



- Instrucciones: a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.  
b) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

### SEXISM IN LANGUAGE

When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon in 1969 he uttered a memorable sentence: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." If he had landed on the moon today, no doubt he would have said a much more politically correct sentence: "That's one small step for a person, one giant leap for humankind." Less poetic but certainly more literally representative of the whole of the human race!

- 5 Language tends to use male pronouns automatically whenever the sex of the person is not known: "Every student must bring his own calculator." This is a sexist use of language, which often suggests an inherent male dominance in many fields of life, and can reinforce the idea of female inferiority.

- 10 There is a tendency to associate certain jobs with men or women. For instance, "A director must do his best for his company," but "A nurse must treat her patients with kindness." In addition, job names often include reference to the sex of the person: "I'm meeting a group of businessmen next Friday," or "The housemaid must clean this." The use of such words tends to emphasise the idea that it is not normal for women to be in professional, highly-paid, technical or manual jobs, and that it is not natural for a man to work in such a caring (and generally poorly-paid) role as that of a nurse.

### (A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

- a) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (1 point per answer)
- 1) How has language changed since the 60s?
  - 2) How is sexism expressed in some job names?
- b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon in the early 60s.
  - 4) When we don't know the sex of a person, we normally use male pronouns.
  - 5) All job names contain an indication of the sex of the person doing it.
  - 6) Men's jobs are usually better paid.

### (B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) Find in the text a **synonym** for UNFORGETTABLE (adjective) (0.25 points)
- 8) Give one **opposite** for LAND (verb) (line 2) (0.25 points)
- 9) Find in the text one **word meaning**: "essential, characteristic, intrinsic or innate" (adjective) (0.25 points)
- 10) Complete the series with another **word** of the same **semantic group**: (0.25 points)  
JOB, WORK, OCCUPATION, BUSINESS
- 11) Join the following sentences using a **relative pronoun**. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)  
He used a sexist word. Its meaning was pejorative for women.
- 12) Fill in the gap with a correct **form** of the **verb** in brackets: (0.5 points)  
They \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) medieval history by their teacher when they were at school.
- 13) Give a question for the **underlined** words: (0.5 points)  
We attend English classes three times a week.
- 14) Use the words in the boxes to make a **meaningful sentence**. Use **all** and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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### (C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

- 15) WRITE A COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS). CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.
- a) What type of job would you prefer—technical or artistic? Why?
  - b) Is there still inequality between men and women? Why?

Instrucciones: **MUY IMPORTANTE:** por favor, atégase a los criterios de corrección redactados por la Ponencia de Inglés de Andalucía.

KEY TO "SEXISM IN LANGUAGE "

**(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)**

- a) **ANSWER** QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS.** (1 point per answer)
- 1) How has language changed since the 60s?  
*TODAY POLITICALLY CORRECT LANGUAGE IS PREFERRED, BECAUSE IT AVOIDS SEXISM.*
- 2) How is sexism expressed in some job names?  
*MASCULINE NAMES ARE USED GENERICALLY AND FOR THE BETTER JOBS, (AND /OR) REFERENCES TO THE FEMALE SEX ARE MORE OFTEN FOUND IN NAMES OF INFERIOR JOBS.*
- b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS **TRUE OR FALSE?** **JUSTIFY** YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon in the early 60s. **FALSE.** ...  
*NEIL ARMSTRONG STEPPED ONTO THE MOON IN 1969.* (line 1)
- 4) When we don't know the sex of a person, we normally use male pronouns. **TRUE.** ...  
*LANGUAGE TENDS TO USE MALE PRONOUNS AUTOMATICALLY WHENEVER THE SEX OF THE PERSON IS NOT KNOWN.* (line 5)
- 5) All job names contain an indication of the sex of the person doing it. **FALSE.** ...  
*JOB NAMES OFTEN INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE SEX OF THE PERSON* (lines 9-10)
- 6) Men's jobs are usually better paid. **TRUE.** ...  
*THE USE OF SUCH WORDS TENDS TO EMPHASISE THE IDEA (...) THAT IT IS NOT NATURAL FOR A MAN TO WORK IN SUCH A (...) POORLY-PAID ROLE.* (lines 11-12)

**(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)**

- 7) Find in the text a **synonym** for UNFORGETTABLE (adjective) *MEMORABLE.* (line 1) (0.25 points)
- 8) Give one **opposite** for LAND (verb) (line 2) *TAKE OFF.* (0.25 points)
- 9) Find in the text one **word meaning:** "essential, characteristic, intrinsic or innate" (adjective). *INHERENT.* (line 6) (0.25 points)
- 10) **Complete** the series with another **word** of the same **semantic group:** JOB, WORK, OCCUPATION, BUSINESS *EMPLOYMENT. PROFESSION. POST, POSITION* (0.25 points)
- 11) **Join** the following sentences using a **relative pronoun.** Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)  
He used a sexist word. Its meaning was pejorative for women.  
*HE USED A SEXIST WORD WHOSE MEANING WAS PEJORATIVE FOR WOMEN.*
- 12) **Fill in** the gap with a correct **form** of the **verb** in brackets: (0.5 points)  
They *WERE / HAD BEEN TAUGHT* medieval history by their teacher when they were at school.
- 13) **Give** a question for the **underlined** words: (0.5 points)  
We attend English classes three times a week.  
*HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND ENGLISH CLASSES?* ("How many times" is not accepted)
- 14) **Use** the words in the boxes to make a **meaningful sentence.** **Use all** and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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