

# EXAME NACIONAL DO ENSINO SECUNDÁRIO

12.º Ano de Escolaridade — Via de Ensino  
(2.º, 3.º e 4.º cursos)

Duração da prova: 120 minutos  
2000

1.ª FASE  
2.ª CHAMADA

## PROVA ESCRITA DE INGLÊS (NÍVEL INFERIOR)

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Material admitido: dicionários unilingues e/ou bilingues.

### I

A. After reading through the passage below, account for the choice of title. **Write no more than 35 words.**

#### The Sun Also Sets

The only noise is the regular whoosh of your own breath pumping from the snorkel. Beneath the surface of the bay, flat and blue as new steel, slow-motion fish are characters in a silent film screened against white sand. There are few people on the beach, which is on the north coast of the island of Menorca, in the Balearic group, off Spain's east coast. To get to it  
5 requires second-gearing along a dirt road through rolling farmland, leaving the rental car where a creek blocks the way, then a 15-minute walk along the rocky paths. There are no signs, no asphalt, no shops, no noise. Paradise.

Swimming farther out, a large brown rock on the seabed looks odd. Diving reveals it to be a boat's rust-encrusted motor. Surfacing, something slaps across the glass of the mask.  
10 Spluttering with fright and treading water, the swimmer peels away a large piece of clear plastic. Several strokes farther on, a colorful supermarket bag hangs motionless a meter below the surface, a jellyfish with handles. A seashell, up close, turns out to be the white backing strip of a sanitary pad.

Drying on the beach, paradise continues to pall. Along the high-water line are nits in the  
15 seaweed's fine hair: a used cigarette lighter, a sandal, champagne corks, plastic string, glass, a container of No 20 sun block. And all this far from the resort hotels, bars and ghettos of retired foreigners that merge on Menorca's gentler southern coast.

An excess of 40 million tourists visit Spain each year – more than one guiri, as the locals call them, for every Spanish man, woman and child. Almost a quarter of them go to the  
20 Balearic Islands.

Mallorca imports shiploads of water from the Spanish mainland because its electricity-devouring desalination plants are unable to meet summer demand. The island struggles to absorb the material and human waste its visitors deposit. Menorca is in danger of becoming a vast hotel; Ibiza of being reduced to a booze-soaked, decibel-battered discothèque.

25 The islands' autonomous and local governments – whose predecessors have presided over this super-saturation – are finally saying *Basta!* Hotel and apartment construction is belatedly being restricted and, more controversially, there are now proposals for a *canon ecoturístico*, or environment levy on tourists, preferably via their plane or boat tickets. The idea

is that each of the 8 million peak-season visitors to the island will pay a tax of about \$11, and  
30 the nearly 2 million off-season tourists be charged a little more than half that, generating  
roughly \$100 million a year to repair some of the damage they knowingly or unwittingly cause  
the islands, and to limit it in the future.

Such efforts would in turn provide thousands of off-season jobs for islanders. One example  
is *esponjamiento* – or sponging up – meaning the buying and demolition of ugly old shoebox  
35 hotels that mar the coastlines and should never have been permitted.

The degrader pays principle being applied to heavy industries that pollute also has to apply  
to light-hearted travellers. Like the free lunch, there's no such thing as a free vacation.

*TIME*, November 1999 (abridged)

**B. Analyse the passage and complete the tasks below.**

**1. Use the context to decide on the meaning of the following expressions from paragraphs 1-5.**

- a. "... pumping from the snorkel." (l. 1)
- b. "To get to it requires second-gearing along a dirt road..." (ll. 4-5)
- c. "Spluttering with fright..." (l. 10)
- d. "... paradise continues to pall." (l. 14)
- e. "... ghettos of retired foreigners..." (ll. 16-17)
- f. "The island struggles to absorb the material and human waste..." (ll. 22-23)

**2. Complete these sentences with information from paragraphs 5 to the end. Use your own words.**

- a. Mallorca depends on...
- b. Former governments are responsible...
- c. Current local authorities hope to put an end to this chaotic situation, namely by...
- d. If the proposal is accepted...
- e. The author suggests that the amount charged...
- f. "Sponging up" could be a solution, as...

**C. Answer each question in 25-40 words. Use your own words as much as possible.**

1. According to the author, what contributes to spoiling the paradise he refers to?
2. Explain the views expressed by the writer in the last paragraph.
3. What would you think if you were asked to pay this sort of tax?

**D. Rewrite the following sentences, keeping their meaning unchanged and beginning them as indicated.**

1. Menorca is in danger of becoming a vast hotel.  
There is a fear that...
2. Shoebox hotels should never have been permitted.  
No authorities...

**V.S.F.F.**

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## II

Write 120-150 words on ONE of the following topics, either A or B or C.

A.

The text you have read refers to a problem in Spain. Do you think the situation in Portugal is substantially different?

Comment on the situation in this country and propose solutions to any problems you identify.

B.

Aggression towards Nature is just another form of violence. Refer to the consequences of violence in the novel you've read:

F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*

or

B. MacLaverty's *Cal*

C.

We are emerging from a 10,000-year vacation from nature still not fully realizing that our own survival hinges on reducing the damage we do to Earth's natural systems. We may not drive ourselves to the complete oblivion of biological extinction, but I fear that the specters of famine, warfare and disease will rise in the comparatively short run...

*TIME*, November 8, 1999

Do you believe these predictions will prove to be true? Present reasons and expand your views on the ideas raised by the above quotation.

## FIM

## COTAÇÕES

### I

A. ....	15 pontos
B. 1. .... (6 × 5) .....	30 pontos
2. .... (6 × 5) .....	30 pontos
C. .... (3 × 15).....	45 pontos
D. .... (2 × 10) .....	20 pontos

### II

A. ou B. ou C.....	60 pontos
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**TOTAL** ..... **200 pontos**