



Pruebas de Acceso a Estudios Universitarios

(Bachillerato L.O.G.S.E.)

IDIOMA EXTRANJERO: Inglés

- No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.
- Esta hoja **no** se entrega.

SOMALI PIRATES ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS AGAIN

The piracy problem looks like it is here to stay despite the recent interventions by the French and American navies. The pirates tried to hijack another ship, maybe in revenge after three Somali pirates were killed by the US navy.

Why does the problem persist? According to maritime security analysts, piracy will continue as long as the financial rewards for a successful hijacking are so great and Somalia remains so lawless. Certainly the international effort to stop the problem is relatively limited. There are only fifteen to eighteen international warships to guard and control an area of more than a million square kilometers. Although investigations could be organized on the pirates' hometowns, it seems unlikely that there will be any major increase in the military effort unless there is a spectacular hijacking involving the deaths of many people.

The reluctance to mount a major international naval operation in the area may also be due to the relatively small scale of the problem. Last year, according to figures from the International Maritime Bureau, nearly twenty three thousand ships passed through the Gulf of Aden. Only ninety two were hijacked.

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QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer.

NO marks are given for only true or false.

1. The interventions by the French and American navies have been the solution to the problem.
2. The only reason for the persistence of the problem is the amount of money that the pirates receive with every hijack.
3. In spite of the situation, few warships police the area.
4. The number of ships that have been hijacked is not high enough to organize a major operation.

II. CHOOSE TWO OUT OF THE THREE QUESTIONS:

A. EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. (1 POINT) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Where possible, use your own words.

1. Why does piracy still exist in the area? Give two reasons.
2. Will a large-scale international operation be developed to stop the pirate problem?

B. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. An act done in return for harm that one has suffered.
2. Not controlled by any rule.
3. Places where people are from.
4. Amounts expressed in numbers

C. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

1. Write one word from the text that includes the same diphthong sound as "five" /aɪ/. (0.25)
2. Write one word from the text that includes the same vowel sound as "see" /i:/. (0.25)
3. Is the "th" in "although" pronounced /θ/ or /ð/? (0.25)
4. Is the "-ed" in "limited" pronounced /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/? (0.25)

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. Perhaps my secretary knows his address.	My secretary ...
2. They want someone to clean the windows.	They want to have ...
3. Her parents said: "Get your coat, Lydia!"	Her parents ...
4. Ann had been working all day. She was tired and needed a rest.	Ann, ...
5. They went on a trip in spite of the bad weather.	Although the ...
6. <i>Write the correct question for the underlined words:</i> The children were playing <u>on the beach</u> ?

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on **ONE** of the following topics. Specify your option.

- ▶ How does terrorism affect our lives?
- ▶ What places would you like to visit as a tourist?