



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2020

## SPANISH

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST - HIGHER LEVEL  
(80 marks)

40 minutes

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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 a long pause after the SECOND hearing.

**LA REVISTA 'HOLA' CELEBRA SU 75 ANIVERSARIO**  
(‘HOLA’ MAGAZINE CELEBRATES ITS 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY)

- (a) Who are the articles in ‘Hola’ normally about?

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- (b) What does the exhibition include? **Give full details.**

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- (c) Who founded the magazine? Where **exactly** did this happen?

**Who:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 ANA BOTÍN, LA BANQUERA ESPAÑOLA**  
(INTERVIEW WITH ANA BOTÍN, SPANISH BANKER)

- (a) How is Ana Botín described by *Fortune* magazine?

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- (b) How do we know her family has a long history with the bank? **Give full details.**

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\* PAUSE

- (c) Why did Ana join Instagram? **Give full details.**

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- (d) What has Ana done to show she is worried about climate change? Give **two** details.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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 EL CIRUJANO, PEDRO CAVADAS**  
(SPEAKING WITH THE SURGEON, PEDRO CAVADAS)

- (a) What specific types of plastic surgery does Pedro perform?

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- (b) Why did he set up his foundation in Africa?

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**\*PAUSE**

- (c) How does he finance his foundation? **Give full details.**

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- (d) Why is he known as the 'Miracle Doctor'? Give **two** details.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**LOS PERROS DE LA GUARDIA CIVIL Y LA POLICÍA TAMBIÉN SE JUBILAN**  
(POLICE AND CIVIL GUARD DOGS ALSO RETIRE)

- (a) How **exactly** do these dogs assist the police?

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- (b) What must families do to adopt one of these dogs? **Give full details.**

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**\*PAUSE**

- (c) How is Bruno's personality described?

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

- (d) Why did Bruno have problems adapting to life with Carmen?

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**ENSEÑANDO INGLÉS EN ESPAÑA**  
(TEACHING ENGLISH IN SPAIN)

- (a) Why are there many job offers for teachers of English in Spain?

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- (b) What is needed to teach English well?

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**\* PAUSE**

- (c) What specialised English classes are available? Give **two** details.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

- (d) How can you find extra work as an English teacher? **Give full details.**

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

- (a) Why has a red weather alert been issued for Alicante and Murcia? **Give full details.**

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- (b) What will the weather be like in the rest of Spain? **Give full details.**

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- (c) What maximum and minimum temperatures are forecast?

Max: \_\_\_\_\_ Min: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**SIERRA NEVADA – TIERRA DE SOL Y NIEVE**  
(SIERRA NEVADA – LAND OF SUN AND SNOW)

- (a) What is said about the ski season in Sierra Nevada? **Give full details.**

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- (b) Mention **two** advantages Sierra Nevada has as a ski resort.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

\* PAUSE

- (c) What is said about skiing on Saturdays? **Give full details.**

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- (d) Name **three** items you should pack in your suitcase.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) \_\_\_\_\_

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