



PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD EJERCICIO DE INGLÉS

Read the text and answer the questions in English.

Why my four-year-old needs to learn Chinese

	<p>I have returned from my holiday in a rather gloomy state of mind. This is not unusual. I find that being away from Britain in more attractive surroundings is dangerous. It makes me wonder what I am doing living here.</p>
5	<p>But I am feeling more depressed than usual. For the past two weeks I have had a question in my head to which I cannot find an easy answer: What sort of work are our children going to be doing in 20 years' time?</p>
10	<p>Will they be working in the manufacturing sector, helping to make washing machines or cars? Pretty doubtful. Manufacturing jobs continue to pour out of Britain into Asia, particularly China, where labour is cheaper. Just last week, Dyson, the British group, announced its intention to switch production of washing machines to Malaysia, where the company already makes its vacuum cleaners.</p>
	<p>They won't find work in the coal or steel sectors, which are almost extinct. And although billions are being invested in the rail service, they will not be helping to make trains. The last remaining train builder in Britain is likely to be shut soon.</p>
15	<p>Will they be working in the financial services, where the UK still has a firm hold thanks to the City of London? That's a possibility, but there are few serious obstacles to prevent the big City firms leaving at some point in the future.</p>
	<p>So what industries will our children be working in? The most likely (and depressing) answer is the public sector, which is growing at a terrifying speed. But in terms of wealth creation, I am scratching my head.</p>
20	<p>As a result, I am planning to introduce a new programme for my children. They don't know this yet, and, given that the eldest is only four years old, I am going to wait a bit before handing over my new guide: <i>How To Survive and Prosper in Britain</i>.</p>
	<p>Its key points are:</p>
25	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Educate, educate, educate particularly in science, technology and engineering skills.2. Learn Chinese and anything to do with China, not just the language.3. Be paranoid. There are no guarantees about the continuing evolution of wealth creation in this country.
	<p>(Edited from <i>The Times</i>)</p>

Questions

1. Having read the article, explain the meaning of the title. Use your own words.

(2 marks)





2. Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answers with reference to the text.

1. The writer spent his holidays abroad.
2. He would like to know what young people will be doing during the next 20 years.
3. Britain is still making its own trains but not for long.
4. It'll be difficult for the City firms to leave the City in the future.
5. He can't see how Britain will generate its own wealth. **(2 marks)**

3. What do the words in italics mean in this context? Choose the best option.

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| 1. <i>pour out</i> (1.7) | a) feel | b) leave non-stop | c) appear | d) fly away |
| 2. <i>switch</i> (1.9) | a) call | b) plug in | c) turn light on | d) change |
| 3. <i>hold</i> (1.14) | a) handle | b) control | c) business | d) direction |
| 4. <i>hand over</i> (1. 22) | a) give up | b) write down | c) recommend | d) pass on |
| 5. <i>scratch one's head</i> (1.19) | a) rub one's head | b) make a living | c) deal with | d) think hard for a solution |

(1 mark)

4. Rewrite the sentences maintaining the original meaning. Start with the words given in the second line of each pair.

1. For the past two weeks I have had a question in my head to which I cannot find an easy answer
Two weeks ago
2. Will they be working in the manufacturing sector?
I wonder
3. The last remaining train builder in Britain is likely to be shut soon.
It is likely that.....
4. Learn Chinese and anything to do with China
The writer wants his children **(2 marks)**

5. Write a composition of about 150 words on one of the following topics:

1. Do you think languages help people to find a better job? Discuss.
2. Write a letter applying for a job. You could refer to an advertisement you have seen in the paper. **(3 marks)**

