

## 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.

### GENERAL ELECTIONS

Shortly before a General Election in the United Kingdom, the interminable political speeches and debates on radio and television will begin. In the United Kingdom there are two main political parties: the Labour Party and the Conservative Party.

The former always tries to persuade the voters that Britain can achieve economic stability and industrial development only under Liberal leadership. The Conservatives, the main opposition party at the moment, will be hoping to convince the nation of the need for private enterprise; they hope, if the people vote for a Conservative government, to reduce inflation and taxes.

In Spain, there is a similar political system in which two main parties can also be distinguished: PSOE (Socialist Party) and PP (Popular Party). At the moment, the latter is in power. However, the citizens of Spain find it difficult to predict which party will win the next General Election. One thing they can be sure about is that those parties which support terrorist groups have been declared illegal and will not be allowed to defend their policies. Many Spaniards agree with this current decision and consider it a sign of freedom and peace.

### 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. The Conservative Party in the United Kingdom is in favour of public enterprise.
2. The Spanish and the British political systems are totally different.
3. All political parties in Spain are able to defend their ideas.
4. Most Spanish people agree with the latest decision made by the government.

#### **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. What will the Conservatives in the United Kingdom try to do if they win the election?
2. Is it possible for Spanish voters to predict that the PSOE will win the next election? Why?

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

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

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

- (a) Formal talks which somebody gives to an audience.
- (b) Amounts of money that have to be paid to the government.
- (c) People who live in a particular country, state or city.
- (d) Not allowed by the law.

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

- (a) Write two words from the text that have the same sound as "station" /ʃ/.  
(Underline the part of the word which contains the sound)
- (b) Which of the following words has the same vowel as "kit" /ɪ/?  
1. Win, 2. Need, 3. Main
- (c) Is the "-s-" pronounced voiced /z/ or voiceless /s/ in "citizens"?

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

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given.

1. I visited a village yesterday but I did not like it.  
I.....
2. He knows how to play golf.  
He.....
3. It is ages since I last visited Russia.  
I.....
4. You won't understand the problem if you don't listen carefully.  
Unless .....
5. Someone will cut your hair tomorrow.  
You .....
6. *Write the correct question for the underlined words:*  
- .....  
- He visits his parents every Sunday.

**V. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)**

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

- ▶ Is there any kind of discrimination against foreign people in Spain?
- ▶ If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do to help young people?