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INSTRUCCIONS DE LA PROVA

- Disposau d'**1 hora** per fer la prova.
- L'examen s'ha de presentar escrit **amb tinta blava o negra**, no a llapis.
- **No** es poden usar **telèfons mòbils** ni **aparells electrònics**.
- **No** es pot entrar a l'examen amb **textos o documents escrits**.
- Les **errades d'ortografia** descomptaran **fins a 2 punts**.

DADES PERSONALS DE L'ALUMNE/A

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Bona sort!

Adolescence now lasts from 10 to 24

Young people continuing their education longer and delaying marriage and parenthood have redefined perceptions of adolescence, scientists wrote in the *Lancet Child & Adolescent Health* journal.

Social and biological changes have prolonged teenage years from ages 10-19 to 24 years old, scientists said, leading to a debate about whether new policies would benefit or "infantilize" older adolescents. Puberty used to occur around age 14, but now has lowered to the age of 10 because of improved health and nutrition in much of the developed world, the BBC reported. As a result, in the past 150 years the average age for a girl's first menstruation has become younger by four years in industrialized countries, like the U.K.

Young people are also getting married and having children later, the report said. In 2013, the average age for a man to enter their first marriage was 32.5 years and 30.6 years for women across England and Wales, the report said, which represented an increase of almost eight years since 1973.

Other biological arguments for why the definition of adolescence should be extended include that the body continues to develop, the channel reported. For example, the brain continues to mature past the age of 20, working more efficiently. Professor Susan Sawyer, director of the center for adolescent health at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, calls the dynamic "semi-dependency." "Although many adult legal privileges start at age 18, the adoption of adult roles and responsibilities generally occurs later," she said. Sawyer said the current definition of adolescence is "excessively restricted" and that this social change needs to inform policy, including extending youth support services until the age of 25.

1. READING COMPREHENSION

1.1. Read the text and answer the questions in your own words. (1 point)

a) Who are studying longer and getting married later?

b) Why does the text mention the year 1973?

1.2 Are the following sentences true or false? Give reasons for your answers.
(2 points)

- a) The perception of adolescence has changed.
- b) Better health and nutrition have increased the age at which puberty occurs.
- c) Everybody gets married before their 33rd birthday in England and Wales.
- d) Professor Susan Sawyer thinks 23 years old should also receive youth support services.

2. VOCABULARY

Find synonyms in the text for the following words: (1 point)

- a) discussion
- b) happen
- c) standard
- d) reasons

3. GRAMMAR

3.1. Choose the correct option. (1 point)

- a) Mary and John met in 2001 and **got / were getting** married two years later.
- b) Next Monday is Marta's birthday. She **was / will be** 18 years old.

3.2. Write a relative sentence. (1 point)

a) Puberty used to occur around age 14. It has lowered to the age of 10.

b) Ms. Susan Sawyer said we have to change the definition of adolescence. She is a Professor in Melbourne.

3.3. Change the following sentences from active to passive. (1 point)

a) We have extended the definition of adolescence.

b) Society should make changes to benefit older teenagers

4. WRITING

Write about the following topic:

How different is your adolescence to your parents? Explain. (*Write about 100 words, 3 points*)