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# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2011

**SPANISH**

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

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE – 12.10pm - 12.50pm

**CENTRE NUMBER**

**CANDIDATE 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.

**TRABAJANDO COMO VOLUNTARIO  
(WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER)**

- (a) What **three** types of projects are mentioned?  
(i) .....(ii) .....(iii) .....
- (b) What sort of valuable experience can you get from voluntary work abroad?  
Give **two** details.  
(i) .....  
(ii) .....
- (c) Mention **three** details you need to send by e-mail when you are applying to be a volunteer.  
(i) ..... (ii) ..... (iii) .....

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.

**ENTREVISTA CON UNA JUGADORA DE PÁDEL  
(INTERVIEW WITH A PADEL TENNIS PLAYER)**

- (a) How is Padel tennis played? Give **two** details.  
(i) .....  
(ii) .....
- (b) What is the surface of the court made from? Give **two** details.  
(i) ..... (ii) .....

PAUSE

- (c) What did she decide to study in University?  
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- (d) What are her goals this season?  
(i) .....  
(ii) .....

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.

**HABLANDO CON VICENTE DEL BOSQUE,  
SELECCIONADOR DEL EQUIPO ESPAÑOL DE FÚTBOL  
(SPEAKING TO VICENTE DEL BOSQUE, SPAIN'S SOCCER COACH)**

- (a) Mention **two** of Vicente del Bosque's qualities?

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

- (b) Regarding the players, what are the most important things a coach has to do?  
Give **two** details.

(i) .....

(ii) .....

PAUSE

- (c) What advice does Vicente give to parents of young soccer players? Give **two** details.

(i) .....

(ii) .....

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 LIBROS ELECTRÓNICOS  
(E-BOOKS)**

- (a) Give **two** details about e-books.

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

- (b) What has happened in England and the USA?  
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PAUSE

- (c) How many e-books does Amazon.com offer, and what is the average price?

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

- (d) What useful characteristic do e-books have?  
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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.

**EL PARO EN ESPAÑA ENTRE LA GENTE JOVEN**  
(UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPAIN)

- (a) Explain why youth unemployment is very serious in Spain. Give **two** details.
- (i) .....
- (ii).....
- (b) Why are employment agencies worried about young people?
- .....

PAUSE

- (c) How do economic difficulties affect social contact? Give **two** details.
- (i)..... (ii).....
- (d) What does work offer young people? Give **two** details.
- (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 Cantabria and the Pyrenees?
- .....
- (b) How will the wind change at the weekend?
- .....
- (c) What is the forecast for the mountains around Madrid?
- .....
- (d) Give two details about the temperatures in the south?
- (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.

**LAS CUEVAS DE ALTAMIRA VUELVEN A ABRIR**  
(THE ALTAMIRA CAVES OPEN ONCE AGAIN)

- (a) Why are scientists concerned about the re-opening of the caves?

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- (b) What statement was made by the Department of Culture? **Give full details.**

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PAUSE

- (c) What does the main cave contain? Give **two** details.

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- (d) How old are the paintings?

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