



Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU)

Universidad de Extremadura

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Materia: Lengua extranjera (Inglés)

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: 1h 30 min

INSTRUCCIONES PARA REALIZAR EL EXAMEN

El estudiante deberá elegir UNO de los dos textos propuestos y responder a todas las preguntas de Comprensión únicamente del texto elegido (Preguntas 1-4). No podrán mezclarse preguntas de los dos textos. En la pregunta de Expresión (Pregunta 5), el estudiante deberá responder a una de las dos opciones propuestas, independientemente del texto elegido.

La calificación de la pregunta de Expresión (Redacción) será como sigue: a) Coherencia, cohesión y adecuación a la temática y estilo del texto propuesto: 1,5 puntos; b) Corrección gramatical, léxica y ortográfica del texto producido, así como su presentación: 1,5 puntos.

Text 1: Rafael Nadal announces his upcoming retirement from tennis

Rafael Nadal, one of the greatest tennis players in history, has announced his retirement from professional tennis after a career full of achievements, including 22 Grand Slam titles. Often called the "King of Clay" for his dominance on that surface, especially at the French Open where he won 14 titles, Nadal will play his final tournament with Spain in the Davis Cup finals in November.

Nadal's career has been defined by not only his success but also his struggles with injuries, which have affected him over the years, especially in the last two seasons. Despite these difficulties, he has reached extraordinary milestones in the sport, including winning 36 Masters 1000 titles, four Davis Cup titles for Spain, and gold medals in both singles and doubles at the Olympics.

In a video posted on social media, Nadal explained that his retirement decision was difficult, but he felt the time had come. He shared his gratitude for everyone who supported him during his long career, including his team, which he described as more than just colleagues—true friends who stood by him in both tough and joyful moments. Nadal also thanked his rivals and the tennis community for being part of his journey.

One of the most memorable rivalries in sports history was between Nadal and Roger Federer. Their 2008 Wimbledon final is still considered one of the greatest matches ever played. Federer, who retired in 2022, shared an emotional moment with Nadal at the Laver Cup, marking the end of their legendary battles on the court.

Nadal's retirement signals the end of an era in tennis. His legacy will be remembered not just for his incredible achievements, but also for his perseverance, sportsmanship, and respect for the game. Many, including Federer, have praised him for his unforgettable impact on tennis.

Adapted from CNN sports (October 11, 2024)

Comprehension Questions:

1. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Quote the fragment from the text that justifies your answers. Marks: 2 points (0.5 points per correct answer).
 - a. Rafael Nadal hasn't especially controlled any specific area on the tennis court.
 - b. Injuries have been particularly limiting for Nadal in recent years.
 - c. Nadal acknowledges the relevance and support of his colleagues throughout his extended career.
 - d. Nadal will be part of tennis history only because of his triumphs on the court.
2. Answer **2 of the following 3** questions with one or two sentences. Use your own words as far as possible. Marks: 2 points (1 point per correct answer).
 - a. Why is the French Open considered relevant in Nadal's extensive career?
 - b. Nadal's career has been defined "*by not only his success, but also his struggles*". Why?
 - c. Rivalry has proven to be a valuable part of a sports person's career. How is that demonstrated in Nadal's profession?

3. Find words in the text to match these definitions. Use one word in each case. Marks: 1.5 points (0.5 points per correct answer).

- a. A synonym for *successes, accomplishments*
- b. Find a word for this definition: *Very important stages or events in the development of something.*
- c. Efforts to reduce waste are strongly by environmental groups.

4. Complete these sentences with one of the options given. Marks: 1.5 points (0.5 points per correct answer).

- A. Nadal's last tournament with Spain _____ next November.
a. will be played b. has been played c. was being played d. might have been played
- B. Along his career, Rafael Nadal has relied _____ his team and this has helped him to complete his goals.
a. Ø b. in c. at d. on
- C. Rafael Nadal _____ the list of the best players in the world for a long time.
a. has controlled b. has managed c. has directed d. has headed

Text 2: 'We are in Danger' - Spanish anti-tourism spills into winter season

Spain is expected to receive more than 90 million foreign visitors by the end of the year. It is estimated that the number of arrivals will rise to 115 million by 2040.

