

## Pruebas de Acceso a las Universidades de Castilla y León

**INGLÉS** LOGSE Texto para los Alumnos

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Lea todo el texto y las preguntas. Responda en inglés a las preguntas. Puntuación máxima: 10 puntos. Tiempo: una hora y media.

## **TEXT**

## SENATOR WANTS TO JUMP-START COLLEGE FOR ALL

Sen. John Edwards today will propose a government program to pay the first year's college tuition for a student who also works 10 hours a week at a job or community service. Edwards says offering a jump-start would encourage more people to go to college. Once there, they would be better able to pursue financial aid and recognize the value of a college education.

In addition, he'll put forward plans to offer four-year, full-tuition scholarships to students who agree to teach **in** hard-pressed schools or work in homeland security for five years after graduation. Edwards' speech at the University of Maryland embraces an expanded federal role -and billions of dollars in new spending- in raising pay and standards for teachers, reducing the size of high schools and making college more affordable.

Edwards also urges colleges to end admissions practices that give a preference to alumni's children and that offer early decisions to students who apply early and agree to attend if accepted. Both policies tend to be used most by upper-income students. "Today, it's too hard for too many Americans to dim up the ladder of success," he says. "It is time for some reforms to get back to our democratic roots."

**Glossary**: jump-start = ayuda inicial

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Read the text and, according to it, answer the questions. Use your own words. Your answer will be evaluated from 0 to 1 each (3 as a whole).
  - a) What is Senator John Edwards' plan?
  - b) Why is John Edwards' plan so expensive?
  - c) What kind of students will benefit from John Edwards' program?
- 2. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (2 as a whole).
  - a) Passive: Edward's speech embraces an expanded federal role.
  - b) Rep. Speech: "It is time for some reforms to get back to our democratic roots". Sen. John Edwards said...
  - c) Ask a question: Edwards (Who urges colleges to end...)
  - d) Put into the past: Edwards also urges colleges to end admissions practices.
- 3. Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below. 0 to 0.25 each (1 as a whole).
  - a) suggest
- b) economic
- c) diminishing
- d) priority
- 4. Write about one of the following topics, between 70-100 words (**0-4 marks**).
  - a) Write about the positive and negative aspects of the education you have received.
  - b) Describe a typical day at your school.