



Prueba de acceso a la Universidad de Extremadura

Curso 2006-2007

Asignatura: INGLÉS

Tiempo máximo de la prueba: 1:30 H

El alumno deberá responder en inglés a las cinco preguntas que se formulan. (Puntuación máxima del ejercicio: 10 puntos. Puntuación máxima de cada pregunta: 1ª pregunta = 4 puntos; 2ª = 1,5 puntos; 3ª = 1,5 puntos; 4ª = 1 punto; 5ª = 2 puntos).

Dangerous driving

How many times have you driven to work in the morning and, either on a dual carriageway or parked at traffic lights, looked at the car next to you, only to be confronted by the sight of somebody with a mobile phone glued to his or her ear? It is a sight that is now becoming increasingly common as more people than ever before have mobile phones and people drive to work rather than use the public transportation system. However, a recent study at the Transport Research Laboratory sponsored by insurer Direct Line has provided new evidence that driving and using a mobile phone may be more dangerous than driving while under the influence of alcohol. The research showed that on average the reactions of the driver were nearly 50% slower than when driving normally, and that even using a hands-free kit did not completely eliminate the distraction caused by having a telephone conversation whilst driving. Using a hand held mobile phone and driving is illegal in many countries, including the UK, and those caught in this country are usually prosecuted for dangerous or careless driving. Some MP's, however, believe that it should be treated as a separate offence and are currently trying to push a bill through parliament banning the use of hand-held mobile phones when driving. But it is not just the Nokia-wielding maniacs that give me cause for concern. A friend of mine e-mailed me this morning to tell me about a woman he saw driving at around 100mph in a BMW with her face close to the rear view mirror as she applied her makeup. Also, the number of times I've seen a sales rep sitting in his company car either shaving or reading the paper just amazes me.

1. Do you think that young people in Spain should be able to learn to drive before the age of eighteen, as in other countries? Give your opinion in about 80-100 words.
2. According to the text, why is using a mobile phone when driving dangerous?
3. Imagine a friend of yours has been drinking alcohol. Tell him/her not to drive and give him/her a reason for not doing so.
4. Rewrite the following sentence in indirect style (reported speech): He asked:

How many times have you driven to work in the morning?

5. Find **two** words in the text containing vowels or groups of vowels which are pronounced in the same way as i in driven, eo in people, and a in many. Underline the part of the word that contains the sound.