

PAU ESSAY TITLES – CATALUNYA

TOPIC	ESSAY TITLE	YEAR
Animals	You are doing a research project on animal extinction. Write a letter to your tutor/supervisor explaining how you would like to organise your work and where you intend to look for information on the subject.	2009
Beautiful places / travel / tourism	Using your own words, write an argumentative essay about the advantages of life in the city, versus life in the country or vice versa.	2009
	Write an e-mail to a friend. Explain a trip you have done recently. Talk about the places you visited, when and who with. Mention any interesting or funny anecdotes that happened during the journey.	2011
	Write an opinion essay about the following question: 'Is it better to work in your own country instead of working abroad?' Explain the advantages and disadvantages in either case.	2011
	You are a journalist for a travel magazine. Write an article describing a place you know well. Mention the interesting things to see and do there. Comment also on the historical background and cultural traits. Mention any practical things a traveller should take into account: currency, weather, local customs...	2011
Consumerism	'We'll be happier if we work fewer hours and have more free time, we'll socialise more and we can do without piles of consumer goods that we have no need for'. Consider this statement and write a short essay stating your opinion against or in favour of that affirmation.	2010
Education, school and university	Imagine you are a student from Shanghai living in Catalonia. Write a letter or an email to your family in China in which you talk about the education system and study habits here and back home.	
	Spain is significantly below the OECD average in PISA tests. What do you think is needed to improve our education system? Write an opinion essay in which you take into account the school system, the teachers and the students.	
Health, addictions etc.	Write about the influence of psychologists on our society. Are they well considered? Could they be the answer to our psychological necessities?	2008
Mobile phones	Are we too dependent on mobile phones? Could we live without mobile phones nowadays? Write an opinion essay.	
	You suspect a friend of yours suffers from nomophobia (fear of being apart from your mobile phone) but doesn't want to accept it. Write a conversation with him / her in which you explain why you think so, and suggest possible measures to help him / her overcome this addiction.	
Recycling / the environment	Write an article for your school magazine. Discuss the effects of climate change in your country. Do you think measures should be taken to stop or at least slow down its effects on the planet?	2009
Social problems / world problems	Imagine you have a toxic friend that is ruining your life. Write a letter to him/her explaining the problem and proposing solutions to re-establish your mutual confidence.	2008
The internet /social networking sites / new technologies	A friend of yours has not joined Facebook yet. He /She is reluctant because of the fear of losing intimacy and spending too much of his / her time on it. Write a letter to him / her explaining the advantages or disadvantages of this digital tool. In your letter you should try to convince your friend to either join Facebook or not to do so.	2011
	Imagine you are a journalist who had the chance to interview Steve Jobs, asking him questions about his life and his technological products. Write down that dialogue.	2012
	Write an opinion essay about how the use of the internet has changed our lives.	2012
	Write an opinion essay about the following question: Is it possible to live without computers nowadays?	2012
Work, jobs, employment and unemployment	Imagine you want to apply for a job as an au pair. Write a formal letter to an au pair agency explaining the reasons why you think you are the ideal person for the job.	2011

