



Prueba de Evaluación de Bachillerato para el acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura Curso 2017-2018

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

New law in Spain will see parents of underage drinkers fined

A congressional committee has recommended new measures to combat the problem of teenagers drinking on Spanish streets—a practice commonly known as *botellón* (literally, "big bottle"). The report from the Mixed Committee on Drug Problems will serve as the basis for a future law covering alcohol, and has now been passed on to the Spanish Health Ministry.

The document proposes that the future law should include a system of fines⁽¹⁾ for underage drinkers and for their families. According to the document, these penalties ought to "reinforce already-existing punitive mechanisms and be oriented toward education." If, however, parents are negligent and there is "evident risk to the minor," the existing laws for the protection of minors should be applied.

Some members of the committee added that punishing parents shouldn't be the only remedy. Consequently, they have proposed family therapy to better address the problem of alcohol consumption. Thus, minors and their parents could choose to take part in educational activities instead of paying a fine. These activities should make clear the gravity of underage drinking and include measures in case of relapse, the report says.

For this program to work, the committee writes that the government must make sure it has the necessary financial, legislative and staff resources—not only to manage the sanctions but also to prevent infractions and to consider alternative punishments when necessary.

The report says the government needs to tighten control on businesses with a license to sell alcohol, restrict buying times and increase sanctions on those who break the law. Among its recommendations, the committee suggests closing down shops that sell alcohol to minors on a regular basis and imposing community service and tougher sanctions to people drinking in the street.

⁽¹⁾ Fine (noun): A certain sum of money imposed as a punishment.

(Adapted from www.elpais.com, 25th April, 2018)

- Write a composition on **one of the following topics** (maximum 3 points):
 - Do you think that drinking on the streets should be permitted by the Spanish government? Why or why not? Give your opinion in at least 80 words.
 - Write a story of at least 80 words **ending with** this sentence: "After that day, Fred decided he would never drink alcohol again". Remember that **the 11 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write**.
- Answer the following two questions:
 - Does the writer say that restrictions should be imposed on people who sell alcoholic drinks? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
 - According to the text, will fines be the only solution proposed in the case of the families of underage drinkers? 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):
 - usually, generally*
 - obvious, clear*
 - different, optional*
- Read the following short dialogue:

Father/mother: Sarah, I think I've seen some of your friends buying a few whisky bottles at the supermarket. How's that possible?
Sarah: Well, some of my friends sometimes drink alcohol on the street. But I don't, I promise! Please, believe me!

Now imagine that you are Sarah's father or mother. **Use just two or three sentences** to order her not to drink alcohol on the street and to give her a good reason not to do so (maximum 1 point).
- Grammatical transformation.
 - Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech), beginning with the words *He said* (maximum 1.5 points):

The report will serve as the basis for a future law and has now been passed on to the Ministry.
 - Rewrite the following sentence in the negative-interrogative form of the Future Simple tense. **Write only one sentence** (maximum 1 point):

Minors and their parents could take part in educational activities.

Opción B

Twitter seems to think that Norway's PM speaks better English than Donald Trump

Yesterday, US President Donald Trump hosted Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg at the White House for talks about the economy, trade, NATO and the fight against international terrorism. After their press conference together, many people on social media commented on the difference in language use between the two heads of state. For instance, Jeffrey Guterman, from the TV channel CBS News, said on Twitter that "English is a second language for Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg. But she can speak better English than the President of the United States."

The popular on-line website *Bustle* highlighted that Trump's abilities when speaking English were clearly inferior to the abilities of Solberg. Many other tweets repeated the same idea found in that observation. For instance, Liz Greyor, the popular journalist from *The New York Times*, tweeted the following: "It's really depressing to see the Prime Minister of Norway has better grasp of the English language than Trump and his followers." Seth Young, a Twitter user from Boston, expressed a similar complaint: "The Prime Minister of Norway has three times the knowledge of the English language that the US president has. And I am being generous to Trump."

"Norway is a great customer, and a great ally and a great nation," Trump said at the press conference. In it, most attention was drawn by the US President's hint to potentially "go back" into the Paris climate deal. "As we signed it, the Paris Agreement was very unfair to the United States. It put great penalties on us and took away a lot of our asset values," Trump said, defending his original decision to quit the climate pact.

On her part, Solberg said to Norwegian media afterwards that Donald Trump seemed like a normal man with a good sense of humour.

(Adapted from <http://nordic.businessinsider.com>, 11 Jan., 2018)

1. Write a composition on **one of the following topics** (maximum 3 points):
 - a. Do you think that all political leaders should be excellent at speaking in public? Explain your answer in at least 80 words.
 - b. Write a story of at least 80 words **beginning with this sentence**: "*The President was rather nervous before he started his public speech*". 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 all newspapers were indifferent to the President's poor abilities with English? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
 - b. According to the text, is Trump unhappy about any decision made by his country in the past? 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. *sad, disappointing*
 - b. *friend, partner*
 - c. *leave, abandon*
4. Read the following short dialogue:

Claire: Oh, my God, I'm so nervous! I think I'm going to die...
Martha: Hey, what's the problem? Why are you so nervous?
Claire: I have to do a presentation for my Biology class but I'm terrible at speaking in public. My knees start shaking and I have trouble breathing. I get almost hysterical. What can I do?

Now imagine that you are Martha. **Use just two or three sentences** to give Claire some advice on how to relax before doing a presentation and to give her a good reason to do so (maximum 1 point).
5. Grammatical transformation.
 - a. Rewrite the following sentence in the negative-interrogative form of the Present Perfect tense. **Write only one sentence** (maximum 1 point):

She can speak better English than the President.
 - b. Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech), beginning with the words *He said* (maximum 1.5 points):

The Paris Agreement put great penalties on us and took away a lot of our asset values.