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Instructions

There are **seven** questions in this paper.

Questions to be answered in English, not necessarily in complete sentences.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your Examination Number and your Date of Birth in the boxes on the front cover.

Write your answers in **blue or black pen. Do not use pencil.**

This examination booklet will be scanned and your work will be presented to an examiner on screen. **Anything that you write outside of the answer areas may not be seen by the examiner.**

Answer all questions in ENGLISH.

Question 1

ANUNCIO: This will be played **three times** right through with a long pause after the SECOND hearing.

UNA NUEVA ASIGNATURA SOBRE LAS EMERGENCIAS
(A NEW SUBJECT ABOUT EMERGENCIES)

(a) Why are teachers happy to teach this subject?

(b) What type of emergencies are mentioned?

(c) What did Pedro Sánchez say about emergencies?

Question 2

DIÁLOGO: This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a long pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

ENTREVISTA CON LA BAILARINA, MARIANELA NUÑEZ
(INTERVIEW WITH THE DANCER, MARIANELA NUÑEZ)

(a) What happened to Marianela last night?

(b) Why was her mother delighted?

*** PAUSE**

(c) What was difficult for her when she moved to London?

(d) Why does she like reading?

Question 3

DIÁLOGO: This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a long pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

HABLANDO CON LUIS GARCÍA, ORGANIZADOR DE LA FÓRMULA 1
(SPEAKING WITH LUIS GARCÍA, ORGANISER OF FORMULA 1)

(a) When did Luis get the idea to bring Formula 1 to Madrid?

(b) What does he say about IFEMA?

*** PAUSE**

(c) What is it believed 90% of the fans will do **and** why?

(d) What will the economic benefits for Madrid be?

Question 4

DESCRIPTIVO: This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a long pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

25 AÑOS DEL PERIÓDICO '20 MINUTOS'
(25 YEARS OF THE NEWSPAPER *'20 MINUTOS'*)

(a) Why is the idea a simple one?

(b) What were the headlines about on its first day?

*** PAUSE**

(c) What happened in 2012?

(d) What do the bloggers write about?

Question 5

DESCRIPTIVO: This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a long pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

UN EVENTO CULTURAL
(A CULTURAL EVENT)

(a) What is the main aim of the event?

(b) What happens in the historic centres during the event?

*** PAUSE**

(c) What will happen in Úbeda?

(d) What gastronomic specialities are mentioned?

Question 6

EL TIEMPO: This will be played **three times** right through with a long pause after the SECOND hearing.

(a) What is said about the weather in Cantabria? Give **full** details.

(b) What will the weather be like on the Mediterranean coast? Give **full** details.

(c) What is said about the weather at the end of the month? Give **full** details.

Question 7

UNA NOTICIA: This will be played **three times:** first right through, then in two segments with a long pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

LOS EFECTOS DE ATRASAR LA HORA
(THE EFFECTS OF PUTTING THE CLOCKS BACK)

(a) Why are the clocks put back in Spain? Give **full** details.

(b) What can this change to our 'biological clock' affect? Give **full** details.

*** PAUSE**

(c) What do experts recommend?

(d) What is important for teenagers to do?

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