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**LENGUA EXTRANJERA: INGLÉS**

## **The Prestige Disaster.**

The picturesque coastal villages of Galicia in Northwest Spain have been left devastated by a damaged oil tanker which was carrying 70,000 tons of oil. The ship has broken in two and sunk off the north-western coast of Spain, threatening the area with an ecological disaster.

Thousands of tonnes of thick fuel came out of the Prestige before it sank in the Atlantic last November, turning pure, clean beaches and rocks on the Galician coast into fetid areas of 'Chapapote'.

Even animals have been affected by the thick oil and many fish and birds have died after being covered by the viscous liquid. Officials speculate that the clean-up could take years.

The fishing and harvesting of the region's rich shellfish resources have been stopped along nearly 500 kilometres of the Galician coast, leaving thousands of fishermen out of work and creating an inevitable effect on the entire economy.

The disaster affects ship repairers, drivers who transport the catch, and businesses where the fishermen spend their salaries, as well as restaurants and hotels used by tourists which may be ruined by such terrible damage to Galicia's beautiful scenery of mountains, forests and wild beaches.

The incident has provoked a dispute between Britain and Spain. Spain accuses London of failing to properly inspect the ship on its previous trips to Gibraltar, a responsibility Britain refuses to accept.

E.U. legislation taking effect in 2005 would have stopped the single-hulled ship entering waters of European Union member states.

## **Glossary:**

Hulled: The hull of a ship is the external part of it.

**1.- Based on the ideas of the text, answer the following questions using your own words as far as possible. (25 words maximum each.) (2 points)**

- a) – Why can the Prestige incident be considered an ecological disaster?
- b) – Apart from the ecological impact, what other effects has the accident had in Galicia?

**2.- Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1 point)**

- a) – The effects of the Prestige incident will disappear in a couple of months.
- b) – Britain recognizes that the Prestige was not well inspected before its trip to Gibraltar.

**3.- Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)**

- a) – picturesque
- b) – speculate
- c) – scenery
- d) – provoked
- e) – dispute
- f) – properly

**4.- Write down three grammatically correct and meaningful sentences by matching both columns. ONLY THREE of them are correct. (1.5 points)**

Most fishermen, who were used to	of not responding to the oil spill in an effective manner.
Some tourists can be afraid to	have travelled to Galicia for clean the beaches.
After the accident, many people from others regions and countries	collecting big amounts of mussels, have lost their jobs.
Many political parties have accused the authorities	eat sea products in case they are contaminated.

**5.- Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (4 points)**

- a) – Imagine you live in Galicia. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the effects of the Prestige disaster.
- b) – What can we do to protect the environment?

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**3.- In the list below you will find synonyms (=) antonyms (≠), sentences or definitions of the following words as they are use in the text. Choose and write ONLY THREE of them. (1.5 points)**

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| 1)- picturesque | 4)- provoked |
| 2)- speculate   | 5)- dispute  |
| 3)- scenery     | 6)- properly |

**List of answers:**

- a) – landscape
- b) – related to a picture
- c) – attractive
- d) – think
- e) – a place to represent a play
- f) – caused
- g) – rightly
- h) – argument

i) – a part of the body

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**5.- Choose ONE of the following options: (4 points)**

**A) Rewrite the following conversation in the correct order.- The underlined are the first and the last bits.**

- A. Good morning, madam, I've been told I might find accommodation here.  
A. No thanks, that's all right, I think I'll take the double room. Could I have a look at it?  
A. Does the price include lighting and heating?  
A. How much is it?  
A. One last question. Will you allow me to have animals in my room?
- B. Yes, it does but it does not include the gas for your cooking. Is there anything else you would like to know ....?  
B. Of course, would you like to follow me, please?  
B. The double room is £ 70, and the single is £ 55.  
B. I'm afraid that's impossible. Animals are not allowed here.  
B. Yes, I have a vacant double-room at the moment and I'll have two singles free after the weekend.

**B) Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics.**

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