
Proves d'accés a la Universitat (2004)

Selectivitat (LOGSE)

Anglès

Model 3

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in English. USE YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Total score: 10 points.

The Rights of Women

In 1918, some women over the age of thirty gained the right to vote after a long, hard struggle. John Stuart Mill, a radical thinker, had tried unsuccessfully to include votes for women in the 1867 Reform Bill. The industrial revolution had increased the power of men, and their feelings about property.

A man thought of his wife and daughters as his property, and so did the law. It was almost impossible for women to get a divorce, even for those rich enough to pay the legal costs. Until 1882, a woman had to give up all her property to her husband when she married him. And until 1891, husbands were still allowed by law to beat their wives with a stick "no thicker than a man's thumb", and to lock them up in a room if they wished. By 1850, wife beating had become a serious social problem in Britain. Women were probably treated worse in Britain than in any other industrialising European country at this time.

The war in 1914 changed everything. Britain would have been unable to continue the war without the women who took men's places in the factories. By 1918 29 per cent of the total workforce of Britain was female. Women had to be given the vote. But it was not until ten years later than the voting age of women came down to twenty-one, equal with men.

Once women could vote, many people felt that they had gained full and equal rights. But there was still a long battle ahead for equal treatment and respect both at work and at home.

McDowall, D. *An Illustrated History of Britain* (2003) (Edited)

1. Write a summary of the preceding passage in no more than 50 words. DO NOT copy from the text. (2 points)

2. Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Explain WHY using your own words OR finding evidence in the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (1 point)

- a) Women were granted full and equal rights during the industrial revolution.
- b) Until 1891, wife beating was considered to be legal.
- c) In 1914 women over the age of thirty gained the right to vote.
- d) Once women could vote, they gained full and equal rights both at work and at home.

3. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following question. (1 point) Why did the war in 1914 change the situation of women? Explain.

4. Follow the instructions for each question.

a) Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the following:

- 1) belongings, possessions
 - 2) to hand over
 - 3) a long thin piece of wood
 - 4) people in a country who are available for work
- (1 point)

b) Answer the questions below. (1 point)

b1) Turn the following sentence into the passive voice:

Many celebrities attended the lecture on women's rights.

b2) Finish this sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before it:

'Why did many politicians refuse to support the 'suffragettes'?'

He asked...

5. Choose ONLY ONE of the following options. (4 points)

a) Write a composition of 120-150 words on: To what extent have things changed? Do you think women have nowadays gained full and equal rights? Explain.

b) Write a dialogue of 120-150 words on: A conversation between a man and a woman discussing the importance of equal treatment and respect.