



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission**

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2003

**SPANISH**

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST - ORDINARY LEVEL  
(100 marks)**

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE – MORNING, 12.10 - 12.50

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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 volume 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**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**UNA CÁMARA GRATIS**  
(A FREE CAMERA)

- (a) From what date will this free camera be available?

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- (b) How many coupons have to be collected in order to get the camera?

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\* PAUSE

- (c) Give details of the competition prize which is mentioned.

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2. **DIÁLOGO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**ENTREVISTA CON MARÍA CARMEN, UNA MUJER DE 100 AÑOS**  
(INTERVIEW WITH MARÍA CARMEN, A 100 YEAR OLD WOMAN)

- (a) What does María Carmen say is the secret for living a long time?

**Tick the correct answer:**

fresh air and exercise

character

talking

- (b) Mention two types of food that she eats.

(i).....(ii).....

\* PAUSE

- (c) What helps her to go to sleep?

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- (d) What did she and her friends do on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday?

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3. **DIÁLOGO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**CRISTINA, UNA JOVEN ESCRITORA, HABLA DE LA LITERATURA**  
(CRISTINA, A YOUNG WRITER, TALKS ABOUT LITERATURE)

- (a) What kind of books does Cristina write?

**Tick the correct answer:**

- thrillers  
 historical novels  
 love stories

- (b) Mention one thing she says about watching television.

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\* PAUSE

- (c) What does she think of Stephen King's books?

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- (d) Does she think young writers are paid well in Spain?

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4. **DESCRIPTIVO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**LAS BALSAS DE LA MUERTE**  
(THE RAFTS OF DEATH)

- (a) **Tick the correct answer:**

According to the report, how many immigrants will reach Europe early this century?

- 15 million                       25 million                       20 thousand

- (b) How many immigrants landed on Spanish coasts in the last few months?

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\* PAUSE

- (c) What happens those who do not survive the journey?

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5. **DESCRIPTIVO:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**TERROR EN EL SÓTANO**  
(TERROR IN THE BASEMENT)

(a) Give two details about the house.

(i).....(ii).....

(b) Why did the narrator drop the torch?

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\* PAUSE

(c) Why did the friends hide?

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(d) What two things did Rosa do when she entered the basement?

(i).....

(ii).....

6. **EL TIEMPO:** This will be played **three times** right through with ONE 40-second pause after the SECOND hearing.

(a) Name one area which will be affected by showers.

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(b) **Tick the correct answer:**

Which of the following is forecast for the Madrid area?

cloudy intervals

clear skies

sunny intervals

(c) Give the maximum temperature for the Canary Islands.

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(d) Give the minimum temperature for the Canary Islands.

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7. **UNA NOTICIA:** This will be played **three times**: first right through, then in two segments with a 40-second pause after each segment, and finally, right through again.

**UNA MUJER INTENTA LLEVARSE UN BEBÉ DEL HOSPITAL  
(WOMAN TRIES TO KIDNAP BABY FROM HOSPITAL)**

(a) At what time of the day did this incident take place?

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(b) What did the mother of the baby do?

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\* PAUSE

(c) What may happen to Filomena and Manuel?

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**END OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST**

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