

Cultural English Test

English Booklet – 2019
Unit 1: Gender and Society
Unit 2: Human Migration
Unit 3: Feelings and Emotions

READING COMPREHENSION

Buenos Aires Pride March calls for an Argentina free of 'crimes of hate'

For the first time, celebration organizers cut the emblem “LGBTQ” from the title, saying it no longer represented all the identities the movement embodies.

Tens of thousands of people gathered in the centre of the capital Saturday calling for “a country without institutional or religious violence or crimes of hate,” as the 28th March for Pride which, for the first time, eliminated the traditional LGBTQ emblem.

“We got rid of the letters because they stopped being representative. There are identities starting to become more visible that have already existed,” explained Mariana Spagnuolo, one of the festival’s organisers, in a statement to the press.

As always, the crowd marched along Avenida de Mayo from the historic Plaza de Mayo to Congress. The tide of people walked, sang, and danced, some showing bright costumes, others a slightly more scandalous look of partial nudity. The crowd was happy, colourful, festive and loud, with musical instruments ringing out.

Spagnuolo said the parade stands for “everyone who feels pride to not partake in the norms about sexuality and that includes those that are asexual.”

“Heterosexual people are welcome to the march to accompany us. But they are not the subject of this march,” she said.

The Organising Commission of the 28th March for Pride also led a “boycott from the government,” after the national administration refused to allow the use of the march’s traditional stage in Congress. Instead, a speaking platform was erected at the Plaza de Mayo, after the Buenos Aires City government approved its installation. It was set up with its back to the Casa Rosada and alongside the Catedral Metropolitana.

“We vigorously reject this discriminatory attitude of the administration of Juntos por el Cambio and we denounce the attitude of President Mauricio Macri,” read a document distributed by the Commission.

Among the organising sponsors were la Comisión Antirracista, la Columna Orgullo y Lucha, la Comunidad Homosexual Argentina (CHA), 100% Diversidad y Derechos, Movimiento Antidiscriminatorio de Liberación (MAL), Conurbanes por la Diversidad, La Rosa Naranja, Mujeres Trans Argentinas, Asociación Civil Infancias Libres, 7 Colores Cooperativa teatral, Agrupación Xangó por la Inclusión y la Justicia Social, Afros LGBTD, y Asamblea Popular Feminista, among others.

Read the newspaper article and answer the questions below in full form. (25 points)

- a) Why did the organizers do away with the emblem LGBT?
- b) Where was the march held?
- c) What was the purpose of the march?
- d) Why did the organizers claim that the administration of Cambiemos had a “discriminatory attitude”?
- e) How is the article related to the unit on Gender and Society?

USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the sentences with your ideas to illustrate the meaning of the words in italics. (10 points)

- a) I feel *upset* when _____
- b) He/She is a *charming* person because _____
- c) An *extroverted* person is someone who _____
- d) In order to *assimilate* in a new social environment, immigrants _____
- e) _____ may *trigger* _____

Put the words in brackets into the correct form and/or tense. (10 points)

- a) Since 1880 Italians, Russians, Austrians, Bohemians and Hungarians have enormously increased in the _____ population (IMMIGRATION)
- b) The border between the two countries was _____ closed. (TEMPORARY)
- c) The whole family _____ from Italy to Argentina in 1946, just after WWII ended. (EMIGRATE)
- d) The former president ran a _____ campaign against illegal immigration. (NEGATE)
- e) Despite the _____ that the country was opening its doors, Trump decided to go against it. (PREDICT)

WRITING

Choose ONE option and develop it in around 200 words. (30 points)

Imagine that you are a spy. Write a report on the activities of Winston and Julia (chapters 5 and 6 in *1984*).

OR

Imagine you are Mary Maloney. Write a letter to your sister explaining what happened that day. (*Lamb to the Slaughter*)