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## OPTION A: ELDERLY SPANISH COUPLE SLEEP IN PARK AFTER BEING EVICTED **KEY**

- 1 On September 18, an elderly Spanish couple were evicted from their home in Oviedo, Asturias. They left all their belongings in the  
2 flat except for "a few things" which they took with them to a park in the city. No one knew their whereabouts. For the next two nights,  
3 the couple, aged 74 and 72, slept on a park bench.  
4 The story has angered the Mortgage Victims Platform (PAH, in its Spanish acronym), an association that fights for the right to  
5 decent housing. PAH argues that judges must inform social services when a vulnerable family is going to be evicted. Given the couple  
6 were over 65, they qualify as one of the groups at risk of exclusion. But the judge working the case did not take this step because he  
7 did not know how old the couple were, according to the chief magistrate in charge. The eviction order only included the rental contract,  
8 which simply stated that the couple were adults, she says. The couple had not explained their extreme situation either, so no action  
9 was taken to contact social services or regional or local authorities, she explains.  
10 The PAH says the couple had become deeply indebted because they could not afford the rent on their flat, where they had lived  
11 for over a decade. The two survived on the woman's pension, which was around €370 and did not cover the €400 needed for rent  
12 every month. The regional government, meanwhile, has said that it cannot "intervene to stop an eviction" if they do not know the  
13 "circumstances" of those involved.

### I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, the PAH... **(d)**  
(a) aims to protect the elderly. (b) gives loans to families in financial difficulties.  
(c) supports the judges and the authorities. (d) wants everybody to have a proper house.
2. The Asturian authorities... **(b)**  
(a) promised to act in similar cases in the future. (b) were not aware of the situation of this family.  
(c) informed the social services as soon as they knew. (d) told the judge about the couple's risk of exclusion.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. The couple's relatives didn't know where they had gone. **TRUE (line 2) "No one knew their whereabouts."**
4. The couple should have been considered vulnerable because of their age. **TRUE (lines 5-6) "Given the couple were over 65, they qualify as one of the groups at risk of exclusion."**
5. The couple had recently moved to that flat. **FALSE (lines 10-11) "...their flat, where they had lived for over a decade."**
6. Both the man and the woman had a monthly income. **FALSE (lines 11-12) "The two survived on the woman's pension, (which was around €370 and did not cover the €400 needed for rent every month.)"**
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)  
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "critical" (adjective). **extreme (line 8)**  
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "danger" (noun). **risk (line 6)**
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)  
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a word formed from the initial letters of the words in a name." **acronym (line 4)**  
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to be able to pay for something." **afford (line 10)**

### II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "I am exhausted because I... for two hours now." (walk) **have been walking**  
9.2. "My cousin... when his father turned the light on." (sleep) **was sleeping**

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "Michael is married ... a doctor." with / for / to / upon **to**  
10.2. "I am ashamed ... my brother for doing that to the poor kid" with / of / at / for **of**

11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If the social services had known their age,..." **subj + would / could / might ... have + past participle**

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "He used to play the flute when he was a child." **What did he use to do when he was a child?**

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "A man in a mask has stolen all our belongings." **All our belongings have been stolen by a man in a mask. / We have been robbed of all our belongings by a man in a mask.**

14. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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**She told me to get rid of it.**

### III \* WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

**In your opinion, what are the most serious social problems today?**



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## OPTION B: SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH *KEY*

1 The rise of social media has meant that we are more connected than ever before in history. However, our dependence on social media can have a harmful effect on our mental health. Do the pros of social media outweigh the cons?

2 There are several ways in which social media could be negatively affecting our mental health without us even realising. We all have our own insecurities — we speak about some of them openly, but we prefer to keep others to ourselves. So, comparing ourselves to others can do little to remove our feelings of self-doubt. Besides, communicating and creating personal connections can be hard when we are only acquainted with our friends' digital profiles.

3 On the other hand, social media can be great for looking back fondly on memories and recounting past events. However, it can also distort the way in which you remember previous experiences. Besides, many of us spend too much time taking the perfect photo, instead of enjoying the experience of witnessing it with our own eyes.

4 One more thing is that social media has provided a means of constantly giving in to the temptation of instant, easy-access entertainment. Using our phones just before going to bed makes it harder to doze off and eventually fall asleep. And getting enough sleep is of great importance.

5 Finally, when used too much or without caution, social media has been proven not only to cause unhappiness but also to lead to the development of mental health issues such as anxiety or depression. While you don't necessarily have to quit social media permanently, why not consider giving yourself some time off social media every day?

## I \* COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. An excessive use of social media makes... *(c)*

(a) face to face communications easier.

(b) our memories more accurate.

(c) it harder to get a good rest.

(d) us more confident.

2. People's mental health... *(c)*

(a) will improve with the use of social media.

(b) gets worse if they quit social sites.

(c) may suffer with the use of social media.

(d) is less important than their physical health.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Sometimes we are not aware of the impact of social media on our health. *TRUE (line 3) "There are several ways in which social media could be negatively affecting our mental health without us even realising."*

4. People like talking naturally about their self-doubts. *FALSE (lines 3-4) "We all have our own insecurities—we speak about some of them openly, but we prefer to keep others to ourselves."*

5. Building real friendship is easier with social media. *FALSE (lines 5-6) "... communicating and creating personal connections can be hard when we are only acquainted with our friends' digital profiles."*

6. The writer suggests devoting some time to activities that do not involve the use of social media. *TRUE (line 15) "... why not consider giving yourself some time off social media every day?"*

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "damaging" (adjective). *harmful (line 2)*

7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "relationship" (noun). *connection(s) (line 5)*

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to see something happen." *witness(ing) (line 9)*

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to stop doing something." *quit (line 14)*

## II \* USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: (0.5 points)

9.1. "I... for this company for more than thirty years." (work) *have been working / have worked*

9.2. "If I... you, I would not sleep with the phone." (be) *were / was*

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

10.1. "She is fluent... English because she has lived in Dublin." at / on / in / about *in*

10.2. "Julie was taking the dog for a walk... I was checking my emails." during / unless / how / while *while*

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "Most teenagers have been attracted by social media influencers lately." *Social media influencers have attracted most teenagers lately.*

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Climate change will have an important impact on the price of food." *What will climate change have an important impact on? / On what will climate change have an important impact?*

13. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "In the moment, we can't afford for buy an iPhone X." *At the moment, we can't afford to buy an iPhone X.*

14. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM. *She needed to have her new car fixed.*

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## III \* WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Would you restrict your time on social media? Explain.