This year's protests began in April, in the Canary Islands, and included a hunger strike by six protesters in Tenerife in an attempt to halt two major tourism projects on the island. They continued in many of the country's most popular tourist destinations, such as the Balearic Islands, the Mediterranean city of Alicante, cities on the southern coast and Barcelona, where some protesters squirted foreign visitors with water pistols and shouted: "Tourists go home!".

The complaint about tourism's impact on rental rates is a common theme and feeds into a broader housing crisis across Spain. The country's central bank has reported that nearly half of families who rent at market prices are at risk of poverty or social exclusion. However, with tourism representing 13% of Spain's GDP and directly providing around three million jobs, its supporters insist that the industry is essential to the economy and that it drove the country's recovery in the wake of the pandemic.

As the protests continue beyond the summer, there are particular concerns in destinations like the Canary Islands, where the climate means they receive large numbers of visitors during the winter months. The president of the Circle of Impresarios and Professionals in Southern Tenerife (CEST), Javier Cabrera, warned that "under an umbrella of legitimate grievances, tourism-phobia is being cultivated".

Barcelona city hall has announced that short-term tourist apartments will be banned from 2028. In Tenerife, a new limit has been introduced on the number of visitors to some natural parks. And in Seville, a new charge is planned for those entering the city's popular Plaza de España square.

Source: BBC.com (adapted). October 2024

Comprehension Questions:

1. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Quote the fragment from the text that justifies your answers.

Marks: 2 points (0.5 points per correct answer).

- a. The six protesters' main aim was to promote two major tourism projects in Tenerife.
- b. According to the Central Bank, close to half of families renting their home could become poor or socially excluded.
- c. Destinations receiving tourists during summer holidays worry about protests.
- d. It won't be possible to build tourist apartments in Barcelona from 2028.

2. Answer **2 of the following 3** questions with one or two sentences. Use your own words as far as possible.

Marks: 2 points (1 point per correct answer).

- a. How many more visitors are expected to visit Spain by 2040 compared to this year?
- b. What was a key factor that helped Spain recover economically after the pandemic?
- c. What measures have been implemented or planned in Spanish cities to control the impact of mass tourism?

3. Find words in the text to match these definitions. Use one word in each case. Marks: 1.5 points (0.5 points per correct answer).

- a. A synonym for *stop, end*.
- b. Find a word for this definition: *sprayed somebody or something with a stream of water, gas, etc.*
- c. A synonym for *outlawed, forbidden*.

4. Complete these sentences with one of the options given. Marks: 1.5 points (0.5 points per correct answer).

a. "Due to the protests, the increased demand for housing _____ the government's decision to limit short-term rentals."

- a) might influenced b) have influenced c) can't influence d) might have influenced

b. "If the government _____ the housing crisis sooner, the protests against tourism would not have taken place."

- a) had addressed b) addressed c) will address d) addresses

c. "Tourism has had a _____ impact on housing prices in the Canary Islands than in other regions of Spain."

- a) more significant than b) most significant c) least significant d) more significant

Written Expression

Write ONE of the following two compositions. Write between 120-150 words. Marks: 3 points.

- a. Write a formal letter to a newspaper editor expressing your concerns about the negative effects of mass tourism on the historic sites of your city.
- b. Write a story beginning with the words: "And right then she realised it was the end. All her dreams completely vanished on that court." Remember that the 19 words in this sentence do not count for the 120-150 words you must write.

CRITERIOS ESPECÍFICOS DE CORRECIÓN

PRIMER BLOQUE: COMPRENSIÓN LECTORA

Apartado 1:

El estudiante deberá responder con una formulación breve (True/False) y citar la parte del texto donde se encuentra la información pertinente para justificar la respuesta. Se otorgará la máxima puntuación (0.5 puntos por respuesta) a los estudiantes que ofrezcan alguna de las siguientes respuestas:

Texto 1.

