

# UNIVERSIDADES DE ANDALUCÍA PRUEBA DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD

CURSO 2013-2014

LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS)

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a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

#### OPTION A: "Married at Eleven"

Children are suffering in many parts of the world, like those young girls who have to do domestic labour and are forced to get married at an early age. Nada Al-Ahdal, an 11-year-old girl from Yemen, whose parents arranged to marry her off to a wealthy man, posted a video on YouTube explaining why she ran away to avoid a forced marriage: "I would have had no life, no education. Don't they have any compassion? I'm better off dead. I'd rather die than be forced into an arranged marriage."

The girl said she would not accept it, and went to live with her uncle, potentially risking her life. "Some children decided to throw themselves into the sea, and they're dead now. They have killed our dreams, they have killed everything inside us. There's nothing left. There is no education. This is criminal, this is simply criminal," she said. Nada's uncle, Abdel, said it was the second time he protected his niece from being married at such a young age. "When I heard about the wedding, I panicked," he said. "Nada was not even 11 years old; she was exactly 10 years and 3 months. I could not allow her to be married off and have her future destroyed."

He added: "I did all I could to prevent that marriage. I called the groom and told him Nada was not suitable for him. I told him she did not wear the veil and he asked if things were going to remain like that. I said 'yes, and I agree because she chose it.""

Nada's future is still uncertain, like the future of many other young girls in the same situation.

#### **I\*COMPREHENSION** (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each)

ANSWER OUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT, USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

- 1. Why did Nada turn to YouTube?
- 2. What was Nada's first reaction to her parents' marriage arrangements?
- 3. What did Nada's uncle do to avoid the marriage?

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

- 4. She is the first child to react radically to their parents' decision in Yemen.
- 5. Nada's parents had tried to marry her before.

### II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 POINTS; QUESTIONS 6-9, 0.25 POINTS EACH; 10-13, 0.5 POINTS EACH)

- 6. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "stay" (verb).
- 7. GIVE ONE SYNONYM FOR "run away" (verb) (line 3) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT.
- 8. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "A man who is about to be married".
- 9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION: "Nada's uncle did what he could to prevent her ... getting married". (of / for / from / to)
- 10. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: Nada asked: "Don't they have any compassion?"
- 11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "Children are forced to get married at an early age all over the world".
- 12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I did all I could to prevent that marriage"
- 13 JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. Nada must also have an opportunity to live her own life. She lives in Yemen.

## III \* PRODUCTION (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: Should teenagers decide about their own future alone or guided by their parents? Explain.