



PROVA D'ACCÉS A GRAU SUPERIOR

Convocatòria de 2023

VERSIÓ CATALANA_NOA

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 **texts o documents escrits**.

DADES PERSONALS DE L'ALUMNE/A

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Qualificació:

Signatura de l'alumne/a:

Bona sort!

READING. Read the following text:

CAN ANIMALS HELP HEAL PEOPLE?

Programs using animals to calm patients and reduce stress are called animal therapy. These treatments are very popular in the United States, although there is a lack of evidence to show that they work. There are, however, many stories about animal therapy helping people.

For example, some children have a fear of injections. That can make getting the COVID-19 vaccine a difficult experience. For this reason, some hospitals use therapy animals like Ollie, a six-year-old therapy dog. Early in November, children in the United States aged 5 to 11 were able to get the vaccine. Ever since then, Ollie and 14 other dogs have been helping kids get vaccinated at a California hospital. They are part of a therapy program paid for by a pet supply company.

Even before the vaccine, therapy dogs were already being used at the children's hospital, where some children are fighting cancer or other serious diseases. Kristin Gist is a 75-year-old dog therapy volunteer and a former hospital programs director. She is also Ollie's owner. Gist said parents will sometimes hold one of the dogs and seem to feel better too.

However, some experts say there is a lack of scientific evidence proving that animal therapy improves a patient's medical condition. One of these experts is Hal Herzog, a professor of Psychology at Western Carolina University. Herzog said that an animal can distract patients because they put their minds on something else, but he also said that research does not show that animal therapy is effective, so in his opinion, animals should not be used as a medical treatment to cure patients.

(Text adapted from Anna Matteo, VOA, Dec 6th, 2021)

Now answer these questions:

1. What is the main idea of the text? (1 point: only one option is correct)

- a) Therapy dogs are being used to fight cancer.
- b) Although animal therapy cannot cure patients, it can still help them.
- c) Animal therapy is not medically effective and is not positive for patients.

2. According to the text, say whether the following statements are true or false. You can copy the evidence from the text or you can use your own words. (1 point: 0.5 for each correct answer)

a) Animal therapy was used before the COVID-19 pandemic.

b) Therapy dogs at the children's hospital only help children.

3. Based on the information in the text, answer the following question using your own words. In what situations are therapy animals used at hospitals? (1 point)

4. VOCABULARY. Find a word or expression in the text that means the same as the following: (1 point: 0.25 for each correct answer)

a) proof:

b) challenging:

c) combating:

d) heal:

5. GRAMMAR. Answer the following questions.

a) Complete the conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs. (1 point: 0.5 for each correct answer)

— If we get home early tonight, we (take) the dog to the park.

— If I were you, I (adopt) a cat from the animal shelter.

b) Change the following sentences from active to passive. (1 point: 0.5 for each correct answer)

— They train pets to be working dogs.

— My neighbour has fed my cats.

c) Complete these sentences with an appropriate relative pronoun. (1 point: 0.5 for each correct answer)

— What is the name of the veterinarian treated your dog?

— The golden eagle, eggs are stolen by unscrupulous collectors, is now an endangered species.

6. WRITING. Do you think that having a pet can be good for our health? Explain the advantages and benefits of having a pet. Think of different ways a pet can help us stay mentally and/ or physically healthy. Write around 125 words. (3 points)