- A. FALSE. *"Often called the "King of Clay" for his dominance on that surface."*
- B. TRUE. *"Nadal's career has been defined by not only his success but also his struggles with injuries, which have affected him over the years, especially in the last two seasons."*
- C. TRUE. *"He shared his gratitude for everyone who supported him during his long career, including his team."*
- D. FALSE. *"His legacy will be remembered not just for his incredible achievements, but also for his perseverance, sportsmanship, and respect for the game."*

Texto 2.

- A. FALSE. *"Six protesters in Tenerife in an attempt to halt two major tourism projects on the island."*
- B. TRUE. *"The country's central bank has reported that nearly half of families who rent at market prices are at risk of poverty or social exclusion."*
- C. FALSE. *"As the protests continue beyond the summer, there are particular concerns in destinations like the Canary Islands, where the climate means they receive large numbers of visitors during the winter months."*
- D. TRUE. *"Barcelona city hall has announced that short-term apartments will be banned from 2028."*

Si el estudiante comienza con una respuesta incorrecta (True/False) pero cita la parte correcta del texto, se le puntuará con 0.25 puntos. Si la respuesta ofrece un inicio correcto, pero después este no se apoya en ninguna referencia al texto original o en una que no corresponda (esto es, si el alumno no demuestra haber entendido la pregunta), se otorgarán 0 puntos. Las respuestas en las que se cite un extracto mucho más largo de lo requerido o se dé una respuesta que evidencie que el alumno no ha sabido localizar en los textos la información solicitada serán valoradas con 0 puntos.

Apartado 2:

El estudiante deberá responder con una oración o, como máximo, dos, utilizando sus palabras en la medida de lo posible. La respuesta deberá ceñirse a la información que se pide, si bien pueden ofrecerse menos datos de los posibles si hay muchos elementos que pueden citarse en la respuesta. Dada la naturaleza abierta de las preguntas, puede haber tantas respuestas acertadas como estudiantes. No obstante, de modo general, se valorará a partes iguales la corrección lingüística y la capacidad para localizar y parafrasear la información del texto (0.5 por las ideas reflejadas y 0.5 puntos por la expresión de las respuestas). Debajo se ofrecen modelos de respuesta correcta.

Texto 1.

- A. Nadal's career has been described in the text as an extensive one taking into account the great number of titles achieved. In this way, the French Open can be highlighted since he has properly won 14 titles.
- B. Injuries have influenced the player's career. However, he has overcome all of them to continue winning titles.

- C. The tennis player Roger Federer has been considered one of the most important opponents in Nadal's career. Nevertheless, they both have demonstrated that rivalry sometimes can be a positive thing, as was proven in the several matches they played.

Texto 2.

- A. Spain is expected to receive around 25 million more visitors by 2040, increasing from 90 million visitors this year to 115 million.
- B. ...the industry is essential to the economy and that it drove the country's recovery in the wake of the pandemic.
- C. Measures include Barcelona's plan to ban short-term tourist apartments starting in 2028, the introduction of limits on the number of visitors to natural parks in Tenerife, and a proposed charge for entering Seville's popular Plaza de España square.

Apartado 3:

Sólo se aceptarán las respuestas indicadas abajo (0.5 puntos). No obstante, si el estudiante comete un error que sea obviamente accidental al transcribir la palabra (una doble consonante por una simple, por ejemplo) o escribe una forma que no sea la que se pide (e.g., un plural por un singular, una forma verbal distinta), se le otorgarán 0.25 puntos.

Texto 1.

- A. achievements
- B. milestones
- C. supported

Texto 2.

- A. halt
- B. squirted
- C. banned

Apartado 4:

Sólo se aceptarán las respuestas indicadas abajo (0.5 puntos). Si el estudiante cita más de una respuesta, se le calificará con 0 puntos, independientemente de su orden.

