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Writing

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1. PAU 2026 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length.
[4 points: 1 point for grammar, 1 point for vocabulary and spelling, 1 point for cohesion, and 1 point for adequacy and coherence]

1. During your school's Communication Week, students will take part in a debate about the growing impact that social media influencers have on teenagers' behaviour, lifestyle choices, and opinions. You have been asked to write a **for and against essay** discussing both the positive and negative effects that influencers may have on young people. In your text, you should consider aspects such as the promotion of healthy or unhealthy habits, the reliability of sponsored content, and the pressure to conform to certain beauty or success standards.

2. Imagine working in your ideal job. **Write a description** of a full day at work in detail, beginning with how you commute to your workplace and what your morning routine is like. Explain your exact daily tasks and responsibilities, the people you work with, and the type of environment you work in. Include information about your colleagues, your interactions with them, and how you collaborate. Finally, explain whether you enjoy this job or not, giving clear reasons for your satisfaction or dissatisfaction.

2. PAU 2026 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length.
[4 points: 1 point for grammar, 1 point for vocabulary and spelling, 1 point for cohesion, and 1 point for adequacy and coherence]

1. You recently attended an international online workshop on cooking healthy food. You want to thank the workshop coordinator for how useful this workshop has been to you. Write a **formal email** to the workshop coordinator in which you highlight the quality of the workshop, explain what you learned, and suggest improvements for future workshops.

2. Over the last few years, the number of teenagers suffering from stress and anxiety has increased significantly in many developed countries. Schools, parents, and health organisations are debating possible solutions to improve students' well-being and reduce pressure. Some experts believe that schools should not give homework or hold traditional exams, while others argue that it is necessary for academic progress. Write an **opinion essay** on whether homework and/or exams should be limited or abolished for secondary school students, giving reasons and examples to support your view.

3. PAU 2026 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length.
[4 points: 1 point for grammar, 1 point for vocabulary and spelling, 1 point for cohesion, and 1 point for adequacy and coherence]

1. Before going to university, you would like to spend a semester abroad improving your English while working as an au pair. Write a **formal email** to an au pair agency applying for a job as an au pair and explaining why you would like this job, your experience in childcare and the personal qualities and skills that would make you the ideal person for the job.

2. Up to 2025, Catalonia suffered from serious water supply problems that affected agriculture, industries, and personal use at home due to the prolonged absence of rainfall. The Government acted by implementing measures that affected many of us, regardless of the quantity of water we used. Write an **opinion essay** on the policies and regulations created to control water usage to be published in the school newspaper.

4. PAU 2025 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length.
[4 points: 1 point for grammar, 1 point for vocabulary and spelling, 1 point for cohesion and 1 point for adequacy and coherence.]

1. Turning 18 entails making many decisions in life, such as deciding who to vote for, choosing your future education or looking for a job to pay for your education, among many others. Write an **email** to a friend or family member reflecting on your latest life-changing decisions, including your plans or goals. It could be related to career aspirations, travel plans, or personal development. Share your thoughts with this person and finish by asking for their input or experiences.

2. As part of a project on housing, your school has invited a group of interior designers and architects. They are interested in how spaces influence emotions and wellbeing. They say home is where your heart is and a place where you feel most comfortable and at peace. Write a **description** of this place that is home to you. It could be a physical location, like your childhood bedroom, a favorite park, a family gathering spot, or even a corner of a cafe. Use vivid sensory details (sights, sounds, smells, textures, and tastes) to help the designers experience the place as you do.

5. PAU 2025 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length.
[4 points: 1 point for grammar, 1 point for vocabulary and spelling, 1 point for cohesion and 1 point for adequacy and coherence.]

1. In many households, traditional dishes are disappearing, and only the older generations of the family still cook them, whereas the young tend to prefer some form of fast food. Your teacher has organized a class debate in which you will have to defend traditional food. As a conclusion to the debate, the teacher would like you to write an **opinion essay** with your views on the topic. In your text you should mention why you think this is happening, examples of recipes that are being lost, the advantages that these dishes have and why it is important to keep this heritage.

2. You are attending a creative writing class where you are working on feelings and sensations. For next week, you have been asked to write a **description** of a single day during your favorite season of the year. Whether it's a crisp autumn morning, a bright summer afternoon, or a snowy winter evening, bring the season to life with descriptive details. Focus on the atmosphere, the activities, and the sensations that make this day so memorable.

