



Prova d'accés a la Universitat 2007

Selectivitat

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.

Black is beautiful

After a long struggle for equal rights and treatment, in the 1960s black Americans began taking new pride in their African ancestry. It became fashionable to take African names and to wear long African robes. Bushy African hairstyles became the fashion for black Americans and were even adopted by white youngsters. Before long the most frequently seen and heard slogan in America was the three words: "Black is beautiful."

But black pride and racial awareness showed itself in more than dress and appearance. Schools were set up to teach black children the history, languages and customs of their African ancestors. One of the most extraordinary ventures was a ballet school founded by a young dancer named Arthur Mitchell. In Mitchell's school, youngsters from the streets of New York's Harlem learnt to create new and exciting dances which combined the techniques of classical European ballet with the beat of African drums. Within a few years they had become internationally famous as the Dance Theatre of Harlem, playing to full theatres all over the world.

Arthur Mitchell was a dancer, not a politician. His ways of trying to improve the position of his fellow blacks were very different from Martin Luther King's. Yet his underlying view of people, of their hopes and needs, was not so different. "I used to be full of anger," Mitchell told a reporter when the Dance Theatre of Harlem visited London in 1976, "but not any more. Screams and shouts don't get you anywhere. I discovered that black or white, green or purple, all kids are the same. People are the same. I don't think myself as a black man, first and foremost. I'm just a man who happens to be black."

O'Callaghan, Bryn: *An Illustrated History of the USA* (2001) (Edited).



1. 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) Black Americans always enjoyed full racial equality.
- b) In the 1960s black Americans started to feel embarrassed about the colour of their skin.
- c) The Dance Theatre of Harlem was founded by Arthur Mitchell.
- d) Arthur Mitchell thinks that anger is the most effective way to reduce frustration.

2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer the following questions. (2 points)

- a) What message are black Americans trying to send through the slogan: “Black is beautiful”?
- b) How does Arthur Mitchell view people?

3. Find in the text words or phrases which mean the same as the following (1 point):

- 1) fight, battle
- 2) soon, in a short time
- 3) with no empty space
- 4) to make something better than before

4) Finish each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before it. (2 points)

- a) ‘She last saw her uncle when she was ten.’
She hasn’t ...
- b) ‘Politics don’t interest me.’
I am ...
- c) ‘Our jobs are identical but his salary is not the same as mine.’
In spite of ...
- d) ‘They’ll have to leave the country unless she finds a new job.’
If she ...

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

Write a composition of 120-150 words on:

- a) Do you think Spain is ready to become a multicultural society? Explain.
- b) Do you judge people by their physical appearance? Explain.