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In this handout both the Candidate and the Examiner Role-play cards are provided as per the State Examinations Commission. The Examiner's card is supplied in Spanish while the Candidate's card is in English. There is a translation of the candidate's card for each of the five role-plays. Note that this translation merely constitutes one of the numerous possible ways to translate the instruction in English.

The role-play is marked out of 30 (5 x 6 marks). Six marks are awarded for each of the four translated responses and the final random question relevant to the situation is also marked out of a maximum of 6.

When the examiner feels the general conversation is over, he/she will give you one of the five candidates' cards in English. You will then be given one minute to prepare and when this preparation time is up, you will be asked if you are ready to start. ¿Preparado/a?

Note* For all five role-plays it is the examiner who speaks first.

Just as with the general conversation good communication skills are required for the role-play. However, given that you are playing the part of a character, some acting will go a long way, do not just rattle it off like a robot.

At the end of the role-play the examiner must ask you another question relevant to the situation. In order to be awarded all six marks you must answer the question competently and expand briefly. A mere "sí" or "no" response will not suffice; the response **must contain a verb** for full marks.

The following is the link to the roleplay cards on the State Examinations Commission website;

<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-SC-80867015.pdf>



EXAMINER'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 1

Alojamiento

The candidate is going on Erasmus to the University of Extremadura in Cáceres for the coming academic year.

He/she needs need accommodation and phones you at the university looking for advice.

Hola, ¡dígame!

¿En qué parte de la ciudad querrías vivir?

¿Por qué?

Tienes razón. Pero sabes que Cáceres es una ciudad muy pequeña y se puede andar desde las afueras a la Plaza Mayor en media hora.

Ask one relevant question.



CANDIDATE'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 1

Alojamiento

Vas de ERASMUS a la Universidad de Extremadura en Cáceres para pasar allí el próximo año académico. Necesitas alojamiento y llamas por teléfono a la universidad para ver si te ayudan a encontrar alojamiento.

*You are going on Erasmus to the University of Extremadura in Caceres for the coming academic year.
You need accommodation and phone the university looking for advice.*

Say that you will be on ERASMUS in the university for the coming academic year. Say you don't know anybody in Caceres and ask if he/she could give you some advice about accommodation.

Say that you would prefer to live near the university because last year you lived in the outskirts of Dublin and really didn't like it.

Well, you spent too much time travelling because it was very far from everything. Say that if you could spend that time studying you would be able to get good grades.

Say that's not far and the climate is much better than in Ireland so you will consider all areas even though you would prefer to live in the city centre.

Respond to the examiner's question.

Situación 1 Alojamiento

CANDIDATE
Say that you will be on ERASMUS in the university for the coming academic year. Say you don't know anybody in Cáceres and ask if he/she could give you some advice about accommodation. Hola, estaré de Erasmus en la universidad el año académico que viene. (Es que) No conozco a nadie en Cáceres. ¿Podrías aconsejarme sobre el alojamiento?
Say that you would prefer to live near the university because last year you lived in the outskirts of Dublin and really didn't like it. Preferiría vivir cerca de la universidad porque el año pasado vivía en las afueras de Dublín y no me gustaba mucho.
Well, you spent too much time travelling because it was very far from everything. Say that if you could spend that time studying you would be able to get good grades. Pues pasaba demasiado tiempo desplazándome porque estaba muy lejos de todo. Si pudiera pasar ese tiempo estudiando podría sacar buenas notas.
Say that's not far and the climate is much better than in Ireland so you will consider all areas even though you would prefer to live in the city centre. Eso no está muy lejos y el clima es mucho mejor que en Irlanda así que consideraré todos los barrios, aunque yo preferiría vivir en el centro de la ciudad.
Respond to the examiner's question.

EXAMINER
Hola, ¿dígame!
¿En qué parte de la ciudad querías vivir?
¿Por qué?
Tienes razón. Pero sabes que Cáceres es una ciudad muy pequeña y se puede andar desde las afueras a la Plaza Mayor en media hora.
Ask one relevant question

ROLE-PLAY 2

EL PORTÁTIL ROTO



EXAMINER'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 2

El Portátil Roto

You are in Avila working in a computer repair shop.