6. PAU 2024 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words.
[4 points]

1. Advertising plays a significant role in shaping consumer choices. Write an **opinion essay** examining the influence of advertising on consumer behavior. Discuss the power of persuasion, ethical considerations, and the impact of advertising on societal values and priorities.

2. Write a **formal email** addressing a complaint to a customer service department. Clearly describe the problem, provide necessary details, and request a solution or explanation.

3. Choose a popular comedy TV series available on streaming platforms and write a **review** for young viewers. Analyze the humor, character dynamics, and the show's overall appeal. Discuss specific episodes or story arcs that stood out and why you believe it would resonate with a young audience.

7. PAU 2024 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. With fast fashion, consumers are offered constantly changing collections at low prices, and encouraged to frequently buy and discard clothes. Do you follow fast fashion, or do you prefer more durable clothes? Write a **for-and-against essay** in which you explain the pros and cons of fast fashion.

2. You have bought several products online from a well-known website but some of them have not arrived while the ones which have are not in good condition. Write a **formal email** to customer service complaining about the service and requesting some compensation.

3. Write a **description** of a place you have been to or would like to visit. Explain where the place is, why it is special and what things you can see or do there. Do not forget to give your opinion or a recommendation.

8. PAU 2023 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Travelling by plane leaves an enormous carbon footprint that contributes to global warming. Yet, flying is often the fastest means of transport between two locations. Write an **opinion essay** discussing whether a government should regulate the citizens' use of transportation based on environmental criteria.

2. Write a **descriptive essay** about an occurrence that taught you a lot about how to deal (or how not to deal) with people. You can focus on one event or person, or on something that you learnt gradually in different situations.

3. Many cities in Europe are changing their traffic patterns by eliminating lanes for cars while opening more lanes for bicycles and battery-powered scooters and promoting public transportation. Some people like the idea of fewer cars in cities, but some business owners say that fewer cars means fewer customers. In addition, some residents say that taking public transportation is not always an option. Write a **for-and-against essay** about campaigns to restrict private car traffic in cities.

9. PAU 2023 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Young people spend a lot of time texting and playing on their smartphones, sometimes over three hours a day. Write a **blog entry** encouraging alternative activities that may be interesting for young people and prevent them from using their smartphones so much every day.

2. Travelling by plane helps you make the most of your holiday by taking you places with speed and efficient use of time. However, it is said that emissions from aviation are a significant contributor to climate change. How do you think we should handle this situation? Write an **opinion essay** about it for your local paper.

3. Imagine you've gone to one of the immersion shows described in the Reading comprehension text (Part 2). Write an **email** to a friend in which you explain the experience and suggest you both go together in the near future.

10. PAU 2023 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. You and your family went on holiday and rented an apartment through an online booking website. The apartment was not located where it was supposed to be, was in bad condition and did not include all the facilities that were described on the website. Write a **complaint email** to the Customer Service department of the booking agency and ask for some kind of compensation.

2. Environmental fines are often imposed on industries and companies and even polluting vehicle owners but hardly ever on individual citizens who do not recycle or respect the environment. Given the world's climate situation, should governments start making individual citizens pay environmental fines? For example, should people report to the government on their neighbours who do not recycle, or who still have traditional light bulbs and not LEDs? Would this be good for society? Write a **for-and-against essay**.

3. Hobbies are often overlooked by parents because they want their kids to do well in school. As a result, hobbies are usually not considered to be important. Can some hobbies be turned into a class taught in schools? How do you think parents should act towards kids who care more about their hobbies than getting good grades? Write an **opinion essay**.

11. PAU 2022 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. In our country, young people tend to live with their parents for much longer than they do in other European countries or in the United States. Write an **opinion essay** analyzing the reasons why you think this may be so.

2. What are the key ingredients for a successful holiday trip? Write a **blog entry** in which you give recommendations to your readers about how to plan their holidays so that they can make the most of their leisure time.

3. People around the world have strong opinions about governments requiring COVID-19 vaccinations. Write an **argumentative essay** in which you take a side in the vaccination debate. Make sure to support your view with arguments.

12. PAU 2022 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Many towns in Catalonia celebrate local festivals. Write an **article** for a travel magazine in which you explain and describe a local festival or celebration that you know well.

