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## INGLÉS

### OPCIÓN DE EXAMEN Nº 1

#### Spanish Schoolboy Fakes kidnap to Avoid Parents' Evening

Police officer's 11-year-old son, who claimed he was being driven away in the boot of a car, was found hiding in family home. It was both dramatic and creative, but it was also one of the most over-the-top solutions ever invented for avoiding that well-known childhood nightmare, when parents are called in to talk to their teachers.

Early on Monday afternoon the unnamed 11-year-old son of a Spanish police officer stationed in the north-western town of Xinzo de Limia sent a text message from his mobile phone to tell his father he had been kidnapped. When his father phoned back, the boy confirmed the worst. He had been snatched off the street as he was putting out the rubbish, he said, and was locked in the boot of a car. He had no idea where his kidnappers were taking him, but knew that the car was a blue Seat.

It was only two hours later that the boy's father noticed the keys to a spare flat owned by the family were missing. The child was soon discovered there and reportedly explained that he had been terrified by the prospect of his parents going to school to speak to his teachers.

"The civil guard attributed the false alarm to a childish prank that had something to do with the boy's situation at school," the local Faro de Vigo newspaper reported. "The child's poor school grades in recent weeks appear to explain a form of behaviour that no one in Xinzo could understand," said the Voz de Galicia newspaper.

Adapted from *The Guardian* January 2012.

**Question 1:** [2 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.

- a) The Spanish schoolboy made up the story because his parents did not want to talk to his teachers.
- b) The Spanish schoolboy claimed he knew where he was going.
- c) The Spanish schoolboy was later found in an empty apartment owned by the family.
- d) The Voz de Galicia said that his behaviour was because he was not doing well at school.

**Question 2:** [2 POINTS] Answer the following questions in your own words according to the text.

- a) How did the Spanish schoolboy say he was kidnapped?
- b) Why did the Spanish schoolboy say he was kidnapped?

**Question 3:** [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words and definitions given.

- a) Far more than usual or expected. (Paragraph 1)
- b) An extremely difficult or frightening situation. (Paragraph 1)
- c) A trick (Paragraph 4)

**Question 4:** [1,5 POINTS] Complete the following sentences without changing the meaning.

- a) Susan's friends said to her: "Where are you going tonight?"  
Susan's friends asked her where .....
- b) The teacher will give the students their reports next Thursday.  
The students .....
- c) I can't go to the cinema because I'm too busy.  
If I .....

**Question 5:** [3 POINTS] Write a short essay (about 120-150 words) on the following topic:  
– Is it important for young people to have their own mobile phone? Give reasons.



## OPCIÓN DE EXAMEN N° 2

### The Decline of Children's Right to Roam: Just One in Four Primary School Pupils are Allowed to Walk Home Alone

Primary school children in England have lost much of their freedom to get about without adult supervision over the last four decades, according to a report published today. British children also have far less time to get about alone when compared to German children of the same age.

Ben Watson, research fellow at the Institute, and one of the authors of the report, said: "Independent mobility has been shown to be good for children's wellbeing and development. The experience from Germany shows that this drop is not an inevitable result of modern life. If we care about the future health of our children, action should be taken to enable them to regain the right to a safe outdoor environment without the need for adult supervision."

Campaigning group Sustrans has recently launched a campaign for 'Free Range Kids' to make it easier for children to travel independently, play outdoors and explore their local community, and have the skills and opportunities to do so safely. Chief executive Malcolm Shepherd said: "Parents don't feel that their local streets are safe. We urgently need to make our communities safer if we are to get kids active by walking and cycling to school and playing outdoors. Parents want to see safer streets."

Children were asked whether they were allowed to cross main roads alone, use buses and bicycles without an adult, come home from school alone, travel to other places on their own or with friends, and to go out after dark alone.

Adapted from The Daily Telegraph January 2013.

**Question 1:** [2 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.

- a) German children have more time to themselves to travel independently than British children.
- b) According to Ben Watson getting about is good for children's health.
- c) According to Malcolm Shepherd communities are not secure enough for children to be out alone.
- d) Children were not questioned about what they were allowed to do.

**Question 2:** [2 POINTS] Answer the following questions in your own words according to the text.

- a) What has Ben Watson's report shown?
- b) What has the 'Free Range kids' campaign given to children?

**Question 3:** [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words and definitions given.

- a) To travel (Paragraph 1)
- b) To start (Paragraph 3)
- c) To permit (Paragraph 4)

**Question 4:** [1,5 POINTS] Complete the following sentences without changing the meaning.

- a) "Don't drive so fast, please" the policeman told the boys.  
The policeman told the boys .....
- b) Someone told them a very strange story.  
They .....
- c) My sister was late for breakfast because he woke up late  
If my sister .....

**Question 5:** [3 POINTS] Write a short essay (about 120-150 words) on the following topic:

- Is it important for young people to have their own independence? Give reasons.