



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2009

SPANISH

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST - HIGHER LEVEL
(80 marks)**

TUESDAY, 16 JUNE – 12.10pm - 12.50pm

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N.B. FOR USE BY EXAMINER ONLY

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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.

**LAS MOCHILAS
(SCHOOLBAGS)**

(a) Why do students get back pain? (Give **two** details.)

(i)

(ii)

(b) Which students suffer most from back pain?

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(c) Name **two** possible solutions to this problem.

(i)

(ii)

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.

RAFAEL NADAL

(a) Where and when was Rafael Nadal born?

(i) Where:

(ii) When:

(b) What did he achieve at fifteen years of age?

(i)

(ii).....

*PAUSE

(c) What type of person is Nadal? (Give **one** detail.)

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(d) With whom did he celebrate his gold medal in Beijing?

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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 ENRIQUE IGLESIAS
(INTERVIEW WITH ENRIQUE IGLESIAS)

- (a) How did Enrique learn **best** from his father?

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- (b) What does Enrique say about recording with his father?

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- (c) When does Enrique have difficulty sleeping?

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- (d) What does he say about being alone? (Give **one** detail.)

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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.

LOS JÓVENES VUELVEN A VIVIR CON SUS PADRES
(YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH THEIR PARENTS AGAIN)

- (a) Give **two** reasons which force young people to live with their parents again.

(i)

(ii)

- (b) According to the President of the Youth Council, why do young people return home?

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*PAUSE

- (c) What does Alex Martín say about workers between 20 and 30 years of age?
(Give **two** details.)

(i)

(ii)

- (d) What proportion of these workers still needs financial support from their parents?

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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.

UN CAMBIO IMPORTANTE EN LOS COLEGIOS ESPAÑOLES
(AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SPANISH SCHOOLS)

- (a) What important change will take place in Spanish schools this year?

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- (b) What will each school have to do?

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*PAUSE

- (c) Why does the Department of Education support this change?

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- (d) How many pupils will benefit from this change?

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

- (a) What will the weather be like in the north of Spain? **(Give full details.)**

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- (b) Apart from temperatures, what is said about Navarre and Aragon? **(Give full details.)**

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- (c) What is the weather forecast for Cadiz and Huelva?

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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.

**UN MENDIGO Y UN CURA ENCUENTRAN A UN BEBÉ EN UNA IGLESIA
(A BEGGAR AND A PRIEST FIND A BABY IN A CHURCH)**

- (a) Where **exactly** was the baby found?

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- (b) What is said about the baby? (Give **two** details.)

(i)

(ii)

*PAUSE

- (c) What is said about the hospital?

(i)

(ii)

- (d) What happened to the baby? (Give **one** detail.)

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