2. A national park is a large area of land which is protected by the government because of its natural beauty, plants, or animals, and which the public can usually visit with some restrictions. Have you ever visited a national park? What did you do there? Did you see any wild animals or protected flora? Write a **narrative text** in which you explain your experience there.

3. Governments often create national parks to protect wildlife and encourage conservation. Do you think governments are doing enough to protect animals in their natural habitat? Do you think governments have to take more forceful action to protect animals? Write an **opinion essay**.

13. PAU 2022 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Many traditions from the United States, such as Halloween or the character of Santa Claus, have been exported to other cultures. Write a **for-and-against essay** discussing to what extent this enriches or has a negative effect on one's own traditions.

2. Football has become a phenomenon that involves a lot of people and money. Today only important teams that have a lot of money to hire the best players in the world have a chance to win major tournaments and trophies. Do you think that football has become something other than a sport and has lost its original spirit? Write an **opinion essay**.

3. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on cultural events. Write a **narrative essay** explaining your experience at the last concert, music festival or theatrical performance that you attended.

14. PAU 2021 · Setembre · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Due to your low marks, you have been punished and for the next three months your access to Internet after school is strictly limited to 30 minutes a day during the school week and to 1 hour a day on Saturdays and Sundays. Do you think this is an effective punishment? Write an **opinion essay**.

2. Live animals are used by many companies in the beauty industry for the testing of cosmetics. Many activists for animal rights claim that this practice should be stopped because it is cruel to the animals. The companies claim that testing on live animals is necessary to ensure safe products for humans. What do you think? Should beauty products that have been tested on animals be banned by the government? Write a **for-and-against essay**.

3. All of us occasionally have arguments with our friends, even with people who have been our very close friends for a long time. Big arguments sometimes mean the end of a friendship, and that often upsets us. In other cases, we are able to forgive and forget, and continue on with our friendship. Write a **narrative** about an argument with your best friend.

15. PAU 2021 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. "Medical research is subject to ethical standards that promote and ensure respect for all human subjects and protect their health and rights. While the primary purpose of medical research is to generate new knowledge, this goal can never take precedence over the rights and interests of individual research subjects." Write a **for-and-against essay** about the rights and interests of individuals vs. the goal of advancing medical knowledge.

2. The #BlackLivesMatter movement is dedicated to fighting racism and anti-black violence, especially in the form of police brutality, and demands that society value the lives and humanity of black people as much as it values the lives and humanity of white people. Do you think such a movement is necessary today? Write an **opinion essay**.

3. Imagine that you have a friend who doesn't know if they want to study at university after high school or if they want to enroll in a program of vocational or professional training for 1 or 2 years. Write an **email** to them giving advice on their future studies.

16. PAU 2021 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Last summer you went rock climbing in the Pyrenees and realized that all the surroundings were full of plastic waste. Write an **informal letter** to a friend of yours describing your feelings.

2. Imagine that you are the chief editor of an important newspaper and you decide to write an editorial about the environment and global warming. Write a **formal essay** arguing for strong, efficient measures to protect the environment.

3. You have recently finished high school. A few years from now, when you look back on your time in high school, what part will you remember fondly? And which part will you wish you could forget? Write an **essay** describing how you think you will view your high school experience.

17. PAU 2020 · Setembre · Sèrie 4 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Governments often try to influence what people choose to eat or drink by taxing some foods and beverages more than others. For example, sugary drinks have an extra tax on them in many places (Catalonia included), and the sale of alcoholic drinks is controlled by governments in most countries and highly taxed in many. The reading comprehension text suggests that meat should be taxed more in order to reduce the amount of meat people eat. Should governments try to influence our dietary habits? **Write a for-and-against essay**.

2. Reality television is extremely popular in many countries. Why are reality shows so successful? **Write an opinion essay**.

3. Many authors have written about time travel, and there have been several successful films about it, too. If you could time travel, would you visit the past or the future? Where would you go, and why? **Write an essay** about your ideal time travel experience.

18. PAU 2020 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Some people believe that making a lot of money and being famous are the true signs of happiness. Do you agree? **Write an opinion essay**.

2. Animal activists all over Europe have organized campaigns against displaying live animals in zoos because they say that animals in captivity suffer from boredom and stress, and that keeping animals in cages is cruel. As a result, many European cities are considering closing their zoos. What do you think? Is it cruel to keep animals in a zoo? **Write a for-and-against essay** for zoos.

