



Modelo de examen

MATERIA: PRIMERA LENGUA EXTRANJERA II: INGLÉS

Se deberá escoger la Opción A completa o la Opción B completa. TODAS las preguntas deberán responderse en el pliego de respuestas, NO en esta hoja.

OPCIÓN A

Bad holidays

Most people manage to return from their holidays with a cellphone full of happy snapshots and a couple of amusing anecdotes. Not many will admit that they have had a bad time. Most people who suffer bad holidays have only themselves to blame. Almost always, they have failed to match their destination, or type of holiday, close enough with their family's needs.

Of course it is part of the joy of planning a holiday that it promises a complete break from everyday routine. But you should not fall into the trap of seeing this as some kind of annual transformation, obliging you to follow all sorts of activities which at home you would firmly avoid. Why, for instance, does the boring, uncultured person who never sets a weekend foot inside a British museum inexplicably feel forced to visit a succession of Gothic churches instead of more honestly enjoying a lazy day on the beach?

An early American travel brochure once advertised a Caribbean holiday by telling potential clients that they would visit eight islands in 10 days and 'fly real low over four others'. Over-ambitious programmes are another common cause of disappointment. Never lose sight of geographical realities. When studying the atlas, for instance, the whole of Australia may look manageable in a two-week round. However, this is a foolish thing to do once you realise that Perth is nearer to Singapore than it is to Sydney.

In recent years travel companies have succeeded in selling us the idea that the further we go, the better our holiday will be. Do not be seduced. Why travel halfway round the globe when all you really want from your summer holiday can be had close by? Nowhere in the world has a better summer climate than the Mediterranean, so why pay more if all you want to do is swim and lie in the sun?

QUESTIONS. Do not copy literally from the text. (1 punto por respuesta = 4 puntos)

1. What wrong decisions have been taken by those who had a bad holiday?
2. Why are holidays regarded as a drastic change of lifestyle?
3. Describe two examples of holiday plans that are virtually impossible to put into practice.
4. In what ways do travel brochures or travel companies sell people the wrong idea of a holiday?

EXERCISES

5. Fill in the gaps with the correct, most appropriate word in each case. **(0,25 por acierto = 1 punto)**

In package holidays, flights and accommodation are booked and paid (A) _____ through a travel agent. These holidays are often booked a long time in (B) _____. Spain is (C) _____ far the most popular destination. In fact, more than a quarter of all kinds of holiday (D) _____ abroad by British people in 2014 were to Spain.

6. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible. **(0,25 por acierto = 1 punto)**

- (A) We have not seen this quiz show for two months.
The last time...
- (B) Mum doesn't speak English as well as Dad.
Dad speaks...
- (C) Although it was raining, they decided to go to the beach.
Despite...
- (D) 'Well done, Tina, you've passed the exam!', said Lucy.
Lucy congratulated...

7. Write a composition about the following topic (100-120 words). **(4 puntos)**

What is your idea of a successful holiday?