

## MODEL BILET DE EXAMEN NR. 17

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow:

The first job interview I ever had was for a position as a clerk at one of the oldest universities in the city. I bought a new outfit especially for the interview including a pair of lovely leather shoes and a handbag to match. I was not particularly nervous then until I went in and saw that there were four people who were going to interview me rather than one. They asked me a few questions about my university degree and about why I wanted the job. One of the people was a very pleasant, smiling woman, who nodded encouragingly every time I answered a question. Towards the end, one of the men asked me if I had experience with computers. I had to admit I had only used one once. Despite this I got the job. The pleasant, smiling woman, who turned out to be my boss, told me she had argued I should be given the job because she liked my shoes so much. I was glad I had bought them.

1. What, according to the writer, was essential in getting the job as a clerk?
2. What other things were the interviewers interested in?
3. Why did the writer become nervous when she went in?
4. Who turned out to be one of the people who interviewed her?

A lot of people in my country think that television has improved over the last few years, others think it has got worse. If you like a lot of choice, and want to be entertained more than anything

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else, you would probably say that television has improved. There are a lot more movies, game shows, sports programmes and the so-called reality shows in which real people talk about dramatic things that have happened to them.

However, if you thought of television as an educational aid, you are probably very disappointed with what is on offer. Despite the large number of channels, there are definitely fewer documentary programmes. In addition, the documentaries that are shown are of poorer quality than they were a few years ago. There are also fewer programmes about art and music because advertisers have found out that these programmes attract only a small audience.

1. What are the things that make some people think that television has improved?
2. What makes the author think that television has got worse?
3. Has the number of television channels increased or decreased?
4. Which are the programmes which, according to the advertisers, attract fewer viewers?

When I first went to live in Spain I couldn't speak any Spanish. I had to learn to speak quickly because of my job. Some friends suggested buying a television and this turned out to be a good idea. At first, I didn't really understand anything at all, but little by little I began to pick up the main ideas. I would read an English newspaper the same day, so I knew what was happening around the world and could understand the news. But the best programmes for learning Spanish were the game

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shows. I must have watched hundreds of them in the first few months after I came to live here. Because the same patterns are repeated again and again, you learn the rules of the language almost automatically. Although they were not the types of programmes I would normally have watched, I began to quite enjoy them. I speak Spanish well now, but I still watch them sometimes.

1. Did the writer learn Spanish in the traditional way of learning foreign languages? Explain.
2. What was the role the English newspapers played in the process of learning Spanish?
3. How did the writer learn the rules of the language?
4. Which TV programmes did the writer start enjoying?

The British are generally regarded as the most untidily dressed people in Europe, but I have often thought that the opposite is true. Take, for example, the wearing of jeans. In many southern European countries it seems perfectly acceptable for both teachers and office staff to wear jeans, whereas in Britain jeans are considered far too casual and are only acceptable if work is dirty or unskilled. Office workers in Britain must follow a very strict dress code. Even in the hottest weather, male employees are required to wear a suit and a tie and female employees must be dressed in a skirt and tights. In schools, the dress code is not quite so formal, but staff still tends to wear shirts and smartish trousers or skirts. The British may not be as stylish as their European counterparts, but a dress code still exists.

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Read the text below and answer the questions that follow:

1. What is the writer's opinion about the way the British dress?
2. How are jeans regarded in different parts of Europe?
3. What do British male and female employees wear at work?
4. What does school staff wear in Britain?