

**PREMIS EXTRAORDINARIS DE BATXILLERAT
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CURS 2016-2017 / CURSO 2016-2017**

Primer exercici / Primer ejercicio

B) Llengua estrangera: Anglès

B) Lengua extranjera: Inglés

60 minuts (Duració orientativa) / 60 minutos (Duración orientativa)

Observacions / Observaciones

- No dictionary allowed.
- Grading system:
 - I. Open questions: 2 points (1 point each)
 - II. True or False: 1.5 points (0.5 each)
 - III. Vocabulary: 1 point (0.25 each)
 - IV. Multiple Choice: 1.5 points (0.5 each)
 - V. Composition: 4 points

PEDAL POWER

Cycling is quickly becoming a popular form of transport in many cities around the world. Apart from being better for the environment than cars, bicycles are a great way to avoid traffic jams and the problems of parking.

To encourage more people to use bicycles, many cities are introducing bike-hire schemes that allow cyclists to collect a bike from a cycle stand and then leave it at another stand near their destination. The latest city to join the cycle craze is London, where a 10-year plan has been announced to introduce cycle zones and stands, where thousands of bicycles will be available for hire. But the UK cycling craze isn't limited to London. A scheme funded by the national lottery is also creating new cycling and walking routes across the whole of the country. Those behind the scheme want walking and cycling to become the easiest way for people to go to work, to the shops and to school.

At the moment, 90% of school kids in Britain have got a bike, and more than 30% want to cycle to school, but only 1% do. Many parents think that cycling is dangerous and prefer to take their kids to school by car. In the USA, things aren't much better. Fewer than 15% of American kids cycle or walk to school. Another problem is vandalism and theft. As more people use bicycles, more bicycles are being stolen. In most of the cities that offer bikes for hire, the bicycles have a distinctive design and colour to make them more difficult to steal.

Introducing bicycles as a form of transport in cities can take time. Motorists have to get used to cyclists on the roads, and pedestrians have to learn to share pavements with them. But there is no doubt that pedal power is becoming the best way to get around a city on wheels.

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SECTION A

- 1. Answer the following questions using your own words and taking into account the information in the text. (2 points: 1 point each)**
 - a) According to the text, what are the advantages of cycling in a city?
 - b) According to the text, what makes bikes for hire more difficult to be stolen?
- 2. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Identify the part of the text that supports your answer by copying the exact passage on the answer sheet. (1.5 points: 0.5 each)**
 - a) To make people use bicycles many cities are introducing schemes where people can buy a bike at a reasonable price.
 - b) London has announced a 10-year plan to have cycle stands where people will be able to sell their old bikes.
 - c) The cycling craze affects both London and other parts of the country.
- 3. Find a word or expression IN THE TEXT which has the same meaning or is a synonym of the following: (1point: 0.25 each)**
 - a) madness
 - b) the act of stealing something
 - c) people who drive cars
 - d) plan
- 4. Choose a, b, or c, in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (1.5 points: 0.5 each)**
 - 90% of school kids in Britain
 - a) own a bike
 - b) cycle to school everyday
 - c) never ride a bicycle
 - In the USA
 - a) a lot of kids go to school by bike
 - b) cycling is better than in the UK
 - c) only a small percentage go to school by bike
 - Using bicycles as a form of transport will take time because
 - a) a lot of money is needed
 - b) people have to get used to sharing the roads and the pavements with cyclists
 - c) motorists and pedestrians don't want to share their space with bike users.

SECTION B

Write about the following topic. (130-150 approximately) (4points)

What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a bike in a big city and what measures would you take to make people use this means of transport?