



PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD
INGLÉS – Curso 2005/2006

Read the text and answer in English the five questions set on it.

Defiance predicted as Spain brings in smoking ban¹	
5	Juan Ramirez put his glass of red wine on the bar, lit up a cigarette and, between drags, mocked Spain's imminent smoking ban. "Why don't they leave us smokers in peace?" the 60-year-old doorman said, exhaling a white cloud at his companion in a central Madrid tavern. "What are they going to prohibit next? Walking out into the street?"
10	From January 1, Spain - a country with one of the highest smoking rates in western Europe - will ban lighting up in offices, sporting arenas and other public venues. The new law will also require 336,000 restaurants, bars and hotels to corral smokers into small, isolated spaces. Only the tiniest neighbourhood watering holes will have a choice: ban cigarettes or bar people under 18.
15	Countries such as Ireland have already passed even more drastic legislation, and the tobacco crowd has somehow managed to adapt. But this is Spain, home to Bizet's cigarette-rolling heroine, Carmen, and the country that gave Europe its first taste of those dried, brown leaves shipped in galleons from the New World. Here smoke pervades the famed nightlife and cigarettes sell for less than €3 (£2) a pack.
20	According to the World Health Organisation, nearly a third of adult Spaniards smoke, compared with only 26% of adults in Britain or Ireland. In Sweden, smokers have dwindled to 18% of the population.
25	"What are they going to do, arrest us?" grumbled Purificación Fernández, a 47-year-old textile union leader, smoking a cigarette outside her office in Madrid. "It's crazy to be that strict. It should be up to the individual. I'm polite. I ask my clients if they mind before I light a cigarette - then I smoke 10."
30	According to a survey, about three out of four Spaniards support the ban. But 69% think their compatriots will not comply. Half of those polled believe that smoking is an inalienable right.
	The government has covered rail platforms and bus stops with posters of blackened lungs and reminders to stub out smouldering cigarette ends. Some companies are paying for programmes to help employees give it up, while bar owners reluctantly build partitions and complain about costs.
	For some, the new law comes as a relief. "All my life I've been absolutely immersed in black clouds of smoke, but I took it for granted," said historian Augustin Guimera, 52. "It was such a deep-rooted tradition I couldn't imagine going against it."
	(Adapted from <i>The Guardian</i>)
	¹ ban: prohibition

Questions

1. **Describe in your own words the attitude shown by the doorman and the union leader concerning the smoking ban .** (2 marks)

2. **True or false? Justify with reference to the text, ONLY the true statements**

1. This article must have been published before January 1, 2006.
2. With the new law, people under 18 will not be allowed into small bars.
3. Ireland is planning to introduce similar legislation.
4. The opera Carmen was instrumental in introducing tobacco to Europe.
5. Spain is a country of smokers and yet, most Spaniards are in favour of the ban.
6. Most people in Spain think that smokers will disobey the rules.
7. The frightening advertising campaign put up by the government has made a big impact on the population.
8. Being a heavy smoker, Guimera also resents the new law. (2 marks)

3. **What do the words in bold mean in this context?** (1 mark)

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| 1. watering holes (I.9-10) | bars | pints | fountains | taps |
| 2. famed (I.15) | lively | crowded | renowned | prolonged |
| 3. dwindled (I.19) | increased | amounted | accounted | decreased |
| 4. polled (I.25) | counted | asked | added | called |
| 5. reluctantly (I.30) | slowly | largely | gradually | unwillingly |

4. **Complete the text below using the correct words from the box on the right. There are 2 distractors. Words in 6, 7 and 9 will need a capital letter.** (2 marks)

ADVICE TO QUIT SMOKING	
Deaths ... 1 ... smoking in Britain outnumber deaths from all cancers combined. Smokers die 10 years younger than ... 2 ... But quitting helps. If you stop at 30, your life expectancy is the same ... 3 ... if you had never smoked. If you quit at 50, you ... 4 ... than halve the extra risk you have ... 5	their around smoking non- smokers should since as built up given more from are
... 6 ... is catastrophically bad but it's never too late to give it up.	
... 7 ... 12 million Britons smoke. Advising them all to give up ... 8 ... lead to almost 300,000 of them actually managing it. ... 9 ... that every second smoker will die of ... 10 ... habit, that would save a very large number of lives.	

5. **Write a composition of about 150 words on one of the following:**

1. Write a letter of complaint to the management of a place where the new smoking law has not been enforced.
2. What do you think about this new law? Do governments have the right to dictate how we live our lives? (3 marks)