

**PRUEBA DE ACCESO
A CICLOS FORMATIVOS DE GRADO SUPERIOR JULIO 2015
Parte Común. Apartado A2 LENGUA EXTRANJERA (INGLÉS) - Duración 45 minutos**

CITY LIFE VS COUNTRY LIFE

Maria lives in a big city surrounded by the noise, traffic and stress of busy urban life. She works in an office with 1000 other employees, and travels to work on a crowded Metro. Her home is a flat overlooking a busy city. After work, she meets her friends in a bar before going to the cinema or a disco. Weekends are spent in the shopping mall with its numerous shops, fast food restaurants and entertainment complexes.

Alex, however, lives in a small village in the countryside. He cycles to work every morning with the sound of tractors, birds and animals in his ears. In the evening, he relaxes at home in front of the fire with a good book to read. On weekends, he goes for long walks in the fields with his dog.

Today, unfortunately, it is not so simple to choose where you want to live; this is dictated by work or birth. More than half the world's population now lives in cities. In many North American and European countries this can be as high as 80% of the population. Many modern cities have very large populations and can be crowded, dirty and dangerous places to live. But, a modern countryside life has problems too: poor access to transport, hospitals, education and other services found in towns such as large shops, banks and entertainment.

The United Nations emphasizes the need for strong links between urban and rural areas. On one hand, the Internet and other mass media have connected remote rural areas to the world, providing access to communication and information. On the other hand, the introduction of city green areas and traffic free zones has helped in bringing a little of the countryside to the city streets.

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Read the instructions for each question carefully before answering.

1. Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences.

- What are three differences between Alex and Maria's lifestyles?
- What is a positive and a negative aspect of living in a big city?

2. Find a synonym in the text for these words.

- worker:
- not clean:

3. Are the following sentences true or false? Underline the correct option.

- Alex goes to work on foot surrounded by the sounds of nature. TRUE / FALSE
- Distant rural areas are no longer connected to the world because of the Internet. TRUE / FALSE

4. Underline the best option.

- ... 50% of the world's population lives in urban areas.
 - almost
 - over
 - under
- Access to basic services such as transport and education is ... in cities than in rural areas.
 - easy
 - easiest
 - easier

5. Choose one of the following topics and write a text 60-80 words long.

- Would you like to live in a village or in a big city?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a big city?

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