Texto 1.

- A. *will be played (a)*
- B. *on (d)*
- C. *has headed (d)*

Texto 2.

- A. d) might have influenced
- B. a) had addressed
- C. d) more significant

SEGUNDO BLOQUE: PRODUCCIÓN ESCRITA

Parte 5:

Para obtener la calificación máxima de 3 puntos, la redacción reunirá las siguientes características: La exposición es clara y coherente y se aprecia un uso apropiado y discreto de conectores. El vocabulario empleado es suficiente para permitir el desarrollo completo de las ideas expresadas. La redacción no contiene errores gramaticales graves, aunque sí puede haber algún que otro error de poca importancia; y el manejo de las estructuras gramaticales es lo bastante flexible como para permitir una expresión cabal de las ideas. El uso de signos de puntuación es correcto, así como la división de los contenidos en párrafos, si los hubiera. La redacción no contiene errores ortográficos y la letra es clara y legible.

Para una calificación de 2 puntos, los siguientes rasgos estarán presentes en la redacción: La exposición es clara y coherente, aunque puede que se echen en falta algunos signos lingüísticos de cohesión o un uso excesivo -pero no incorrecto- de conectores en detrimento de la expresión de las ideas. El dominio del vocabulario es suficiente para expresar algunas ideas de forma aceptable. La presencia de algunos errores gramaticales no impide la expresión de las ideas y en todo caso no son el resultado de la traducción directa del español. A pesar de algunos errores ortográficos, el dominio de la puntuación y el uso de párrafos son correctos. La letra es completamente legible.

Para una calificación de 1 punto, se apreciará lo siguiente en la redacción: Los enunciados no constituyen un texto unido y coherente, no sólo por la ausencia de conectores sino por errores de concordancia y por la ausencia de párrafos que organicen el texto. El dominio del vocabulario no es suficiente para desarrollar el tema propuesto, aunque el texto resulta medianamente comprensible. Se aprecia la transferencia de formas y significados de la lengua materna. Los errores gramaticales impiden la comprensión de algunas ideas y son a menudo el resultado de la traducción directa del español. Las faltas de ortografía o una letra poco cuidada dificultan una lectura fluida del texto.

Para una calificación de 0 puntos, será patente la presencia de defectos como los siguientes: El número de palabras es muy inferior al solicitado. No se demuestra un dominio básico del vocabulario necesario para escribir sobre el tema propuesto. Se emplean palabras en español. Los errores graves de gramática y vocabulario hacen que el texto sea incomprensible. La letra es tan mala que la redacción es casi ilegible. La respuesta se aparta por completo de la pregunta planteada.

En caso de que la redacción no permitiese la aplicación exacta de estas puntuaciones, la nota se deberá ajustar añadiendo o quitando 0.25 ó 0.5 puntos a la nota correspondiente.

Además de lo anterior, habrá de tenerse en cuenta, con carácter general, lo siguiente:

- Serán objeto de penalización aquellas redacciones que evidencien un uso excesivo o injustificado de fórmulas y expresiones memorizadas, o de extensas porciones del texto original cuya presencia sustituya indebidamente las propias palabras del alumno. La sanción será proporcional a la cantidad al carácter superfluo de dichas muletillas en el contexto de la respuesta.

- Se penalizará, de modo general, el sobrepasar o no alcanzar los límites de extensión superior e inferior, respectivamente. La penalización será de 0.25 puntos por cada diez palabras de más o menos.

- En los casos en que se proporciona al alumno la frase con que debe comenzar o terminar el texto solicitado, el uso indebido de la frase propuesta en una ubicación distinta a la indicada será penalizado con 0.5 puntos.

- Cuando el alumno opte por hacer más de una redacción, en vez de escoger una según se le indica, el corrector leerá y evaluará únicamente la primera que aparezca en la hoja de respuestas. La otra redacción quedará sin corregir y no sumará ni restará puntos, ni hará media aritmética con la primera.