) gather (paragraph 2)
   c) offer (paragraph 3)
   d) in danger (paragraph 4)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.
   a) Those interested in ______ (meet) romantic partners should try speed-dating, since it ______ (seem) to be quite an effective method.
   b) If Susan ______ (know) that her date would be so boring, she ______ (not agree) to meet him in the first place.
   c) She got furious when she realised that her personal photos ______ (publish) online by the dating agency even ______ she had not given her consent.
   d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.
      Anne told her friend: “I met my fiancé on a dating web last year.”
      Anne told her friend _______________________.

5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.
   Would you try speed-dating to meet someone? Why or why not?
   (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)
OPCIÓN B

A Generation in Debt

In today’s day and age, it appears that a degree from higher education establishments is more desired than ever. Data released by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) in August 2017 revealed that a total of 461,860 people have been placed in full-time UK universities. This was accompanied by an increase in tuition fees, rising from a maximum of £3,375 to £9,000 a year, in 2012, and from £9,000 to £9,250 in 2017. Back in March, The Independent newspaper had reported that university tuition fees in England are the highest in the world.

In addition, maintenance grants have been terminated, meaning that students now require a higher maintenance loan to cover living costs. Thus, they find themselves in more debt than ever before. For instance, it would take those entering a career in mechanical engineering over 29 years to pay off their student debt totalling £72,960, of which interest makes up to £27,930. Investment bankers and financial managers would have paid their full loan off in 14 years and 13 years, respectively.

The exorbitant costs of higher education have raised concerns over its affordability and accessibility, especially to students of lower-income households. This has culminated into a major student protest this year, reflecting student dissatisfaction. Sandi, a law student at University College London, who is currently taking on a student loan to finance her studies, spoke to The Student Magazine: “The loan is only enough to cover tuition expenses in the first year, so for the second and third years, my situation is still not clear. Hopefully I can get a scholarship, but if not, I will have to squeeze the money out from somewhere. I do intend to find a part time job. England is too expensive, especially London.”

QUESTIONS

1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.
   a) A growing number of students are currently giving up on the idea of entering university education.
   b) One of the reasons why university students need to borrow money is because help for living costs is no longer available.
   (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.
   a) Why have higher education students in Britain protested this year?
   b) What do students from less privileged families usually have to do in order to pay for a degree in an expensive English university?
   (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:
   a) seems (paragraph 1)
   b) cancel (paragraph 2)
   c) in particular (paragraph 3)
   d) demonstration (paragraph 3)
   (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.
   a) Lately, a lot of international students _______ (admit) to British universities, _______ the implementation of more restrictive immigration policies.
   b) Students from low-income families find it really difficult _______ (afford) university fees: _______ they have to work very hard in order to obtain a grant.
   c) If Anne _______ (know) that university fees in England were so high, she _______ (apply) to a Scottish university, but she didn’t: she applied to an English one.
   d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.
      Mrs Robinson asked her daughter: “Why don’t you want to go to university?” Mrs Robinson asked her daughter __________________________.
   (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.
   Do you think Spanish university students have to face the same financial problems as their English counterparts? Explain why.
   (Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)