

ABAU / PAU WRITINGS

2004

- a).- How would you prepare yourself in order to get a job?
- b).- Are you in favour of or against mobile phones? Why?
- c).- Apart from the anti-smoking slogans on cigarette packets, what other steps should the health authorities take to stop people smoking?
- d).- What kind of charity organization would you give money to, and why?

2005

- a).- What do you think could be done to avoid car accidents?
- b).- Which famous person, alive today, will be remembered for a long time after he/she has died, and why?
- c).- Which foreign destinations would be your choice for a holiday? Give reasons.
- d).- Are you in favour of or against children going to extra activities after school?

2006

- a).- Do teachers' personalities have a strong influence on their students? Give an opinion based on your own experience.
- b).- Write about three criminal offences and the punishments you think they should receive.
- c).- Do you think that computers make the world less human? Explain your answer.
- d).- What is your opinion about "fashion" and the "fashion world" nowadays?

2007

- a).- Do you think that you can learn a lot from exhibitions and museums? Why / why not?
- b).- Do you think rich or famous people are happier than the rest of us? Give reasons.
- c).- Write about the last time you had a surprise, or gave someone a surprise.
- d).- What can parents do to help children spend their free time in a better way?

2008

a).- Write a conversation between a person who has a fear of flying and another who is trying to calm her / him. Begin in the following way:

A: What can I do? I have to fly to Berlin next week.

B: Don't worry. I felt the same when I flew for the first time...

b).- A friend of yours wants to get married. Write to her / him giving your opinion.

c).- Describe a game or sport that you enjoy, and say why you like it more than others.

d).- Do you like learning history? Do you think it is useful? Give reasons.

2009

a).- Do you worry about your physical appearance? Why / why not?

b).- Write an informal letter to a friend, describing your feelings when you first practised a new activity. You can invent or imagine the new activity.

c).- Do you (and your friends) buy a product because of the name or because of the quality? Give examples.

d).- Are you a competitive person? Is it good to be competitive?

2010

a).- Describe a visit to a museum, exhibition or art gallery if you have been to one. If not, do you think they should be free, or should people have to pay to enter?

b).- What things in your life make you happy?

c).- What other things (apart from eating healthy foods) do you do to keep yourself healthy?

d).- Some people want to exclude your favourite sport from the Olympic Games. Write an argument for its inclusion.

2011

a).- Write a letter to a friend who is getting a bit fat telling him/her what to do in order to lose weight. Consider both diet and exercise.

b).- Have you ever had a pet? If so, describe it. If not, what sort of pet would you like to have, and why?

c).- What activities did you enjoy most in your English classes? And which ones did you like least?

d).- Where would you go if you wanted to disappear? Explain your choice.

2012

- a).- What is your favourite means of transport? Why?
- b).- If you have done a language course abroad, tell us about it. If not, where would you like to go and do one, and why would you choose this place?
- c).- Some famous athletes earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- d).- Continue the story [from the reading text on the exam] Who was the mysterious man? What is going to happen?

2013

- a).- Have you got a pet? If so, describe it. If not, what sort of pet would you like to have? Why?
- b).- What other things make it difficult to live with other members of the family, apart from alcohol?
- c).- Do you think that it is right for the state to control whether people smoke, drink or take drugs? What arguments are there for and against such control?
- d).- Would you like to have children? What is the best age to start a family?

2014

- a).- Write a short biography of someone who is important to you.
- b).- Do you think taking a year off between school and university is a good idea? Why/ why not? What would you like to do if you could do this?
- c).- Is personal appearance important? Why? Why not?
- d).- How do you think children's education will change in the future?

2015

- a).- What do YOU think about Britain and the British?
- b).- How do you think we as individuals should change our everyday behaviour in order to make a better world?
- c).- What sort of clothes do you like wearing? Do you always wear the same type of clothes?

d).- Imagine you had to design an ideal city. What things/facilities would you put in it?

2016

a).- What can you do, personally, to reduce pollution?

b).- Would you like to be a fitness instructor in the future, and do you think you would make a good one? Why/ why not?

c).- Practising a sport is important not only for people's physical development, but also for their development as a person. Do you agree? Why/why not? Give examples.

d).- In what ways can a child's future be influenced by his / her family?

2017

a).- Write a letter to a friend who is feeling stressed because of an exam telling them what they can do to try to relax. Begin with "Dear"

b).- . Do you think the way we eat in Galicia is healthy? Why/why not? If you didn't live with your parents, would you eat the sort of food you normally have at home? (

c).- In your opinion, are many people addicted to social media and the Internet? Are there any dangers in using them too much?

d).- Can you remember what toys and games you played with when you were young? What is your favourite memory of when you were young?

2018

a).- Is the place where you live friendly to visitors? What would you do to attract more visitors?

b).- What other things make it difficult to live with other members of the family, apart from alcohol?

c).- Would you like to study in another country? Why / Why not? If your answer is "yes", which country?

d).- Imagine you are Dr. Wise. Write a letter in answer to "Desperate's" one advising him what he should do. Begin with "Dear Desperate,"

2019

a).- In which part of life is it more important to be competitive, in a) studies, b) sports or c)

business? Why is it especially important in that area?

b).- What are the advantages and disadvantages of social networks?

c).- Write a letter to a friend to tell her/him that you have received an electric scooter for your birthday.

d).- What changes would you like to make in your life?

2020

a).- Do you sometimes read your horoscope? Why/ Why not?

b).- What is the strangest thing that ever happened to you?

c).- Is the future promising for women in our western society?

d).- Why is advertising necessary? Do you think there are too many ads on TV, Internet, etc.

2021

a).- Would you agree to not using your mobile phone for a whole day every week? Why/ Why not?

b).- Why is racism so difficult to eradicate?

c).- What things do you do that are good for your health? And things that are bad?

d).- What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you?

2022

a).- People need qualities to make a success of "do-it-yourself". Do you agree?

b).- What is your favourite film/ series? Why?

c).- What do "perfect holidays" mean to you?

d).- If you didn't have to do any homework, what would you do instead?

2023

a).- Would you rather share a flat with other students or live in a student hall while you are at university? Analyse pros and cons.

b).- What can you do against climate change?

c).- Have housing and accommodation become a major problem in many cities around the world?

d).- Do you think young people are aware of the dangers of alcohol? Why?

2024

a).- What causes environmental pollution? Can you think of any possible solutions for this problem?

b).- Do you think there could be a connection between AI and unemployment in the future?

c).- Do you think cooking should be taught at school? Why?

d).- What period of history would you like to live in? Why?

2025 - PAU

a).- Write an **opinion article** about this topic: Is telling lies culturally accepted in your society? Do you think that is a good thing? Why/why not?

b).- Write an **e-mail** to a media blog editor telling him/her about a TV series that you have enjoyed a lot and would like to recommend.

c).- Write an **opinion article** about this topic: Is graffiti an art form or is it vandalism?

d).- Write a **letter** to a landlord inquiring about a flat that s/he has for rent for next year, when you will be at university.