



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2008

## SPANISH

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST - HIGHER LEVEL  
(80 marks)

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE – 12.10pm - 12.50pm

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CANDIDATE'S NUMBER

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

If you have difficulty hearing the recording, raise your hand now to indicate to the Superintendent that the sound should be adjusted. Once the test proper has started you must not interrupt. The test consists of seven sections: an announcement, two dialogues, two descriptive passages, a weather report and a news item.

You will hear each section three times.

**N.B. All questions to be answered in English.**

1. **ANUNCIO:** This will be played **three times** right through with ONE 40-second pause after the SECOND hearing.

**LOS ADOLESCENTES ESPAÑOLES DUERMEN POCO**  
(SPANISH TEENAGERS SLEEP VERY LITTLE)

- (a) Why do some teenagers not get enough sleep?
  - (i).....
  - (ii).....
- (b) Mention **two** physical side-effects of a lack of sleep on teenagers.
  - (i).....
  - (ii).....
- (c) According to the experts, how might a lack of sleep affect school work?  
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2. **DIÁLOGO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**LA REINA DE ESPAÑA**  
(THE QUEEN OF SPAIN)

- (a) What kind of person is the Queen? (**Give two details**)  
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- (b) What is said about Letizia?  
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\* PAUSE

- (c) What official duties does the Queen perform?
  - (i).....
  - (ii).....
- (d) Apart from official work, what special interest does she have?  
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3. **DIÁLOGO:** This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**ENTREVISTA CON UN FUTBOLISTA FAMOSO**  
(INTERVIEW WITH A FAMOUS FOOTBALLER)

- (a) Why is the footballer unwilling to state the name of the island? (**Give full details**)

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- (b) Why does the footballer not like some Northern countries?

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\* PAUSE

- (c) What is his favourite pastime and what does he say about it?

(i).....

(ii).....

- (d) The footballer does not have a normal life. What reason does he give?

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4. **DESCRIPTIVO:** This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**UNA ISLA FAMOSA**  
(A FAMOUS ISLAND)

- (a) Why is it easy to get to Mallorca?

(i).....(ii).....

- (b) What do young people do at night in Mallorca?

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\* PAUSE

- (c) Mention **one** reason why many people like to live in Mallorca.

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- (d) Why is Mallorca becoming a rich island? (**Give full details**)

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5. **DESCRIPTIVO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**ROBOS EN LA UNIVERSIDAD**  
(ROBBERIES IN THE UNIVERISTY)

(a) What happened to Juan Ramos?

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(b) What advice did the university give to students?

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\* PAUSE

(c) How have the university authorities improved security?

(i) .....

(ii).....

6. **EI TIEMPO:** This will be played **three times** right through with ONE 40-second pause after the SECOND hearing.

(a) What kind of weather is expected in Valencia?

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(b) What will the weather be like in *Andalucía*?

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(c) What is the weather forecast for Sunday?

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7. **UNA NOTICIA:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**TURISTA ESPACIAL**  
(SPACE TOURIST)

- (a) How will this spaceship take off?

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- (b) What will Ana have to do before she travels into space?

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\*PAUSE

- (c) What kind of people can travel at the moment? (**Give two details**)

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- (d) What does Ana say about the cost of future space travel?

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**END OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST**

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