



# Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura

## Curso 2011-12

Asignatura: Inglés

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: 1h. 30 min.

El alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones, A o B, y responder **en inglés a todas las preguntas** que se formulan en la opción elegida, sin mezclar preguntas de una y otra. **En el caso de la primera pregunta** (la redacción), **deberá escribir tan sólo sobre uno de los dos temas propuestos.**

### Opción A

#### Benefits of physical activity

Promoting physical activity in one's community may seem like a large, rather difficult task. However, with neighbourhood cooperation and communication with their local school officials, neighbours, and community leaders, parents can take the lead in increasing the physical activity of their children and promoting health in general.

With the rise of obesity in children, not only do parents need to monitor the eating habits of their children, but also help them to be physically active. In order to help parents, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has recently published new dietary guidelines that stress the importance of daily physical activity in addition to specific food recommendations. This new approach not only recommends types of food that people should eat, but also balances the amount of calories that each person needs with the amount of calories spent by physical activity.

These new recommendations state that children and teenagers should be physically active for at least 60 minutes per day. On the other hand, adults should engage in some soft activity, such as going for a walk, for at least 30 minutes per day. If they are active for a longer amount of time or engage in more vigorous activities, such as swimming, jogging or cycling, they will obviously have greater health benefits. This is especially important for people trying to manage their weight or trying to reduce their risk of chronic disease. It is important to encourage children to be physically active because positive experiences with physical exercise at a young age help lay the basis for being regularly active throughout life, and this would certainly have a positive effect on the child's overall long-term health.

1. Write a composition about **one of the following topics** (maximum 4 points):
  - a. Do you think physical activity is essential for a healthy life? Give your opinion in at least 80 words.
  - b. Write a story of at least 80 words **beginning with** this sentence: "*Andrea had not taken any sport for years, but one day she decided to change that*". Remember that **the 16 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write.**
2. Answer the following **two** questions:
  - a. Does the writer say that parents should actively care about their children's health? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
  - b. According to the text, is it recommendable for adult people to do some sport regularly? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
3. Imagine someone in your family does not take any physical exercise. Advise him/her to do so and give him/her a good reason for it (maximum 2 points).
4. Grammatical transformation.
  - a. Rewrite the following sentence as a third type (impossible) conditional (maximum 1 point):  
*If you engage in more vigorous activities, you will have greater health benefits.*
  - b. Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice. **Do not omit any part of it** (maximum 1 point):  
*The U.S. Department of Agriculture has recently published new dietary guidelines.*

## Opción B

### Freddie Mercury

Gifted with one of the most distinctive and powerful voices in all of rock music, Freddie Mercury was the lead singer of the British band Queen and a driving force behind the band's musical and visual style. He composed many of Queen's best-known songs including "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Somebody to Love", and "We Are the Champions".

His compositions, which often copy elements from opera, include strong elements of harmony, layered vocal arrangements, and complex melodies. Freddie Mercury delivered his music with a stunning voice and, according to many experts, he had more power, range, and control than any of his contemporaries. He believed strongly in the importance of style and fashion and his artistic direction shaped much of Queen's early image. He designed the initial Queen logo, using the Zodiac signs of the four members of the band. The logo consisted of two lions, holding up a letter Q around a crown, a crab on top, and two fairies. He applied this kind of creative sculpting to all aspects of his life.

As a live entertainer, Freddie Mercury was magnificent. He would feed from the crowd's energy, amplifying and projecting it back to them. His 1985 performance at the massive multi-band concert at Wembley Stadium is a perfect example of his stage talent. With a super-charged Freddie playing maestro to the audience, Queen constantly drove the crowd of 72,000 people into an unforgettable frenzy.

Reputed to have led a flamboyant and hedonistic lifestyle, he was also known to be generous and kind to the same extreme. His death on November 5th, 1991, was a great loss to the world of music. Since that day, a number of concerts and shows such as the "Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert" (1992) have been held in his honour.

- Write a composition about **one of the following two topics** (maximum 4 points):
  - Do you think that artists and musicians are very different from ordinary people? Explain your answer in at least 80 words.
  - Write a story of at least 80 words **ending with** this sentence: "*At the end of the concert, Luke was very happy he had seen his favourite group*". Remember that **the 16 words in this sentence cannot be counted in the 80 words you must write**.
- Answer the following **two** questions:
  - Does the writer say that Freddie Mercury was not interested in art and design? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
  - According to the text, was Freddie Mercury a good live singer? Explain your answer, providing evidence from the text (maximum 1 point).
- Imagine your brother is making a lot of noise while he plays his guitar in his bedroom. Tell him to stop doing so and give him a good reason for it (maximum 2 points).
- Grammatical transformation.
  - Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice. **Do not omit any part of it** (maximum 1 point):  
*He applied this kind of creative sculpting to all aspects of his life.*
  - Rewrite the following sentence in the past perfect tense (maximum 1 point):  
*Queen constantly drove the crowd of 72,000 people into an unforgettable frenzy.*