

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID

PRUEBA DE ACCESO A LA AUNIVERSIDAD PARA MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS Convocatoria **2013-14**

MATERIA: INGLÉS

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INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

Lea el texto cuidadosamente, así como las preguntas. A continuación, proceda a responder en lengua inglesa. Conteste a las preguntas respetando el orden en que están planteadas.

DURACIÓN DEL EJERCICIO: 60 minutos

CALIFICACIÓN: La valoración máxima de cada pregunta se indica en cada parte del ejercicio.

THE FUTURE OF THE CAR

Cars play a very important role in modern life. They offer freedom, mobility and flexibility. But they are also one of modern life's major problems. Cars cause so much pollution, congestion and noise that some environmentalists say that the car has become man's worst enemy.

It is not hard to understand why. In most cities, main highways are blocked every morning and evening by traffic jams. Big cities often have very high levels of air pollution, which can be the cause for many illnesses. Not everything is negative. Today, a car is 90% more efficient than 25 years ago. But the predicted increase in the number of cars on the road means that pollution will still grow in the future.

What about electric cars? Perhaps electricity will take the place of gasoline and diesel one day, but not yet. Some experts believe that it will take another 20 years before batteries are so powerful that they can allow electric cars to travel long distances. And the possible other motors that use other energies, like hydrogen, are still too expensive to replace gasoline and diesel engines.

- 1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE according to the text? Justify your answer copying the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (Puntuación maxima: 2 puntos)
 - a. Traffic is difficult in the morning and evening in big cities.
 - b. Air pollution can provoke different illnesses.
 - c. Electric cars will never take the place of gasoline and diesel cars.
 - d. At present, hydrogen motors are not a possibility because they are not powerful enough.
- 2. Fill in the gaps with the right form of the word in brackets: (Puntuación maxima: 4 puntos)
 - a. Gasoline engines are (cheap) ________ than hydrogen engines.
 b. In 20 years everybody (use) _______ electric cars.
 c. During the last 2 weeks we (travel) ______ around Europe.
 d. Main highways (block) ______ by traffic jams every morning.
 e. You will produce less pollution if you (use) ______ the underground.
 f. If people shared their cars to go to work, there (not be) ______ so much pollution.
 g. When I (be) ______ a child, my mother (like) ______ driving a lot.
- 3. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar and write precise answers. (Puntuación maxima: 4 puntos)
 - a. What is negative about cars?
 - b. Is the electric car ready to replace gasoline cars?



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