3. Most young people today use some form of social media, and many actively use several forms. **Write an essay** describing the role of social media in your life.

19. PAU 2020 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 3

Part 3: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. What do you think of the environmental impact of fashion? Do we need to buy new clothes all the time? **Write an opinion essay** discussing the effects that fast fashion, like that promoted by chains like Zara and Primark, has on the environment.

2. All of us experience very happy moments at one time or another. **Write a narrative essay** about the happiest moment in someone's life.

3. There have been several scientific studies demonstrating that teenagers' health improves greatly if they eat a good breakfast and wake up late. This is usually difficult to achieve, because high school students often begin classes before 8 a.m., which means that many must wake up very early in order to eat breakfast and arrive at school on time. However, starting later would mean finishing classes later in the day. Do you think high schools should have a later start time? **Write a for-and-against essay**.

20. PAU 2019 · Setembre · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Art plays an essential role in all cultures, and for thousands of years people have been creating, criticizing, and enjoying art. Imagine that you are visiting an art museum or exhibit, and you would like to share your feelings and sensations with your best friend. **Write an email** to him/her explaining your experience. Make sure you do NOT use your own name in your email.

2. Governments often make many addictive substances illegal because they may harm the health of those who take them. But alcohol and tobacco may also be dangerous to a person's health, and they are legal. Should the government make these substances illegal? **Write an opinion essay.**

21. PAU 2019 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. "Emoji is the new language of the heart." Do you agree with the author's statement? **Write an opinion essay**.

2. Although friendships can last a lifetime, it is also true that sometimes our relationship with a friend or someone in our family can take a turn for the worse. **Write a narrative essay** explaining what led to the breakup of a friendship.

22. PAU 2019 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words. [4 points]

1. Do you buy music or do you pirate it? Some people argue that we should put an end to music piracy, as it generates huge losses for the record companies and music artists. Others claim that the record companies already have enough money, and that the prices they charge are too expensive. **Write a for-and-against essay** in which you state the pros and cons of paying for music.

2. You have missed a flight due to unexpected delays but you are not offered any rebooking or any compensation from the airline. **Write an email** to the customer service department complaining about the service and asking for compensation. Make sure you do NOT use your own name in your email.

23. PAU 2018 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Can we judge others by the way they look? Does a person's appearance influence his or her character? **Write an opinion essay.**

2. Next academic year you may be living in a shared flat with other students or in a university residence, or maybe you'll be staying in your own house with your family. **Write a 'for and against' essay** explaining the advantages and disadvantages of living away from home while you're a university student. Make sure you do NOT use your own name in your essay.

24. PAU 2018 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. **Write an essay** on the consequences that the use of the latest morphing technology might have for news agencies and the lack of trust in the media.

2. Do you shop online, or do you like to go to stores? Does the type of product you are looking for make a difference in your decision? Are online stores fair competition for "real" stores? **Write an essay** in which you discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping.

25. PAU 2018 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Many of the people working at Bletchley Park were good at languages and all had to be able to keep secrets. Imagine you are applying for a job as a code-breaker at a modern equivalent of Bletchley Park. **Write a formal letter** to the director explaining why you would be an excellent worker. Remember NOT to use your own name in the letter.

2. Black Friday in November has quickly become the biggest shopping day in many countries and not just in the United States, where it originated. Is it a good idea for shop owners to offer large discounts before the Christmas holidays? Do you think it is necessary to have such a day, or is it only a new form of consumerism? **Write an opinion essay.**

26. PAU 2017 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Robots and other machines now do many things that only people used to do. Do you think using robots to monitor people's health is a good idea? Would you like to have a robot monitor you when you are sick, or when you grow old? Write an opinion essay.

2. You and your older relative have very different views of mobile phones. You think using a mobile phone is essential for maintaining contact with your friends and finding out what is going on in the world, and your older relative thinks that mobile phones may be convenient but really don't replace personal meetings, conventional telephones, watching television or reading the newspaper. Write the dialogue between you.

27. PAU 2017 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You and a friend are planning to go shopping. You want to go on Black Friday and take advantage of all the bargains, but your friend thinks this day only promotes consumerism. Write the dialogue between you and your friend. Make sure you do NOT use your own name in your dialogue.

2. Buy Nothing Day was created as a reaction to the Black Friday shopping madness, and its creators want people to reflect on their consumer habits and to make them consume less and produce less waste. Do you agree with this idea? Write an opinion essay.

