



Prueba de Evaluación de Bachillerato para el acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura Curso 2016-2017

Asignatura: Inglés

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: 1h. 30 min.

El alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones, A o B, y responder en inglés a todas las preguntas que se formulan en la opción elegida, sin mezclar preguntas de una y otra. En el caso de la primera pregunta (la redacción), deberá escribir tan sólo sobre uno de los dos temas propuestos.

Opción A

Education in Australia

Education in Australia is widely recognised as being of a high standard. Schooling is obligatory from ages 5 to 15 and is the responsibility of state governments. Although each Australian state has its own education system nowadays, they all follow the same model and receive extra funding from the federal government.

The Australian government provides public schools free of charge to foreign long-lasting residents in Australia. However, pupils on a temporary visa in Australia may have to pay school fees. Therefore, foreign parents planning to bring their children to an Australian school should check with the individual school for further details. As the school year (January to December) in Australia differs from that of many other countries, they should bring school reports and a reference from the previous school. This will help to determine the class that the child will join.

Education can start from age 3 onwards, although this is not required. Compulsory education in Australia starts at the primary level, usually when children are aged 5. Depending on the state or territory, primary education lasts 6 or 7 years. Secondary school (called high school) starts at age 12-13 and continues until age 17-18. School grade levels are numbered Year 1 to Year 12, following the initial preparatory year.

Schools in Australia can be either state schools or private schools – the latter are generally run by religious institutions. Boarding schools, where some or all pupils study and live during the school year, also exist, especially in isolated areas. They are generally subsidised by state or territory governments.

In most schools, pupils wear a uniform and sunhats are compulsory for children in Years 1 to 4. Parents have to pay the cost of text books and uniforms, but sun cream is provided free of charge to students in primary school. School lunches are not available at all schools and children may have to bring a packed lunch.

- Write a composition on **one of the following topics** (maximum 3 points):
 - Do you think that all schools should be public in Spain? Why or why not? Give your opinion in at least 80 words.
 - Write a story of at least 80 words **beginning with** this sentence: "*Before Carlos moved to Australia, he did not know anything about that country at all*". Remember that **the 15 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write**.
- Answer the following two questions:
 - Does the writer say that all Australian schools are run by the government? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
 - According to the text, do students' families need to pay for anything in Australian schools? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
- Find in the text words having a similar meaning to the following words. Give **only one synonym** for each word (maximum 0.5 points per word):
 - compulsory, necessary*
 - stable, permanent*
 - introductory*
- Read the following short dialogue:

Sylvia: *You know what? I would like to study abroad, really.*
Oliver: *Oh, yes, that's a great idea, I certainly agree with you.*
Sylvia: *But I'm afraid that I will miss my family and friends too much. Besides, my English is not perfect, you know.*

Now imagine that you are Oliver. **Use just two or three sentences** to advise Elizabeth to study abroad for one year and to give her one good reason for it (maximum 1 point).
- Grammatical transformation.
 - Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech), beginning with the words *She said* (maximum 1.5 points):

Although each state has its own system nowadays, they all follow the same model and receive extra funding from the government.
 - Rewrite the following sentence in the active voice (maximum 1 point):

The latter were generally run by religious institutions.

Opción B

Queen Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth is Head of State of the United Kingdom and fifteen other Commonwealth countries. The elder daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, she was born in 1926, became Queen at the age of 25, and has reigned through more than six decades of enormous social change and development. The Queen is married to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and has four children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

As a constitutional monarch, Her Majesty does not "rule" the United Kingdom, but fulfils important ceremonial and formal roles with respect to Government. She is also Fount of Justice, Head of the Armed Forces and has important relationships with the established Churches of England and Scotland.

Much has happened over the course of the Queen's life. Television has been invented, man has walked on the moon for the first time and the Berlin Wall has been built and then razed to the ground. Her Majesty's life has seen many changes too, from fulfilling her role as Queen at the age of 25 while also raising a family, to travelling all around the world much more frequently than any other previous British monarch.

An animal lover since she was a little child, the Queen takes a keen interest in horses. She attends the Derby at Epsom, one of the classic flat races in Britain, and the Summer Race Meeting at Ascot, which has been a Royal occasion since 1911. As an owner and breeder of pure race horses, she often visits other race meetings to watch her horses' participation. The Queen's horses have won races at Royal Ascot on a number of occasions.

Other interests include walking in the countryside and Scottish country dancing. Each year during her stay at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, the Queen gives dances for neighbours, estate and Castle staff, and members of the local community.

1. Write a composition on **one of the following topics** (maximum 3 points):
 - a. Do you think the role of monarchy is important in countries such as the United Kingdom or Spain? Explain your answer in at least 80 words.
 - b. Write a story of at least 80 words **ending with** this sentence: "*This is why Marta changed her opinion about kings and queens*". Remember that the **11 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write**.
2. Answer the following two questions:
 - a. Does the writer say that Queen Elizabeth is personally in charge of governing her country? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
 - b. According to the text, is Queen Elizabeth the main ruler of any other territory apart from the United Kingdom? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
3. Find in the text words having a similar meaning to the following words. Give **only one synonym** for each word (maximum 0.5 points per word):
 - a. *functions*
 - b. *destroyed*
 - c. *intense, strong*
4. Read the following short dialogue:

Jim: This is a wonderful Christmas day. What would you like to do tonight?
Father/mother: I don't know. Shall we watch the King's speech on TV, for example?
Jim: Not at all! You know I hate monarchy. I believe kings and queens should not exist.

Now imagine that you are Jim's father or mother. **Use just two or three sentences** to order him to respect the monarchical system in your country and to give him one good reason for it (maximum 1 point).
5. Grammatical transformation.
 - a. Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech), beginning with the words *He said* (maximum 1.5 points):

She was born in 1926, became Queen at the age of 25, and has reigned through more than six decades.
 - b. Rewrite the following sentence in the interrogative form of the past simple tense (maximum 1 point):

She often visits other race meetings to watch her horses' participation.