

SEGUNDA LINGUA ESTRANXEIRA: INGLÉS

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than four questions, **only the first four will be marked**.

QUESTION 1. READ TEXT A AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

1.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (Approximately 50 words; 0.75 points).

1.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point)

- Magdalena worked as a teacher in Minas Gerais.
- She received a good salary every month.
- Slavery is allowed in Brazil.
- She had a good life after her husband died

1.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (0.75 points)

- a. experienced b. apparently / seemingly c. pay for

TEXT A

Madalena Gordiano was just eight years old when she knocked on Maria Rigueira's door to beg for food in Minas Gerais, a state in southeastern Brazil. She was invited in and Maria, a white teacher, promised to adopt her. Gordiano's mother, who had eight other children, one of whom was Madalena's twin, agreed.

But Gordiano was never adopted or allowed to go to school. For the next 38 years, she cooked, washed, scrubbed bathrooms, dusted and tidied for Maria's family. A victim of racial exploitation, she became a 21st-century slave for a wealthy family in an apartment building in Patos de Minas, a town of 100,000 inhabitants. She was never paid or allowed time off, according to prosecutors investigating the case. When Gordiano was rescued on November 27, she was 46 and had great difficulty in expressing herself.

What Gordiano went through is an extreme example of the legacy of more than 300 years of slavery in Brazil. As one of the slave trade's main destinations, it was the last American country to free the labor force forcibly brought from Africa; the so-called Golden Law forbade slavery in all its forms in 1888. Almost 133 years later, domestic work is still traditionally done by black women.

The ostensibly respectable Rigueira family not only took advantage of Gordiano's services, they turned her into a source of income, arranging her marriage to an elderly relative when Gordiano was still in her twenties. The relative was 78 and had a military pension – one of the best pensions in Brazil – of more than 8,000 *reais* a month (€1,300). Gordiano, who never actually lived with the Second World War veteran, inherited this pension upon his death, but she saw hardly any of the money – it went almost entirely into the family's coffers. The family even used the pension to cover the costs of one daughter's medical degree.

QUESTION 2. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

2.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- In which word are the underlined letters pronounced as in the word *year*? *leisure*, *foreign*, *either*, *weird*
- In which **two** words is the ending "ed" pronounced /d / as in "welcomed"? *needed*, *waited*, *directed*, *screamed*, *knocked*, *stopped*, *warned*, *laughed*
- In which **two** words are the underlined letters pronounced as in "think"? *birthday*, *then*, *that*, *father*, *with*, *maths*, *these*, *their*
- In which word is the vowel sound pronounced differently? *fruit*, *built*, *blues*, *prune*

2.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- When did you buy your car?
How long....
- Driving a car may be dangerous.
It may ...
- Although the rain was falling heavily, they continued with the football match.
In spite of...
- Jimmy hurt himself during a basketball match.
While....

QUESTION 3. READ THE TEXT B AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

3.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

3.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (**1 point**)

- a. Dogs could be killed at any moment.
- b. People were happy to hear the news.
- c. Other actions would have been more useful.
- d. Only a small amount of people supported the measures.

3.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (0.75 points)

- a. strict/severe b. annoying c. disapproved/opposed

TEXT B

In a southwestern corner of China, walking a dog can potentially get the animal killed by the authorities. After receiving complaints of dogs biting children in Yunnan Province, officials have said they would ban dog walking and put in place a harsh penalty system.

For pet owners who flouted the ban, the first strike would be a warning. Caught a second time, they would be fined. For a third offense, their dogs would be seized and killed, according to the new rules, and apparently regardless of the dogs' behavior. The ban is set to take effect next week.

The penalties are part of a regional effort to "correct uncivilized dog ownership in urban areas," "Residents must keep dogs tied up or in a cage. Dogs should not disrupt the normal order of society or interfere with the daily life of others."

When the notice began circulating on Chinese social media, it set off howls of outrage and fierce debate across the country, angering animal lovers and racking up thousands of comments and 100 million views on Weibo, a microblogging platform. Many called the new regulations cruel and extreme. "Why on earth should they be killed?" a user wrote on Monday. "What did the dogs do wrong?" She added that even though she supported stricter punishments for irresponsible dog owners, she objected to the idea that the animals could not be walked in public at all.

Others said that specific rules on dog walking — such as keeping pets leashed and picking up after them — would be far more appropriate and effective. A few people online voiced support for the regulations, saying that society has too often placed animal rights over human rights.

QUESTION 4. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

4.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- a. In which **two** words is the underlined letter **NOT** pronounced as in the word *face*? *case*, *rate*, *average*, *page*, *cage*, *advantage*, *place*, *cake*
- b. In which word is the underlined letter "y" **NOT** pronounced /i / as in "lovely"? *tiny*, *multiply*, *pretty*, *daily*
- c. In which **two** words are the underlined letters "ea" **NOT** pronounced as in "peace"? *seafood*, *release*, *threaten*, *beneath*, *reach*, *cream*, *theatrical*, *heal*
- d. In which word is the vowel sound pronounced differently? *champion*, *chairman*, *charity*, *challenging*

4.2. Block 1: Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- a. People think she will arrive in the city tonight
... *thought* ...
- b. You can borrow my laptop, but you must be careful with it
... *long* ...
- c. A woman in the museum entrance gave us a map.
We...
- d. A lot of people buy these houses, even though the prices are high.
Despite ...

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: What can be done to make a better world for women? (Approximately 120 words) (**2.5 points**)

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: Are there bad pets or are there bad pet owners? (Approximately 120 words) (**2.5 points**)