28. PAU 2017 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. What sort of diet should teenagers have? Do most teenagers you know "eat right"? Write an essay for your school newsletter on what teenagers really eat, and include your opinion on what they should eat.

2. Imagine that you have just returned from a trip to London with your parents. Write an entry in your blog about some good and bad experiences on this trip, and on travelling with your parents in general. (Remember to NOT mention your real name, or that of anyone in your family, in this blog entry.)

29. PAU 2016 · Setembre · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine that you have set up a successful business before the age of 25. Write a biography of yourself and include a description of the company and the steps you took to make the company successful.

2. In many places, such as Canada and most states in the United States, the minimum driving age is 16. The legal driving age for automobiles in most European countries is 18. Write an opinion essay about lowering the legal driving age in Spain to 16. Your essay should mention both some advantages and some disadvantages of lowering the driving age.

30. PAU 2016 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Cinemas in many towns and cities across the country are closing because of a lack of public. Imagine that the only cinema left in your town is about to close. Write a letter to your local newspaper arguing in favor of keeping the cinema open.

2. Explain a bad travel experience you have had. Give as many details as possible about places, people and things that went wrong, and how it all ended up. You may include some funny anecdotes, if there were any.

31. PAU 2016 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You have been invited to spend some time with the Jones, an Australian family, in Sydney. Write a letter or an e-mail to their 17-year-old daughter Sarah, talking about the things you expect to learn during your stay in Australia.

2. Today the influence of English on other languages appears to be very extensive. What are the pros and cons of that situation? Do you think we are using too many English words in our own languages? Write an opinion essay presenting your views on these questions.

32. PAU 2015 · Setembre · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine that you are a soldier in the First World War. Write a letter to your parents about your experiences in the war.

2. Harry Patch did not explain his experiencies about the war until he was very elderly. Why do you think he waited for so many years? Write an opinion essay about it for your local paper.

33. PAU 2015 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Are love-locks romantic or a menace? Write a for or against essay about this practice.

2. Imagine you are Carolyn Barnabo. Write an entry in your blog explaining how your views on love-locks have changed over the years.

34. PAU 2015 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. What are, according to your own experience, the factors that have helped you to learn a foreign language? Write a personal narrative with the title "Learning English my way" in which you give answer to this question.

2. "Making Esperanto a common, international language is idealistic but impossible." Write an article for your school magazine with arguments for or against this statement.

35. PAU 2014 · Setembre · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. What makes a good teacher, according to your own experience? Write a personal narrative about the best teacher you ever had. Explain why she/he inspired you.

2. Imagine you meet one of your former primary school teachers who was important to you. Write the dialogue in which you and the teacher talk about past memories and experiences of those days.

36. PAU 2014 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Should the right to vote be lowered to the age of 16, instead of 18? What would be the advantages or disadvantages? Write an argumentative article giving opinions for and against this issue.

2. Imagine you are a candidate at your class delegate election. Write a school article inviting people to vote and encouraging your classmates to vote for you, explaining your arguments.

37. PAU 2014 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. "Speaking two languages has obvious practical benefits in an increasingly globalized world." What are these benefits? What are the main advantages and disadvantages of being bilingual? Write an argumentative essay. You may include examples from your own experience.

2. Write a letter to a pen friend (or key pal) who has never visited Catalonia. Explain the language diversity in the Catalan society and your own experience as a bilingual speaker.

38. PAU 2013 · Setembre · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You suspect a friend of yours suffers from nomophobia but doesn't want to accept it. Write a conversation with him/her in which you explain why you think so, and suggest possible measures to help him/her overcome this addiction.

2. Are we too dependent on mobile phones? Could we live without mobile phones nowadays? Write an opinion essay.

39. PAU 2013 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You suspect a friend of yours is a bully but he/she does not want to acknowledge it. Write a conversation with him/her in which you explain why you think he/she should stop this behaviour. Suggest possible measures to help him/her fight this addiction.

2. What possible mesures, involving the school, parents and kids, could be taken in order to stop bullying at schools? Write an article for your school magazine explaining your ideas and proposals.

40. PAU 2013 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Spain is significantly below the OECD average in PISA tests. What do you think is needed to improve our education system? Write an opinion essay in which you take into account the school system, the teachers and the students.

