



ASIGNATURA: INGLÉS

(Selectividad) – MODALIDAD EXTRANJEROS CONVALIDABLES

PROGRAMA:

La consolidación de las estructuras lingüísticas estudiadas en el Bachillerato y la adquisición de otras nuevas. Se trata, en suma, de ofrecer una revisión práctica y sistemática de cuantas estructuras fonológicas, morfológicas, sintácticas y semánticas se impartieron en cursos anteriores, y de enseñar aquellas que no fueron estudiadas o lo fueron de forma insuficiente.

La vinculación de estas estructuras a textos representativos del arte, la historia, la literatura, el deporte, la música, la vida cotidiana, etc. Es decir, la integración de la lengua en su ámbito cultural.

Modelos de exámenes

Texto:

The workers of Handyman tend to work on problems that come up in people's homes, but the job Bob was about to undertake is not what you would think of as a typical job for a Handyman employee. Recently, there has been a surge of homeimprovement type jobs. The owners of the house just wanted a more elegant and newer-looking bathroom, with a pedestal sink* and bright new tiles* to replace the old beige ones. Other than a bit of dry rot* that he discovered behind the shower tiles, there was not anything seriously wrong with the bathroom. The drains* and light switches worked fine.

The owners' bathroom plans looked suspiciously like something you would see on TV. There are now at least 30 home-improvement cable shows in regular rotation which draw ample numbers of viewers, breaking records and achieving the highest ratings among adults.

I asked the handyman if he thought any of his customers were inspired by what they see on television to fancy up their suburban homes.

"They definitely get ideas from those shows," he said, taking off the shower head with a wrench*. "Whether they would ever attempt to do the actual work themselves is another story."

The job he is here to perform would seem to owe its very existence to those programs and to the home-décor envy they inspire in households across America. Most viewers don't know the difference between drywall and a dry martini, and that means lots of work for Mr. Handyman.

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En este caso, el texto es un poco complicado, por lo que se explicaría el léxico que el alumno no tiene porqué conocer:

* tiles are squares made of ceramic or other materials, used on the floor or walls, usually in the bathroom



or kitchen.

- * a sink is the place you wash your hands in the bathroom or kitchen.
- * dry rot is when wood or other materials begin to decompose.
- * a drain is where the water goes down the pipe in the sink or bathtub.
- * a wrench is a type of tool.

La siguiente pregunta trataría de averiguar el nivel de comprensión del texto y de expresión escrita y corrección gramatical y léxica a la vez. El alumno tiene que contestar en sus propias palabras:

I. Answer these questions in your own words.

1. What was the handyman doing at the house he was working on?

Esta podría ser una de las respuestas posibles:

The handyman was remodelling and updating the bathroom in the house he was working on.

2. What effect do home-décor programs have on people in the US?

Esta podría ser una de las respuestas posibles:

When American people watch these home-décor programs on TV, they are inspired to remodel or update their homes.

3. According to the article, are Americans able to carry out Do It Yourself projects (DIY)?

Esta podría ser una de las respuestas posibles:

Most Americans can't take on DIY projects themselves because they usually call the employees of Handyman for help.

En la siguiente pregunta, los alumnos tienen que o bien encontrar un sinónimo, o bien, explicar el significado de algunas expresiones o palabras del texto. En este caso se pide encontrar en el texto sinónimos de las frases o palabras dadas. Igualmente, estos sinónimos podrían servir para explicar el significado de "ample numbers of viewers" "fancy up" o "actual".

II. Find the words or expressions in the text that mean the same as the following words.

1. large amounts of spectators solución: ample numbers of viewers

2. to make more elegant solución: to fancy up

3. real solución: actual

4.

III. Composition

En esta prueba el alumno tendrá que reflexionar sobre su propio futuro y ver las ventajas y desventajas de las profesiones de índole intelectual y de los oficios.

Write a 120 word composition on the following topic: Advantages and disadvantages of becoming a handyman or a more "intellectual" worker (lawyer, engineer, teacher, etc.)