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OPCIÓN DE EXAMEN Nº 1

Taking Old Cars off the Road

Barcelona will ban cars that are older than 20 years from the road during the week to cut traffic emissions by 30% over 15 years. The measure will come into force on January 1, 2019 and will cover Barcelona and the 39 neighbouring municipalities. Under the terms of the agreement, it will be prohibited to drive private cars registered before January 1997 and vans registered before October 1994 on working days.

Although the ban will not be fully effective for two years, those same vehicles will already be banned from the roads during periods of high pollution from 1st December this year. The aim is to first reduce emissions by 10% over the next five years to gradually reach the levels recommended by the World Health Organisation. Then the adoption of the stricter measures will be implemented in order to reach the level set by the European Union before 2020.

Janet Saiz, the city's deputy for the environment said, "The people of Barcelona have told us clearly in surveys that they want to fight against air pollution because it is a health problem of the first order." The city hopes to convince people to cooperate by offering free public transport to those who give up their vehicles.

In a similar move last January, the Norwegian city of Oslo banned diesel cars from the road for two days in one particular week to combat rising air pollution. Many motorists were angered because they had been encouraged to purchase diesel cars by the state government just a few years before, when they were considered a better environmental choice than petrol cars. Drivers who did not obey the ban were fined around €200. A city councillor said at the time, "In Oslo, we can't ask children, the elderly, and those suffering from respiratory problems to stay at home because the air is too harmful to breathe."

Some Norwegians, however, were happy with the idea, like Kenneth Tempel, who wrote on Facebook, "Very good measure. We should introduce a permanent ban on diesel vehicles in all big cities. The fines should also be doubled." According to the Norwegian Institute of Public health, air pollution causes 185 premature deaths in Oslo each year.

16 January 2017 and 7 March 2017, *The Guardian* (Adapted).

Question 1: [2,5 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.

- a) The ban will happen in Barcelona immediately.
- b) Cars registered before 1997 will not be banned at weekends.
- c) The people of Barcelona feel this is an important issue.
- d) The Barcelona authorities will not offer any incentive to make people comply with the ban.
- e) Kenneth Tempel believes the fines should be lower than they were.

Question 2: [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words and definitions given.

- a) Surrounding, closest (paragraph 1)
- b) Conditions (paragraph 1)
- c) More severe (paragraph 2)
- d) Without a charge (paragraph 3)
- e) Option (paragraph 4)

Question 3: [2 POINTS] Choose the correct option, a, b or c for each question and COPY the option chosen onto your answer sheet.

1. The people of Barcelona...

- a) were not told to give their opinion about the air pollution problem by the government.
- b) were asked their opinion about the air pollution problem by the government.
- c) were not asked their opinion about the air pollution problem by the government.

2. Tempel believed that...

- a) a permanent ban on diesel vehicles should be introduced in all big cities.
- b) a permanent ban on all vehicles would not be beneficial in all big cities.
- c) a permanent ban on some vehicles should be beneficial in his city.

3. A Norwegian driver caught ignoring the ban last January...

- a) had to pay a €200 fine.
- b) must not have paid a €200 fine.
- c) was paid a €200 fine.

4. The Norwegian authorities...

- a) are used to believing that diesel cars were better for the environment.
- b) didn't use to believe diesel cars were better for the environment.
- c) used to believe diesel cars were better for the environment.

Question 4: [4 POINTS] Write a short essay (about 120-150 words) on the following topic:

– In your personal opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car?

OPCIÓN DE EXAMEN Nº 2

Zoos Are Prisons for Animals

A zoo in Cumbria has recently had its licence revoked as a result of 500 animals dying there over a two-year period. This closure, then, comes as no shock, but what does surprise me is that anybody could still think we should have zoos at all. However, we still love visiting them, along with safari parks and conservation centres, especially when we have small children with us. In the past it was agreed that such places had an educational merit, but nowadays there is no reason to need to see animals in captivity when nature documentaries show all the animals you could ever wish for in their natural habitat, with dramatic music narratives included.

On holidays recently, I was persuaded by my family to visit a marine theme park, which bombarded us with messages about preserving marine life from the moment we went in. We spent the afternoon seeing seals and penguins that looked to be in various stages of depression before taking in the dolphins at a special performance which involved watching a two-minute video about saving dolphins and a 10-minute demonstration of how the park has managed to enslave them and get them to perform tricks. It was all a little contradictory, in my opinion.

It is true that such occasions can have a positive effect as well. After one visit to the Sea Life centre in Brighton a few years ago, my eldest son took a passionate interest in marine life that has stayed with him ever since. However, the idea that kids only get excited about things they see in the flesh is ridiculous. My kids are obsessed with dinosaurs, which no longer exist and with any number of fantastical beasts which never have.

I have no doubts that the people working in zoos, safari parks and conservation centres do care about animals, but can we justify the negative aspects? Do these institutions really protect endangered species? Moreover, they seem especially difficult to regulate. Have a look online and see the number of cases of animals being killed because of lack of space, horses being painted to look like zebras or creatures in aquariums showing signs of distress. These are reasons enough to convince anybody that zoos should be a thing of the past.

13 March 2017, *The Guardian* (Adapted).

Question 1: [2,5 POINTS] Indicate whether the following statements are true or false and write down which part of the text justifies your answer.

- a) The closure of the zoo in Cumbria is not unexpected.
- b) The man convinced his family to visit the marine theme park on a recent holiday.
- c) The seals and penguins seemed happy at the marine theme park.
- d) The man's eldest son is no longer interested in marine life.
- e) The author believes that animals are important to the people who work at parks and zoos.

Question 2: [1,5 POINTS] Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words and definitions given.

- a) Value (paragraph 1)
- b) Carry out (paragraph 2)
- c) Creatures (paragraph 3)
- d) At risk (paragraph 4)
- e) In addition (paragraph 4)

Question 3: [2 POINTS] Choose the correct option, a, b or c for each question and COPY the option chosen onto your answer sheet.

1. The zoo in Cumbria was closed...
 - a) despite the death of the animals over the last two years.
 - b) because of the death of the animals over the last two years.
 - c) in order to prevent the death of the animals over the last two years.

2. Some animals are killed in zoos because...
 - a) there is not enough room for them.
 - b) there is sufficient room for them.
 - c) there is too much room for them.

3. If zoos no longer existed, ...
 - a) people would have seen animals.
 - b) people will go on safaris to see animals.
 - c) people could still see animals on film.

4. Zoos are believed...
 - a) to be necessary nowadays.
 - b) to have been necessary nowadays.
 - c) not to be necessary nowadays.

Question 4: [4 POINTS] Write a short essay (about 120-150 words) on the following topic:

– Do you think animals should still be kept in captivity? Give your opinion.