2. Imagine you are a student from Shanghai living in Catalonia. Write a letter or an email to your family in China in which you talk about the education system and study habits here and back home.

41. PAU 2012 · Setembre · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine that you went on a holiday in the land of the Himba. Write a letter telling a friend in Catalonia what you liked or disliked about your stay. Include your views on the Himba's way of life.

2. Imagine you are working for the Namibia Tourist Board. Write a text for a promotional campaign addressed to Europeans with the title: "Come to experience the real Africa in the Kunene region".

42. PAU 2012 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Write an opinion essay about how the use of the internet has changed our lives.

2. Write a dialogue between two people who are discussing about the advantages and/or disadvantages of the "death sites".

43. PAU 2012 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine you are a journalist who had the chance to interview Steve Jobs, asking him questions about his life and his technological products. Write down that dialogue.

2. Write an opinion essay about the following question: Is it possible to live without computers nowadays?

44. PAU 2011 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. In the text, Professor Rheinghold talks about the "formation of forums called *personal learning networks*". Write an article for your school journal in which you defend the introduction of personal learning networks in your school.

2. A friend of yours has not joined Facebook yet. He/she is reluctant because of the fear of losing intimacy and spending too much of his/her time on it. Write a letter to him/her explaining the advantages or disadvantages of this digital tool. In your letter you should try to convince your friend to either join Facebook or not to do so.

45. PAU 2011 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine you want to apply for a job as an au pair. Write a formal letter to an au pair agency explaining the reasons why you think you are the ideal person for the job.

2. Write an opinion essay about the following question:
"Is it better to work in your own country instead of working abroad?" Explain the advantages or disadvantages in either case.

46. PAU 2011 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Write an e-mail to a friend. Explain a trip you have done recently. Talk about the places you visited, when and who with. Mention any interesting or funny anecdotes that happened during the journey.

2. You are a journalist for a travel magazine. Write an article describing a place you know well. Mention the interesting things to see and do there. Comment also on the historical background and cultural traits. Mention any practical things a traveller should take into account: currency, weather, local customs…

47. PAU 2010 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. "We'll be happier if we work fewer hours and have more free time, we'll socialise more and we can do without piles of consumer goods that we have no need for." Consider this statement mentioned in the text. Write a short essay stating your opinion against or in favour of that affirmation.

2. Write a letter to the editor of *Catalonia Today* expressing your views about this article and the concept of *degrowth*.

48. PAU 2010 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You are Nas. Write a letter to a friend in London telling him/her about your experience in a summer camp and how much you enjoyed it.

2. Some adults are surprised at seeing teenagers behave in a mature way. Do you agree that teenagers are too immature and unprepared for grown-up life? Write an argumentative essay exposing your ideas about this.

49. PAU 2010 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. "Putting tobacco out of sight in shops and removing cigarette vending machines will help reduce the number of smokers." Do you agree with this statement from the text? Are governmental measures against tobacco addiction successful? Write an opinion article in favour or against anti-tobacco legislation.

2. Imagine you are an activist member of Action Against Smoking. Write a letter to a friend explaining your campaigns and the new restrictions on tobacco display in your country.

50. PAU 2009 · Setembre · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You are Laura. Write a letter to a friend in London telling him/her about your experience living in the farm and growing organic products.

2. Using your own words, write an argumentative essay about the advantages of life in the city versus life in the country or vice versa.

51. PAU 2009 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Imagine you are a journalist. Write an interview with Aneela Rahman. Your objective is to find out why she is so happy in her "arranged" marriage.

2. Divorce rates are increasing in Europe. Does this mean that marriage is in crisis? Are you in favour or against marriage? Write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper explaining your opinion.

52. PAU 2009 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Write an article for your school magazine. Discuss the effects of climate change in your country. Do you think measures should be taken to stop or at least slow down its effects on the planet?

2. You are doing a research project on animal extinction. Write a letter to your tutor/supervisor explaining how you would like to organise your work and where you intend to look for information about the subject.

53. PAU 2008 · Setembre · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Two teachers are discussing the rights and wrongs of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a school subject. Write down their conversation.

2. French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said that "the best things people have made [the airplane, the telephone…] are all things that bring people together." Discuss this statement and say what are to your mind, the best things people have made. Would you say that Internet makes our social life richer or poorer?

