PRUEBA DE ACCESO Y ADMISIÓN A LA UNIVERSIDAD

CURSO 2017-2018

LENGUA EXTRANJERA
(Inglés)

Instrucciones: **a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación está indicada en las preguntas. d) Se debe realizar una de las dos opciones A o B completa, sin mezclar las respuestas.**

OPTION A:

LICENCE TO DRIVE

Saudi Arabia is easing restrictions on women driving by means of a royal decree that will allow women in the country to drive, thus ending a long-standing policy that has become a global symbol of the oppression of women. Liesl Gerntholtz, the director of the Women's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch, told CNN that while it was a "very important step," there was still a long way to go for Saudi women. "This prohibition on driving is just one in a vast series of laws and policies which prevent women from doing many things," she said.

Over the years, Saudi clerics have provided various explanations for the ban. Some said that it was inappropriate in Saudi culture for women to drive. One cleric even claimed that driving harmed women's ovaries. Women's rights groups and Saudi activists have long campaigned for the ban to be lifted, and some women have been arrested and jailed for defying the prohibition. In 2014, a woman was arrested and detained for 73 days after trying to drive across the border into Saudi Arabia.

Currently, many working Saudi women spend much of their salaries on drivers, or must be driven to work by male relatives. Prince Khaled bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US, described the change as "a huge step toward a brighter future. We are trying to increase women's participation in the workforce. In order to do so, we need them to be able to drive to work."

Saudi women have been asking for the right to drive for a very long time, and it has finally arrived. The change will take effect in June 2018.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **Saudi Arabia is…**
   (a) making things more difficult for women to drive. (b) persuading women not to drive.
   (c) trying to keep the prohibition against women driving. (d) reducing legal difficulties for women to drive.
2. **Removing the prohibition on driving…**
   (a) is all that is necessary to improve women's rights. (b) is viewed favourably by Saudi Arabia clerics.
   (c) is a measure that can help improve women's rights. (d) will allow women to travel abroad on their own.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Laws banning women from driving are very recent.**
4. **It has been claimed that it is unhealthy for women to drive.**
5. **Female drivers have been considered criminal offenders.**
6. **Lifting the ban will contribute to more women working.**
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
   7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR **"permit"** (verb).
   7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR **"avoid"** (verb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
   8.1. ONE WORD MEANING **"a person connected to another by blood, marriage or adoption."**
   8.2. ONE WORD MEANING **"all the people in a country who are able to do a job."**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:
   9.1. **"I had already eaten when he… (arrive)."** 9.2. **"Children always avoid… (clean) their rooms."**
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:
    10.1. **"You look exactly…** (preposition) **your brother."** 10.2. **"The government is running out…** (preposition) **options."**
11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: **"Are you leaving for Scotland now?" she asked me.**
12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: **"If I had known that the meeting had been cancelled, …"**
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: **"They sent a present to our friends in America."**
14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. **"I have been driving for ten years." I started…**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
    What should be changed in our society? Discuss.