

**Questions about rules and regulations.**

- 1. What are some rules at your workplace? Which rules do you (dis)agree with? Can you think of a new rule you would like to have at your workplace? Is there a rule you hate?**

**As far as I'm concerned**, you are **not allowed to** smoke inside the buildings at my workplace. **In fact**, you can't even smoke close to the building, so you have to walk around the corner if you want to go for a cigarette.

**If I could** make a new rule, **I would** make it **compulsory** to leave your phone on the table far away from **your reach** to avoid using it.

- 2. What would happen if we didn't have rules, for example, at school? In society?**

Well, I think if we didn't have rules, society would not exist. People would not **behave** properly in some cases and **hell would break loose** over the simplest of situations.

- 3. What is your opinion on uniforms?**

**If you ask me**, uniforms are a way to identify as a member of a specific group of people or an institution. **In spite of this**, I don't think it should be compulsory to wear a uniform in the workplace, **since** it can make people uncomfortable or even embarrassed, depending on the uniform they have to wear.

- 4. What rule would you like to make?**

**Oh, well, If I could, I would** make it **obligatory** for people to stop smoking in public places, **given that** it can be very **tedious** to sit at a bar terrace and have someone beside you smoking.

- 5. What's your opinion on the legal age to vote in Spain?**

**As far as I'm concerned**, the legal age to vote in Spain is quite correct, **even if** some people are not mature enough to make informed decisions concerning politics. **Nevertheless**, increasing the minimum age would affect some people who are already prepared to use their reasoning **in order to** elect the political leaders of the country.

- 6. Does everyone in society follow the same rules?**

**From my point of view**, not everyone in society follows the same rules and it is because **money always talks**. People who have more money are **more likely** to avoid jail time and can pay fines easier than people **whose** income is lower.

- 7. What are some rules for driving? A sports event? A doctor's office?**

**When it comes to driving**, the most important rule to **take into consideration** is respecting the traffic signals. Stopping at red lights and allowing pedestrians to walk through the crosswalks are some examples. At an sports event, **you must** have all your water bottles uncapped and at the doctor's office, **you must** wait for your turn.

**8. Unwritten rules for a wedding? Meeting a person you like?**

**There are plenty** of unwritten rules for a wedding but, above all, you should respect the groom and the bride and be polite to people who **attend** the event. Moreover, **you should not** wear a white dress and it is advisable to **cut down** on the **alcohol intake** to avoid **awkward** situations.

**9. In the US people can get married at 16, vote at 18 and drink alcohol when they are 21. Do you think this makes sense? Discuss**

**To me**, it makes no sense to allow people to drive before they are responsible **enough** to vote. **This is due to the fact that** a car can be difficult to operate and putting that responsibility on teenagers can be **quite** intimidating.

**10. What are the rules and regulations about smoking in public places in Spain?**

In Spain, **you can't** smoke inside public buildings. In fact, you shouldn't even smoke in some private buildings if the owner doesn't tell **otherwise**, like houses and apartment buildings.

**11. At what time should teenagers get home in the evenings?**

**It depends on** their age and the place where they live. If they live in a big city with **loads of** dangerous places and the risk of something bad happening to them **past a certain hour**, they should be home earlier than if they live in a **quiet, not very busy** town in which everyone knows each other and the risks are lower.