**1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Underline the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.**

a) Biertan’s marital prison was situated far away from Biertan. FALSE

At the heart of the village, next to a 15th- century fortified church that stands on a hill, there is a small building with a very small room.

b) Despite the Bishop’s policy, several couples in Biertan couldn’t save their marriage FALSE

“Thanks to this blessed building, in the 300 years that Biertan had the bishop’s seat, we only had one divorce,” said Biertan’s current priest.

**2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.**

a) What was this marital prison like?

It was a small house with a tiny room. The ceilings were low and the walls thick and there were few objects: a tiny bed, a chest, a pillow and a blanket

b) Why did the Bishop, with his marital prison, try to avoid divorces?

Because he wanted to help women and children who depended on the family. Besides, it was a means to keep the Christian status quo

**3.- Find the words in the text that mean:**  
a) meet (paragraph 1) gather  
b) in trouble (paragraph 1) on the rocks  
c) fix (paragraph 2) repair  
d) try (paragraph 3) attempt

**4.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.**  
Single life vs. married life. What would be best for you? Explain your choice

How can you state whether a married life would fit you if you have just started to live? At first it seems a difficult task for a person of my age, but we can look at the marriages that surround us such as our relatives’ so that we can try to identify some common features.

Happy couples usually show understanding, patience, complicity, and, of course, love. However, it is well-known that there are a lot of unhappy marriages, and that’s because -among other reasons- getting a solid happy marriage requires a high amount of effort. We may love our partner profoundly and yet argue every day because we see life differently.

On the other hand, we should also explore ourselves to determine if our personality is more prone to live a single life or if we can commit ourselves to give in sometimes for the sake of the relationship.

In short, reflecting on ourselves and on others may get us closer to state which option would fit us best. However, I still think we aren’t prepared to make that decision yet since in five or ten years’ time we can still change a lot. Besides, it could appear the person who is worth the effort.