The candidate's laptop is broken and he/she comes into your shop.

¡Hola! ¿En qué puedo ayudarte?

Vamos a ver. ¿Qué te pasó?

Vas a necesitar una nueva pantalla que cuesta doscientos euros.

Sí, hay una oferta especial esta semana. ¿Quieres comprarlo?

Por supuesto.

Ask one relevant question.



CANDIDATE'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 2

El Portátil Roto

Estás en Ávila y se te ha roto el portátil. Lo llevas a la tienda de reparación de portátiles.

You are in Avila and your laptop is broken and you go to the computer repair shop.

Say that your laptop fell, and the screen is broken.

Say that the worst thing is that you have an essay due for tomorrow and the only copy is on the laptop.

Say you were late and had to run to catch the bus.

Say that you slipped, and that the laptop fell on the ground and you only noticed the problem when you got up.

Say it is good to hear that it can be fixed but you noticed the same laptop make and model for sale in the window and it only costs three hundred euro.

Say you will buy it if he/she can copy all your files onto the new hard drive before leaving the shop and if they give you a free bag for the laptop.

Respond to the examiner's question.

Situación 2
El Portátil Roto

<p>CANDIDATE</p> <p>Say that your laptop fell, and the screen is broken. Say that the worst thing is that you have an essay due for tomorrow and the only copy is on the laptop.</p> <p>Se me cayó el portátil y la pantalla está rota. Lo peor es que debo entregar una redacción mañana y la única copia (que tengo) está en el portátil.</p>
<p>Say you were late and had to run to catch the bus. Say that you slipped, and that the laptop fell on the ground and you only noticed the problem when you got up.</p> <p>Llegaba tarde y tuve que correr para tomar el autobús. Resbalé y el portátil se cayó al suelo, solo me di cuenta del problema al levantarme.</p>
<p>Say it is good to hear that it can be fixed but you noticed the same laptop make and model for sale in the window and it only costs three hundred euro.</p> <p>Me alegra saber que se puede arreglar/reparar, pero vi que el mismo portátil y modelo está a la venta en el escaparate y solo cuesta tres cientos euros.</p>
<p>Say you will buy it if he/she can copy all your files onto the new hard drive before leaving the shop and if they give you a free bag for the laptop.</p> <p>Lo compraré si puedes copiar mis archivos en nuevo disco duro antes de marcharme de la tienda y regalarme una bolsa de portátil gratis.</p>
<p>Respond to the examiner's question.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">EXAMINER</p> <p>¡Hola! ¿En qué puedo ayudarte?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Vamos a ver. ¿Qué te pasó?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Vas a necesitar una nueva pantalla que cuesta doscientos euros.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sí, hay una oferta especial esta semana. ¿Quieres comprarlo?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Por supuesto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask one relevant question</p>

ROLE-PLAY 3

EL CÁMPER



EXAMINER'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 3

Una Autocaravana/Un C mper

The candidate is going to Spain on holidays after the exams.

His/her family wants to hire a camper van.

 Hola!  En qu  puedo ayudarte?

Para alquilar un c mper hace falta tener al menos veinticinco a os y mucha experiencia al volante.

Pues, muy bien. Tu madre cumple con los requisitos para alquilar un c mper.

 Fenomenal! Os alquilo un c mper.  Ten is el itinerario previsto?

Ask one relevant question.



CANDIDATE'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 3

Una Autocaravana/Un C mper

Vas a ir a Espa a de vacaciones despu s de los ex menes y tu familia est  pensando en alquilar una autocaravana/un c mper.

You are going to Spain on holidays after the exams and your family is thinking of hiring a camper van.

Say that you are a student calling from Ireland and that you are interested in hiring a camper van for two weeks in July.

Say that your mother will be driving because you don't have your driving licence yet. You are getting lessons and hope to pass the test in the autumn.

Say she has driven on the right in various European countries over the last twenty years. Say that she is a very careful driver and has never had an accident.

We have spent a lot of time at the coast but this summer we hope to travel through Castilla-La Mancha in order to see the land of Cervantes and Don Quixote, far away from the tourists.

Respond to the examiner's question.

