

	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIVERSIDADES PÚBLICAS DE LA COMUNIDAD DE MADRID</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRUEBA DE ACCESO PARA MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Curso 2024-2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MATERIA: INGLÉS</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN</p> <p>Estructura de la prueba: La prueba se compone de un texto con preguntas. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente y proceda a responder en lengua inglesa las preguntas en el papel de examen.</p> <p>Puntuación: La calificación máxima total será de 10 puntos, estando indicada en cada pregunta su puntuación parcial.</p> <p>Tiempo: 60 minutos.</p>		

NEW YEAR, OLD CELEBRATIONS

There are many strange and interesting New Year's traditions around the world. In Scotland, New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay and 'first footing' remains a popular custom with people visiting friends' and neighbours' houses just after midnight. The first person who visits your house should bring a present as this will mean good luck. In Spain, it is the custom to eat 12 grapes as the bells sound for midnight on 31 December. One grape is eaten at each sound of the bell and each grape is supposed to bring good luck for each month of the year ahead. In Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela and some other Central and South American countries, people wear special underwear of different colours on New Year's Eve. Red is supposed to be good for bringing love in the new year, while yellow is supposed to bring money.

The new year is a great time to make a change for the better. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions is common in the western hemisphere. This tradition involves a person making a commitment to change an unwanted habit or behaviour or setting a personal goal. Typical New Year's resolutions might be to give up smoking, eat healthier food, do more exercise, become more organised or laugh more – but really, a New Year's resolution can be almost anything.

QUESTIONS

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. Copy complete sentences. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- In Scotland, people visit their friends after midnight on New Year's Eve.
- People in Spain think that eating grapes on New Year's Eve brings good luck.
- Wearing something red is supposed to bring money.
- Some people decide to stop smoking as a New Year's Resolution.

(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

- Mention two different things that are supposed to bring good luck according to different traditions.
- What is a New Year's resolution? Provide examples from the text.

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words or phrases in the text that mean:

- globe (paragraph 1)
- gift (paragraph 1)
- capital (paragraph 1)
- fantastic (paragraph 2)
- routine(paragraph 2)
- objective(paragraph 2)

(Puntuación máxima 1,5 puntos)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- If I _____ (live) in Scotland, I _____ (visit) my friends on New Year's Eve.
- _____ you prefer Christmas Eve _____ New Year's Eve?
- I think that stopping smoking is a _____ (good) New Year's Resolution _____ laughing more.
- When I _____ (be) a kid, I _____ (love) spending New Year's Eve with my cousins.
- _____ you do not like traditions, you _____ (try) eating the 12 grapes one year.

(Puntuación máxima 2,5 puntos)