

SEGUNDA LINGUA ESTRANXEIRA: INGLÉS

OPCIÓN A

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

As human beings, we are aware that procrastination is in our genes and we do not want to change until and unless something starts biting our toes. We do not care about it until nature shows us what it is capable of doing. The fact that we are completely lazy and practically resistant to change is something that needs to be discussed. Even when it comes to education.

Our education system has remained the same as it was a century ago. Everything has advanced but we are still sending our children to the 'factory model of education' which no longer syncs with the requirements of the modern world we live in. As a result, we have been brainwashed into believing that there is no better system of education for our children. As a consequence, leaving college has become routine for youngsters these days. After all, who wants to get worse in an outdated system which only results in negative employment?

Almost 4-years-ago, the engineer and inventor Elon Musk took his kids out of their prestigious private school and launched the secretive Ad Astra School. Musk says in the interview that Ad Astra currently has 14 kids and will increase to 20 in September. His grand vision for the school involves removing levels, so there's no distinction between students in 1st grade and 3rd. Musk is "making all the children go through the same grade at the same time, like an assembly line," he says in the interview.

"Some people love English or languages. Some people love maths. Some people love music. Different abilities, different times. It makes more sense to accommodate the education to match their aptitudes and abilities." I didn't see the regular schools doing the things I thought should be done," he said.

Questions

- Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words (approximately 50 words; 1 point).
- Mark the following sentences true or false (T/F) according to the text. Then write the part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point; 0.25 each)
 - Human beings usually show a quick response to stimuli.
 - There is agreement that our educational system is the best.
 - Ad Astra school functions as an ordinary school.
 - Musk agrees with the way traditional schools worked.
- Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (1 point; 0.25 each)
 - conditions
 - convinced; programmed
 - convinced; programmed
 - great; impressive
- Pronunciation. (2 points; 0.50 each)
 - Say which word contains a silent letter. –listen - wind - trip - children.
 - In which of the following words is the ending “ed” pronounced “id” /ɪd/. succeeded - worked - looked - crawled
 - In which word “ch” doesn’t sound like /tʃ/ in chair? -catch -chicken - character - church.
 - In which one of the following words is the ending “ough” pronounced differently? Rough – enough – tough - though.
- Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. Use the word or expression in brackets if any. (2 points; 0.5 points each).
 - It's possible that her close friend Mary is coming to the festival.
Her close friend Mary ...
 - He didn't arrive in time so he wasn't allowed to get in.
If...
 - I suggest you don't comment on our director's decisions. (...better...)
 - Our education system has remained the same as it was a century ago.
A century ago...
- Should parents play a more active role in the education of the children? (Approximately 120 words: 3 points)