



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2010

**SPANISH**

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

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE – 12.10pm - 12.50pm

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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.

**JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS DE 2016**  
(OLYMPIC GAMES 2016)

- (a) Why did the International Olympic Committee meet in Copenhagen last September?  
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- (b) King Juan Carlos is very interested in the Olympic Games. Give **two** reasons.
- (i) .....
- (ii) .....
- (c) Why did President da Silva think the Olympic Games should take place in South America?  
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- (d) Why is 2020 mentioned?  
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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.

**EL UNIFORME ESCOLAR**  
(School Uniform)

- (a) Why does Luisa hate her uniform?  
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- (b) Give **one** advantage her teacher sees in wearing a uniform.  
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- \*PAUSE
- (c) Give **two** reasons why the teacher thinks that uniforms are not expensive.
- (i) .....
- (ii) .....
- (d) Why does the teacher think that uniforms are good for discipline?  
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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 EL SR. ZAPATERO, PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO ESPAÑOL**  
(INTERVIEW WITH MR. ZAPATERO, PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT)

- (a) Why did the Zapatero family spend their summers in Gijón?

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- (b) Why did Mr. Zapatero decide to go into politics?

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\* PAUSE

- (c) What does Mr. Zapatero say about the English language?

(i) .....

(ii) .....

- (d) At what sport was Mr. Zapatero most successful?

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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.

**ESPAÑA MANDA AYUDA HUMANITARIA A HAITI**  
(SPAIN SENDS HUMANITARIAN AID TO HAITI)

- (a) Who is Mrs. de la Vega?

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- (b) What is special about the ship that Spain is sending to Haiti?

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\*PAUSE

- (c) What was the most important cargo on the plane?

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- (d) What Spanish aid workers did Mrs. de la Vega meet?

(i) .....

(ii) .....

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.

**UNA ENCUESTA**  
(An opinion poll)

(a) What do 90% of young people say they prefer?

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(b) What are the most popular careers among girls? Name **two**.

(i) .....

(ii) .....

\*PAUSE

(c) In this survey, what has been included for the first time?

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(d) What important conclusion was drawn from this survey?

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(e) What else should young people study?

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6. **EL 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 the Basque Country and Cantabria?

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(b) What kind of weather is the forecast for Extremadura in the morning?

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(c) What is the forecast for Wednesday night?

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(d) Mention any **two** details about the weather expected in Ceuta and Melilla:

(i) .....

(ii) .....

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.

**LA AGENCIA ESPACIAL EUROPEA  
(THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY)**

(a) What do the candidates learn in the training centre in Germany?

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(b) What university qualification should a candidate have in order to become an astronaut?

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\*PAUSE

(c) Why must future astronauts undergo a psychological evaluation? Give **one** detail.

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(d) Why will Eva Moreno sit beside the pilots in the spaceship?

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