54. PAU 2008 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Write about the influence of psychologists on our society. Are they well considered? Could they be the answer to our psychological necessities?

2. Imagine you have a toxic friend that is ruining your life. Write a letter to him/her explaining the problem and proposing solutions to re-establish your mutual confidence.

55. PAU 2008 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. You are a journalist. Write a short newspaper story about the labor exploitation of some groups of immigrants in Spain.

2. You are the representative of your country before the United Nations Organization (UNO). Write a speech addressed to the UNO general delegates denouncing the resurgence of slavery.

56. PAU 2007 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Mame is writing about her daily life in a web log / diary. Write her entry for a most wonderful day. (Use Standard English, avoid informal or shorthand writing.)

2. You are a journalist talking to Shintaro Konizumi, the author of the best-selling book, *Cool to Be Japanese Again.* Write this interview talking about the revival of traditional customs in Japan.

57. PAU 2007 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Write an article for your school magazine in which you have to defend the need to preserve the botanically diverse regions on earth.

2. Should places like Borneo be promoted as tourist resorts? Write the dialogue of the debate between a scientist (who argues against the idea) and a tourist operator who specialises in creating exclusive tourist paradises.

58. PAU 2007 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[4 points]

1. Think of a profession that is dying out, for example a shepherd or a farmer. Write a dialogue with one of the last shepherds / farmers in your country. Talk about their way of life now and before.

2. You have just read a book with the title *Death of a Beekeeper* by Swedish author Lars Gustafsson. Write a letter to your best friend explaining to him/her what the book is about.

59. PAU 2006 · Setembre · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words. [0-4 points]

1. Write your opinions about this law intended to protect animals in Britain. Do you think Spain needs a law like this?

2. Two scientists are talking about vivisection (tests on living animals to increase medical knowledge of human diseases). One scientist is for this practice, the other is against it. Write this dialogue.

60. PAU 2006 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words. [0-4 points]

1. You are an Erasmus student at the University of Bergen (Norway). One professor asks you to talk to your class about the Catalan language and culture. Write the text of your presentation.

2. Imagine you are a journalist. Write an interview with a European commissioner for the protection of minority languages. Your objective is to find out what the European Union is doing in order to protect the rights of those linguistic groups.

61. PAU 2006 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words. [0-4 points]

1. Write an essay about aspects related to learning and using a language. Discuss difficulties, language components or even other kinds of language (art, music, computer language, animal language...).

2. Write a letter to an imaginary pen pal from a very different country. Tell him/her about the most common pets in the country where you live and the problems and advantages of having them. Ask him/her about similar questions in his/her own place. Express opinions, suggest ideas...

62. PAU 2005 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. You are a journalist for *Blue Earth* magazine. Write an interview with the leader of a Tuareg clan about their way of life in the desert.

2. Write a letter to the Spanish Minister for the Environment. Show your deep concern about how water is being wasted in our country. Suggest a few ideas to improve the situation.

63. PAU 2005 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Write an essay describing some of your English learning experiences at school and / or outside it. Describe the way you study it, your style of work. Mention things that have helped you learn English and things that you have missed in the classroom.

2. Write a letter to an imaginary pen pal. Tell him / her about the languages currently used and taught in your country. Ask him / her about the languages used and taught in his / her country. Express opinions, suggest ideas, describe the future of these languages according to you.

64. PAU 2005 · Juny · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Imagine you are a journalist interviewing Wangari Maathai. Write an interview where you ask about her project and its acceptance by African governments.

2. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper explaining the need to apply Maathai's planting method of land protection in your own country. Explain the reasons why her plan would be beneficial for land, family and community improvement.

65. PAU 2004 · Setembre · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. The author of the article thinks that people, specially in the US and Britain, have forgotten how to cook. Can this also happen in Mediterranean countries like Spain? Write a dialogue in which people (e.g. an American student, a Catalan grandmother, a famous cook, ...) express their opinions.

2. Write a short essay about the advantages and disadvantages of convenience food.

66. PAU 2004 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Salma is an American citizen now. Write an interview for Black Hope magazine in which she tells how her dreams (freedom, a good job, bringing her kids to the U.S. ...) all came true.

2. You have read Salma's story in a magazine. Write a letter to the president of Mauritania telling him what you think about slavery.

67. PAU 2004 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Write a review (summary and opinion) of a horror film you have seen or a horror story you have read recently.

