

**PRUEBA DE ACCESO A CICLOS FORMATIVOS DE GRADO SUPERIOR Y PRUEBA DE
MADUREZ PARA EL ACCESO A LAS ENSEÑANZAS ARTÍSTICAS SUPERIORES**

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THE HIGHLAND GAMES

Think about Scotland and many will picture men in kilts. Never is this more the case than during the Highland Games. From May through September, clubs and clans compete in a series of sporting challenges across Scotland. Some games are more well-known than others, ranging from the tug o'war and hammer throw, to the shot put and the most famous of all: tossing the caber, where contestants must throw a heavy log of Scottish pine to land as upright as possible and tip over to the other side.

MEDIEVAL ORIGINS. The games date back to medieval times. Clans competed as preparation for battle. Clan chiefs were able to assess participants to select bodyguards, fighters and messengers, as well as entertainers to keep them amused in their free time. They used everyday items that were easily found, such as stones and logs, and these are still used a millennium later!

BLAIR CASTLE. Clans still exist today, preserving tradition but without any political power. They compete in the games proudly wearing their tartan colours. Over one hundred games are held during the season, starting with the Atholl Gathering at Blair Castle in Perthshire. The Atholl Highlanders are Europe's last remaining private army, acting as personal bodyguard to the Duke of Atholl, chief of the Clan Murray. They begin the games with the March On, an impressive parade of pipes and drums.

BRAEMAR GATHERING. The most famous event is the Braemar Gathering in Aberdeenshire. Patronised by royalty since Queen Victoria's first visit in 1848, last year's event was attended by the then-Prince Charles, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, and Princess Anne. The Braemar Highland Society's aims at including the preservation of the kilt, the language and the culture of the Highlands. It does so successfully, as the gathering –which takes place on the first Saturday of September – attracts some ten thousand visitors every year.

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PROUD SCOTSMEN. While contestants must be members of the Royal Scottish Highland Games Association, which is the official governing body, anyone is welcome to go and watch. The games are an unforgettable experience of a true celebration of Highland culture and tradition, with craft stalls, bagpipe music, local delicacies, whisky, dancing and, of course, big men in kilts throwing heavy objects.

Speak Up # 457 – Sept 2023

1.- Choose the best answer according to the text: (1,5 point)

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| <p>1. A word for Scottish males is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Membersb. Chiefsc. Scotsmend. Warriors <p>2. You can always hearat a Scottish parade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Pipes and drumsb. Drums and guitarsc. Violins and drumsd. Pipes and pianos <p>3. What is the official governing body to be able to become a contestant of the Highland Games?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The British Royal Familyb. The Royal Scottish Highland Games Associationc. The Atholl Gatheringd. The Braemar Highland Society | <p>4. What special clothes do clans wear?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Colourful garmentsb. Elegant suitsc. Beautiful coatsd. Tartan kilts <p>5. How long ago have the Highland Games been celebrated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Since 1848b. Two centuries agoc. A millennium agod. A decade ago <p>6. How many visitors does the Braemar Gathering attract every year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. One hundredb. One hundred thousandc. One thousandd. Ten thousand |
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2.- According to the text, are these sentences true or false? Answer (1,5 point)

1. The Braemar Highland society aims to preserve the language and the culture of the Highlands. True False

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| 2. In tossing the caber, two groups of contestants must pull at opposite ends of a rope until one drags the other over a central line. | True | False |
| 3. The Highland Games take place from January to May. | True | False |
| 4. Stones and logs are still used in the Highland Games. | True | False |
| 5. In Perthshire, more than two hundred games are held at Blair Castle. | True | False |
| 6. Three members of the British Royal Family visited the Braemar Gathering. | True | False |

3.- Find in the text: (1 point)

- a) a word meaning “a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick, walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases a moat”: _____
- b) a word meaning “a heavy log of pine or tree trunk”: _____
- c) one word meaning “female monarch or ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth”: _____
- d) one word meaning “a person or group of people employed to escort and protect an important or famous person”: _____

4.- Complete the sentences with the correct answer (2 points):

- a) The first historical reference to Highland Games-type events in Scotland was _____ (make) during the reign of King Malcolm III (1057-1093)
- b) There are _____ 100 Highland Games in Scotland every year.
of / with / as / around
- c) Hollywood actor Ewan McGregor was appointed Chieftain of the Crieff Highland Games _____ 2001.
of / in / at / with
- d) All competitors competing in heavy events at official Highland Games must _____ a kilt. (verb)

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5.- Write a composition (125-150 words) about the following topic: (4 points)

Description of an important sport competition in your country and how it is organized.