



## Evaluación de Bachillerato para el Acceso a la Universidad de Castilla y León

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### OPTION A

#### COSTA RICAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNICATES THROUGH ART

1 When Costa Rican Xinia Smith-Camacho moved to the USA in 2009, at the age of 17, she couldn't speak any English. Her first assignment in the art class in high school was to complete a special project it should take several weeks to be finished, but Xinia did not understand when the project was supposed to be complete. She went home and spent all night finishing it. The next day, she gave it to her art teacher completed. It was a piece of artwork entitled "Donkey", which depicts a donkey eating grass next to some birds. Its head is low and its back is heavy with a saddle. It represents her struggle with the English language and how much she had to overcome. It was her first expression in another language. Art helped her express herself in a predominantly English-speaking culture. She eventually mastered English, but she said that if she had to choose a language to express herself to the fullest, it would be art.

15 Her more recent piece is a depiction of her family dynamics. Three cheetahs are resting in a prairie. She said they depict her, her twin sister and her brother, and overwatching them, there is a depiction of her mother. It shows what her family means to her, but especially what her mother means to her family. Xinia's mother is a big influence on her current work, "An owl". "She's always bringing me stuff to use for my art as I'm working on it," she said.

#### QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Why did Xinia Smith-Camacho spend all night finishing her first art project?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST 2 WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

2.1. Xinia's first project was meant to last a few weeks.

2.2. Xinia completed her first assignment in one night.

2.3. Xinia's teacher is a major influence on her work.

[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) Xinia's sister, present in all her work, is her greatest influence.
- b) "Donkey" depicts her difficulty in communicating in English.
- c) The three cheetahs in her latest work represent her mother, her sister and her brother.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a seat for a rider on the back of a horse
- b) an attempt to get something that is difficult and takes a lot of effort

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) called
- d) representation
- e) grassland

[5] COMPLETE TASKS **a** AND **b** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Put into the passive: "Her family has greatly influenced her work"

5.2. Join these sentences using a relative pronoun. "A donkey is eating grass next to some birds. Its head is low."

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

What are the main problems that immigrants have to face when they arrive in a different country?



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#### MICHELLE MYERS REPORTEDLY DEVELOPS NEW ACCENTS OVERNIGHT

1 45-year-old Michelle Myers, from Arizona, told *ABC15* that, at various points in her life, she'd gone to bed with extremely painful headaches and woke up in the morning feeling completely numb on the left side of her body and speaking with a different accent. For Myers, it all started back in 2011, and so far she has  
5 spoken with an Irish, an Australian and a British accent. From an outsider's perspective, this honestly sounds sort of cool, until you realize it's actually quite concerning.

Medical professionals say she has a rare condition called Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS), a disorder caused by brain damage that changes speech from  
10 your native tongue to something completely "foreign." In fact, there are only about 100 cases on record since 1907.

The single mother of seven was then rushed to hospital for treatment, where doctors diagnosed her with FAS as a side effect of hemiplegic migraines, a dangerous disease. What makes Myers' case even more frightening is that  
15 doctors have yet to pinpoint how or why hemiplegic migraines occur in the first place, so it's difficult to find a definitive cure. Anyway, unlike many patients who experience brain-related injuries, FAS does not cause disordered speech. In fact, FAS patients typically produce grammatically correct language. Although Myers has been speaking in a British accent for the past two years, there is a chance it could fade out.

#### QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

What is the problem with Michelle Myers?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST 2 WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH). (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

2.1. So far, Michelle Myers has spoken with three more accents since 2011.

2.2. Doctors are optimistic about finding a cure soon.

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2.3. Just like FAS patients, every patient with brain injuries has disordered speech.

[3] CHOOSE *a*, *b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

Michelle Myers...

- a) is married with no children.
- b) is not married and has no children.
- c) is not married and has seven children.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a person unconnected with the matter in question
- b) taken in a hurry

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) senseless
- d) upsetting
- e) possibility

[5] COMPLETE TASKS a AND b ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Complete: "If FAS were not a rare disease ..."

5.2. Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: "Medical professionals said she had a rare condition called Foreign Accent Syndrome".

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Would you like to be a scientist? Why or why not?