

## Tekst 6 Letters: affirmative action

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- 3p 16 Bepaal voor elke van de onderstaande uitspraken of deze wel of niet overeenkomt met de inhoud van een of meerdere brieven.
- 1 Using race as a factor for university admissions is justifiable as it promotes student diversity.
  - 2 Lowering standards to admit members of preferred groups is bad practice.
  - 3 Positive discrimination can hinder social mobility.
  - 4 The initiative to ban racial preferences in college admissions is constitutional.
  - 5 Universities do not stimulate heterogeneity.
- Noteer “wel” of “niet” achter elk nummer op het antwoordblad.

## Tekst 7 Regret is the perfect emotion for our self-absorbed times

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- 1p 17 Which of the following is the point made in the first paragraph?
- A Being repentant is like an affliction pervading American society.
  - B Openly showing penitence is an act of courage in American society.
  - C Public figures in America can get away with dishonourable behaviour.
- “I regret them deeply, all the same” (last sentence, first paragraph)
- 1p 18 How could this quotation be characterised best?
- A as a genuine explanation
  - B as a heartfelt apology
  - C as an evasive statement
  - D as an ironic comment
- 1p 19 Which of the following is in accordance with paragraph 2?
- A Famous people seem to be less capable of feeling remorse than ordinary people.
  - B Regret and remorse are two mutually exclusive emotions.
  - C Regret goes hand in hand with the feeling of having spoilt one’s own chances.
  - D Regret is uttered spontaneously while remorse comes after deep reflection.
  - E Remorse is a more private emotion than regret.
  - F The more often regret is expressed, the less seriously it will be taken.

- 1p 20 Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 3?  
A because  
B even when  
C provided that
- 1p 21 Which of the following would best describe the purpose of paragraph 4?  
A to account for today's incidence of feelings of regret  
B to define the economic spin-off of feelings of regret  
C to parody the negative impact of feelings of regret  
D to reveal ways of manipulating feelings of regret
- 1p 22 Which of the following quotations illustrates the point made in paragraph 6?  
A "Often regret is very false and displaced, and imagines the past to be totally other than it was." (John O'Donohue)  
B "One of the greatest regrets in life is being what others would want you to be, rather than being yourself." (Shannon L. Alder)  
C "Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time." (Sydney J. Harris)  
D "Regret, which is guilt without the neurosis, enables us to move forward instead of back." (Jane Adams)  
E "We all feel wistfulness or regret about roads not taken." (Deborah Tannen)

## Tekst 8 Not a single leg chain smashed

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- 1p 23 Which of the following statements about "12 Years a Slave" is in line with the contents of paragraphs 1 and 2?  
A It has become a major box-office hit because of its focus on emotions rather than information.  
B It has been exploited as an effective medium to influence general opinion in favour of anti-slavery sentiment.  
C It has not opened the eyes of the masses to the widespread discrimination of coloured people today.  
D Its mixture of fact and fiction satisfies our present-day hunger for real-life dramatization.  
E It succeeds in convincing even disbelievers of the hardships endured by African American slaves.  
F It was meant to mobilise popular opinion against the topic of current forms of slavery.