

UNIVERSIDAD DE CASTILLA-LA MANCHA

Prueba de Aptitud para el Acceso a la Universidad (Bachillerato L.O.G.S.E.)

IDIOMA EXTRANJERO: Inglés

- No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

BRUSSELS, THE HEART OF EUROPE

Brussels is, of course, the capital of Belgium. Additionally, the city is also both the bureaucratic centre of the European Community and the heart of Europe. Conveniently located, equidistant from London, Paris, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Cologne, it makes an excellent base for trips further afield. Easy day trips include the almost-too-pretty town of Brugge, the old university of Leuven, the numerous museums of Gent or the glorious cathedral of Antwerp.

In addition to the picturesque Grand Place, mouth-watering mussels and chips, notorious chocolate and the great variety of beers, the Atomium is definitely one of its main tourist attractions. Designed by the engineer André Waterkeyn for the International Exhibition of Brussels in 1958, the Atomium is a structure that is half way between sculpture and architecture, symbolising a molecule of iron by the scale of its atoms, magnified 165 billion times.

The Atomium was not intended to survive the Exhibition of 1958. Its popularity and success, however, ensured its place as a major building on the Brussels skyline. Today, the condition of the Atomium requires renovation work which will start in 2003. This will be possible thanks to the economic aid from the state of Belgium and the City of Brussels.

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. **NO** marks are given for only true or false.

1. Brussels is a long way away from Brugge and Gent.
2. The city of Brussels has a good gastronomic reputation.
3. The Atomium was one of the most successful attractions in the Exhibition of 1958.
4. Money will be invested in the renovation of the Atomium.

II. EXPRESSING THE MAIN IDEAS. (1 POINT) (0.5 points for each correct answer).

Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Where possible, use your own words.

1. Can Brussels be considered a well located city? Why?
2. What does the Atomium represent?

III. LEXICON/ PHONETICS. (1 POINT). Choose ONLY ONE of the options.

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

- (a) Excursions, journeys.
- (b) Buildings where important cultural, historical, or scientific objects are kept and shown to the public.
- (c) When a place is beautiful and interesting, especially in an old-fashioned way.
- (d) Long, thin pieces of potato cooked in oil.

- (a) Write a past form from the text that sounds the same as "loved" /d/.
- (b) Is the "-s" pronounced voiced /z/ or voiceless /s/ in "chips"? And in "mussels"?
- (c) Write a word from the text that has the same vowel as "see" /i:/.(Underline the part of the word which contains the vowel).

IV. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

- 1. London will fascinate you.
You
- 2. I saw a man later. He was the president of the European Community.
The man
- 3. Germany is richer than India.
India
- 4. "I don't know", he told them.
He told them
- 5. She can't come to the party because she is so busy.
If she
- 6. Maybe your friend will call you on your birthday.
Your friend

V. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. Specify your option.

- ▶ Imagine you have a friend from another country in your home. How would you describe Spain and its people?
- ▶ Do you feel yourself a member of the European Community? What are the advantages of having a single monetary system? Have you found it difficult to become familiar with the Euro coins?