* Examiner should use the same word the candidate uses for 'camper van' (that is, 'autocaravana' or 'c mper')

Situación 3
Una Autocaravana/Un C mper

<p>CANDIDATE</p> <p>Say that you are a student calling from Ireland and that you are interested in hiring a camper van for two weeks in July.</p> <p>Soy estudiante y llamo desde Irlanda. Me interesa alquilar un c�mper/una autocaravana durante dos semanas en julio.</p>
<p>Say that your mother will be driving because you don't have your driving licence yet. You are getting lessons and hope to pass the test in the autumn.</p> <p>Mi madre ser� la que conducir� porque no tengo el carnet* de conducir todav�a. Estoy haciendo pr�cticas (de conducir) y espero aprobar el examen en oto�o.</p>
<p>Say she has driven on the right in various European countries over the last twenty years. Say that she is a very careful driver and has never had an accident.</p> <p>Ella ha conducido por la derecha en varios pa�ses europeos en los �ltimos veinte a�os. Es una conductora muy cautelosa y no ha tenido nunca un accidente.</p>
<p>We have spent a lot of time at the coast but this summer we hope to travel through Castilla-La Mancha in order to see the land of Cervantes and Don Quixote, far away from the tourists.</p> <p>Hemos pasado mucho tiempo en la costa, pero este verano esperamos viajar por Castilla-La Mancha para ver la tierra de Cervantes y Don Quijote, lejos de los turistas.</p>
<p>Respond to the examiner's question.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">EXAMINER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">�Hola! �En qu� puedo ayudarte?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Para alquilar un c�mper/una autocaravana/ hace falta tener al menos veinticinco a�os y mucha experiencia al volante.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pues, muy bien. Tu madre cumple con los requisitos para alquilar un c�mper/una autocaravana</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">�Fenomenal! Os alquilo una autocaravana/un c�mper. �Ten�is el itinerario previsto?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ask one relevant question</p>

*carnet is pronounced carnay

ROLE-PLAY 4

EL MEDIOAMBIENTE



EXAMINER'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 4

El Medioambiente

You are a parent and the candidate is your son/daughter who is very concerned about the environment.

He/she tells you some good news.

Pareces muy contento, ¿por qué?

¿Es importante prohibir plásticos de usar y tirar?

¿Podemos hacer algo más?

Y, ¿ya está?

Ask one relevant question.



CANDIDATE'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 4

El Medioambiente

Estás muy preocupado/a de la contaminación del planeta a causa de los plásticos de usar y tirar. Estás muy contento/a porque acabas de oír noticias muy buenas.

You are very worried about the pollution of the planet by single use plastics. You are very happy because you have just heard some good news.

The European Parliament has agreed to ban single use plastics, for example knives, forks, spoons, cups, plates and straws.

Yes, it is absolutely essential. It will be very good for the waters of the planet. Pollution caused by plastics is a serious problem in rivers, lakes, and oceans.

Say that, there are lots of things we can do.
For example, instead of plastic we can use recycled paper, cardboard and other biodegradable materials.

Say no, that as citizens we need to be more responsible and change our lifestyle. Say that to protect the environment, we could cycle, travel on public transport or walk more.

Respond to the examiner's question.

Situación 4
El Medioambiente

CANDIDATE	EXAMINER
<p>The European Parliament has agreed to ban single use plastics, for example knives, forks, spoons, cups, plates and straws.</p> <p>El Parlamento Europeo ha aprobado la prohibición de los plásticos de usar y tirar, por ejemplo, los cuchillos, tenedores, cucharas, vasos, platos y las pajitas.</p>	<p>Pareces muy contento/contenta ¿por qué?</p>
<p>Yes, it is absolutely essential. It will be very good for the waters of the planet. Pollution caused by plastics is a serious problem in rivers, lakes, and oceans.</p> <p>Sí, es absolutamente imprescindible. Será muy bueno para las aguas del planeta. La contaminación causada por los plásticos es un problema grave en los ríos, lagos y océanos.</p>	<p>¿Es importante prohibir plásticos de usar y tirar?</p>
<p>Say that, there are lots of things we can do. For example, instead of plastic we can use recycled paper, cardboard and other biodegradable materials.</p> <p>Hay muchas cosas que podemos hacer todos. Por ejemplo, en vez de plástico podemos usar papel reciclado, cartón y otros materiales biodegradables.</p>	<p>¿Podemos hacer algo más?</p>
<p>Say no, that as citizens we need to be more responsible and change our lifestyle. Say that to protect the environment, we could cycle, travel on public transport or walk more.</p> <p>No, como ciudadanos necesitamos ser mucho más responsables y cambiar nuestro estilo de vida. Para proteger el medioambiente, podríamos desplazarnos en bici, viajar en transporte público o caminar más.</p>	<p>Y, ¿ya está?</p>
<p>Respond to the examiner's question.</p>	<p>Ask one relevant question</p>

