

Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1 h.30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario. c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas. d) Los alumnos deberán realizar completa una de las dos opciones A o B, sin poder mezclar las respuestas.

OPTION B: THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- 1 The Olympic Games, which we enjoy so much nowadays, have a deep, rich history. Although legends trace them
2 all the way back to around 776 BC, historians have many differing opinions about when the Games actually began.
3 Early on, the Olympic Games were not only a time to show off physical skill, but they were also an occasion when the
4 people of Greece offered a variety of sacrifices to their mythical gods, including Zeus. As the Olympic Games
5 experienced growth and many more games were added to be played, the time period of the competitions lengthened,
6 and soon became an event that lasted for four consecutive days.
7 After twelve centuries, when the Romans came to power, the Games were banned for being sacrilegious and
8 offending to Christianity. However, the nineteenth century brought about a revival of the Olympiads. It was in Paris, in
9 1894, when it was finally decided that they would officially take place again, with them starting out in their place of
10 origin - Athens. The first modern Olympics, the largest sporting event ever held on an international level until then,
11 occurred in 1896. With almost 250 athletes participating in these games, they were such a great success all over the
12 world that it was decided to hold them every four years, as in the ancient times. Paris hosted the second edition in
13 1900 and they became even more popular.
14 Today the Olympic Games have developed into one of the biggest sporting highlights across the world, with 213
15 countries participating in Rio. These games bring the people from many countries together in a way that nothing else
16 has been able to do.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. The ancient Olympic Games...

- (a) were just a sporting event. (b) were also a kind of religious celebration.
(c) were a military event. (d) were celebrated in Rome.

2. The first modern Olympic Games...

- (a) took place in Paris. (b) attracted people from 250 countries.
(c) started in 1894. (d) gained popularity worldwide.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. There is general agreement on the date the first Olympic Games took place.

4. The earliest editions of the Games were four days long.

5. The Olympics were forbidden for religious reasons hundreds of years later.

6. It isn't known how often the ancient Olympics were held.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "really" (adverb).

7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "allow" (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the process of becoming popular, active or important again."

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "causing disapproval or annoyance."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

9.1. "I wish I... (study) harder for my last exam."

9.2. "I can't get used to... (live) in such a small place."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

10.1. "Alaska is the... (less / least / fewest / little) populated state in the USA."

10.2. "People are very... (keen / ashamed / concerned / interested) about the damage to the environment."

11. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: "You needn't to buy a ticket for park here."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "The people of Greece offered a variety of sacrifices to Zeus."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "Mary told her children not to get up so early because they didn't have to go to school."

14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "My eyes were tested by the optician." I had...

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Practising sports or playing videogames? Discuss.