

**PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A ESTUDIOS UNIVERSITARIOS  
(BACHILLERATO L.O.G.S.E.)  
IDIOMA EXTRANJERO: Inglés  
UNIVERSIDAD DE CASTILLA LA MANCHA.  
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No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.

Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.

Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

Esta hoja **no** se entrega.

**MEN ARE FUNNIER THAN WOMEN**

Men are naturally funnier than women. This is the claim of a UK male professor, Sam Shuster, who did some research on 400 different people. He discovered that men made more jokes about themselves than women, and that men's jokes were more aggressive. He said three-quarters of male "jokers" made offensive comments, while most women tended to smile. Shuster believes the male hormone testosterone is the cause of men being funnier. He found that teenage boys were aggressive in their humour and this aggression changed with older men into a funnier form of joking.

Earlier studies suggest women and men use humour differently. Women tend to tell fewer jokes than men and male comedians are greater in number than female ones. Men also use people they know as the subject of their jokes, often in a negative way. Married men seem to like making jokes about mothers-in-law. British comedian John Moloney disagreed with Shuster's findings. He said that in his 21-year career in comedy, he had never noticed that men were funnier than women. The difference is that if a group of women are together and the conversation decreases, they don't automatically start telling jokes, which men do.

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**QUESTIONS**

**I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)**

Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer.

**NO** marks are given for only true or false.

1. A scientist discovered that men had funnier faces than women.
2. The scientist believes male hormones make them funnier.
3. Research shows there are more male than female comedians.
4. Men dislike hearing jokes about their wife's mother.

**II. CHOOSE TWO OUT OF THE THREE QUESTIONS:**

**A. EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. (1POINT) (0.5 points for each correct answer)**

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Where possible, use your own words.

1. What are the differences between male and female humour?
2. Does the male humour change when men get older? Why?

**B. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. A statement that is true.
2. Thinks that something is true.
3. Entertainers who make people laugh by telling jokes.
4. The period of someone's life that they spend doing their job.

**C. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)**

1. Write one word from the text that includes the same diphthong sound as "pain" /eɪ/. (0.25)
2. Is the "-s" pronounced /s/ or /z/ in "believes"? (0.25)
3. Is the "-ed" pronounced /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/ in "discovered"? And in "conducted"? (0.50)

**III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)**

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. This is the man. His job is very dangerous. This is ...
2. The engineer has repaired my television. I've...
3. She gave up going to French lessons. She stopped ...

4. I regretted having hit the dog on the head. I wish ...
5. I'm not as good at English as you are. You ...
6. Write the correct question for the underlined words:  
The policeman knew where the thief was hidden.  
 .....?

#### IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on **ONE** of the following topics. Specify your option.

- Do you think humour changes depending on sex or the country you live in?
- In your opinion, what do you think men and women do better?

## SOLUCIONES

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Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer.

**NO** marks are given for only true or false.

1. A scientist discovered that men had funnier faces than women. FALSE  
Men are naturally funnier than women. This is the claim of a UK male professor
2. The scientist believes male hormones make them funnier. TRUE  
Shuster believes the male hormone testosterone is the cause of men being funnier.
3. Research shows there are more male than female comedians. TRUE  
male comedians are greater in number than female ones
4. Men dislike hearing jokes about their wife's mother. FALSE  
Married men seem to like making jokes about mothers-in-law.

### II. CHOOSE TWO OUT OF THE THREE QUESTIONS:

#### A. EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. (1POINT) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Where possible, use your own words.

1. What are the differences between male and female humour?  
Men usually tell more jokes than women. And male jokes tend to be about themselves or about people they know, who are usually portrayed in a negative way. In general, male jokes are more aggressive than those told by women and that's why women may not find them very funny.
2. Does the male humour change when men get older? Why?  
Yes, it does. Male teenagers tend to have a more aggressive sense of humour, probably because of testosterone. On the other hand, older men seem to have developed an ability to make funnier jokes.

#### B. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. A statement that is true. claim
2. Thinks that something is true. believes
3. Entertainers who make people laugh by telling jokes. comedians
4. The period of someone's life that they spend doing their job. career

#### C. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

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### III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. This is the man whose job is very dangerous.
2. I've had my television repaired by the engineer.
3. She stopped going to French lessons.
4. I wish I hadn't hit the dog on the head.
5. You are better at English than I am/me.
6. Who knew where the thief was hidden?