Note that single use plastics can be referred to as *plásticos de un solo uso* or *plásticos de usar y tirar*

ROLE-PLAY 5

AVERÍA DE COCHE



EXAMINER'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 5

Avería de coche

You are working for an insurance company and the candidate's car has broken down on the motorway.

He/she rings to see if you can help.

Hola, buenas tardes.

Debes estar entre Medina del Campo y Tordesillas.
¿Hay alguna señal de tráfico por ahí?

Claro que sí. Voy a arreglarlo todo inmediatamente.

Por supuesto. ¿Me puedes describir tu coche?

Ask one relevant question.



CANDIDATE'S CARD

ROLEPLAY

Situación 5

Avería de coche

Estás conduciendo de Madrid a Lugo en la autopista AP-6 y el coche se te ha parado. Llamas por teléfono a tu compañía de seguros para ver si pueden ayudarte.

You are driving from Madrid to Lugo on the AP-6 motorway and your car has stopped. You ring your insurance company to see if they can help you.

Say your car has just broken down and that you are on the AP-6 motorway. Say that you don't know exactly where you are but that you passed through the toll half an hour ago.

Say you see the exit sign 156 in the distance. Ask if they can send out a mechanic or perhaps a tow truck because you think the problem is serious.

Ask if they could give you a replacement car so that you can continue your journey to Lugo. Say that you have to collect your parents from the airport in Santiago de Compostela

Say it is a red SEAT Ibiza. The registration is 4620 CFK. Say you bought it second hand from your aunt, and you have never had a problem with it before.

Respond to the examiner's question.

Situación 5
Avería de coche

CANDIDATE	EXAMINER
<p>Say your car has just broken down and that you are on the AP-6 motorway. Say that you don't know exactly where you are but that you passed through the toll half an hour ago.</p> <p>Mi coche acaba de averiarse y estoy en la autopista AP-6. No sé dónde estoy exactamente, pero pasé por el peaje hace media hora.</p>	<p>Hola, buenas tardes.</p>
<p>Say you see the exit sign 156 in the distance. Ask if they can send out a mechanic or perhaps a tow truck because you think the problem is serious.</p> <p>Veo la señal para la salida 156 (ciento cincuenta y seis) a lo lejos. Podría enviar un mecánico o tal vez un remolque porque creo que se trata de un problema serio.</p>	<p>Debes estar entre Medina del Campo y Tordesillas. ¿Hay alguna señal de tráfico por ahí?</p>
<p>Ask if they could give you a replacement car so that you can continue your journey to Lugo. Say that you have to collect your parents from the airport in Santiago de Compostela.</p> <p>¿Podría darme un coche de sustitución para que pueda continuar mi viaje a Lugo? Es que tengo que recoger a mis padres del aeropuerto de Santiago de Compostela.</p>	<p>Claro que sí. Voy a arreglarlo todo inmediatamente.</p>
<p>Say it is a red SEAT Ibiza. The registration is 4620 CFK.</p> <p>Say you bought it second hand from your aunt, and you have never had a problem with it before.</p> <p>Es un rojo SEAT Ibiza. La matrícula es 4620 (cuatro, seis, dos, cero) CFK (ce, efe, ka). Se lo compré a mi tía de segunda mano y no he tenido nunca ningún problema con él.</p>	<p>Por supuesto. ¿Me puedes describir tu coche?</p>
<p>Respond to the examiner's question.</p>	<p>Ask one relevant question</p>