2. Imagine you are a novelist working on a vampire novel. Write a letter to a friend explaining your ideas.

68. PAU 2003 · Setembre · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. You are a reporter for «The Honolulu Times». Write an interview with Waipo Mapuana, the director of a school in which classes are conducted in Hawaiian. Talk about the difficulties and challenges of teaching and speaking this language and of trying to revive Hawaiian traditions.

2. You are Sabra Kauka, a girl from Molokai. Write a letter to a penfriend in Spain. Tell her / him about your country (land, people, climate, food, traditions, interesting places...). Invite your penfriend to visit the beautiful islands of Hawaii.

69. PAU 2003 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Imagine you are a psychologist who writes for a magazine. Write a letter to parents of teenagers and give them suggestions about how to bring up[1] their children.

2. Write a short essay about the main problems teenagers have in Catalunya. Describe them, explain their cause(s) and suggest possible solutions.

[1]*to bring up:* educar, pujar algú / educar

70. PAU 2003 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.
[0-4 points]

1. Write a short essay about an aspect related to age differences (examples: qualities and weaknesses, advantages and disadvantages of the older and the younger generation, the way people change, ...).

2. Write a short text in your diary. You are looking for a job. You are preparing some job interviews. You express your hopes, fears, professional ambitions, ...

71. PAU 2002 · Setembre · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[0-5 points]

1. Write about present-day natural disasters. Describe them and / or suggest causes, effects and possible solutions.

2. Describe a piece of news you have read or heard on the media that has to do with damage to our planet.

72. PAU 2002 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[0-5 points]

1. Write a short essay about the way news are presented in a newspaper, on TV and on the web.

2. As a student, describe your ideal teacher or the subjects you would like to take.

73. PAU 2002 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose **one** topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[0-5 points]

From the news, papers, or perhaps from our own life experience, we all know examples of social problems —unemployment, homeless people, immigration killings...

1. Write a short narrative text explaining the real or imagined story of one of these people.

2. Write a letter to a friend. Explain the problems of the homeless people (f. e., their causes, possible solutions, the future, reasons for hope or despair...).

74. PAU 2001 · Setembre · Sèrie 4 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay. Imagine you are in the future -in the year 3000. Describe lifestyle and technological advances –for example: Where and how do people live? How do they travel through space? How do they communicate? What other things do they do differently from today?

2. Write a dialogue between two or more people. They are discussing the importance of space discovery and its cost. They express reasons for and against it.

75. PAU 2001 · Juny · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. What do you think of technological progress? Write a short essay about this topic.

2. Write a dialogue between two people. One is a media presenter doing an interview. The other one an important scientist.

76. PAU 2001 · Juny · Sèrie 5 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay. Imagine a new kind of society in which old people feel really comfortable and are well looked after. Describe it. Say all the good things you would like to see and do in this new structure.

2. Write a dialogue between two people. Possibilities: a young person and an old one, a volunteer visitor and somebody old and lonely, any two people you choose. They discuss problems related to the theme of this article.

77. PAU 2000 · Setembre · Sèrie 2 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay. Is there an area of science that interests you? Write about it. Talk about inventions or discoveries. Say things you know or express your opinion about present developments.

2. Write a dialogue. Two people are talking about life outside our planet. Choose who they are: friends, scientists, two writers planning a story, etc. They express their ideas and discuss them.

78. PAU 2000 · Setembre · Sèrie 6 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay. What does an archaeologist, a historian or an artist need to know? Do these people need scientific training? Can science –maths, physics, chemistry, biology, computing, etc.– help them?

2. Write a dialogue between two people. They discuss things people do as hobbies in their spare time. They express their opinions about them.

79. PAU 2000 · Juny · Sèrie 1 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay about music in general or on modern singers and singer-writers. Explain your preferences, comment on artists and their work.

2. Write a letter to a friend. Invite him / her to a music concert. Comment on things related to this concert or to music in general. Do not use your real name in the letter.

80. PAU 2000 · Juny · Sèrie 3 · Part 2

PART TWO: WRITING

Choose ONE topic. Write about either 1 or 2. Write between 75 and 100 words.
[Grammatical accuracy: 3 points. Writing fluency: 3 points]

1. Write a short essay. There are benefits and dangers associated to modern life. Think and write about them.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in town and living in a rural area? Write a list of arguments in favour and against each kind of life and comment them.