

INGLES
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INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

TIEMPO: 1 hora y 30 minutos

INSTRUCCIONES: 1. Lea **todo el texto** cuidadosamente
2. Lea atentamente **todas las preguntas** de la prueba.
3. Proceda a responder en **lengua inglesa** a las preguntas en el papel de examen.

PUNTUACIÓN: La puntuación máxima de la prueba es de 10 puntos.

The Bermuda Islands

Many visitors have been attracted to the string-of-pearl island of Bermuda ever since Spanish explorer Juan de Bermudez sailed by these luxuriant volcanic islands in 1511. As the story goes, Juan "came, saw, left his name and fled". He did not dare to venture close to shore because of the surrounding coral reefs- the world's top scuba-diving¹ destination today-, which were a dreadful sight to 16 th century sailors.

One of thee first to set foot on Bermuda was accidental British "tourist" Henry May, whose French vessel was snared by the Bermudian coral reefs and ran aground on them in 1593. Nevertheless, the most famous fortuitous visitors were the shipwrecked passengers of a flagship that was sailing to Virginia in 1609, under the command of British Admiral Sir George Somers with the mission to rescue starving colonists in there. The Sea Venture, as his flagship was called, hit one of the reefs and could not sail any further. Somers claimed the islands for Britain, and a passenger's account of the shipwreck that was read by Shakespeare is believed to have to have inspired him to write The tempest.

Today the main force working to attract visitors to Bermuda is the Ministry of Tourist, whose tireless minister, D.H. Allen, has launched a promotion campaign. Mr. Allen's aim is to mend the previous government's neglect of the islands' main industry and to restore Bermuda to its former glory as an elite vacation site for educated tourists who want more that just sun and sand.

¹ Scuba-diving: "buceo".

QUESTIONS

1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) The origin of the islands' name is unknown. **FALSE.**
"....Spanish explorer Juan de Bermudez..... As the story goes, Juan came, saw, left his name and fled".
- b) Tourism has always been a flourishing sector in Bermuda. **FALSE.**
" Mr. Allen's aim is to mend the previous government's neglect of the islands' main industry and to restore Bermuda to its former glory ..."

Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the test answer these questions.

- a) Why is Shakespeare mentioned in the test?
Because a survivor's narration of the shipwreck it's supposed to be the source of inspiration for Shakespeare's The Tempest.
- b) What can Bermuda offer to visitors nowadays?
Currently Bermuda is the most important place for practicing scuba-diving and also offers to tourists much more than just a sunny beach.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words or phrases.

- a) trapped (paragraph 2) snared
- b) hungry (paragraph 2) **starving**
- c) loss or destruction of a ship at sea (paragraph 2) shipwreck
- d) initiated (paragraph 3) **launched**

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given:

- a) How **far** is Bermuda from the mainland? It is about 570 miles **from** Cape Hatteras on the east coast of the United States.
- b) Bermuda, **its** official language is English, has been a British colony **since** the 17 th century.
- c) I would not mind **to visit** (visit) the islands sometime, if I **had** (have) plenty of time and money.
- d) Bermuda consists of a group of 120 islands but only about twenty **are inhabited** (inhabit). The largest one **is called** (call) Great Bermuda.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5. Write about 100 to 150 words on ONE of the following topics.

- a) What would your daily life be like if you were the first and only inhabitant on an Island?

First of all I think that if I were the first and only inhabitant on an island my daily life would be very quiet and very boring. I would wake up very late because when you are the only inhabitant of the place you don't have to wake up early to go to work (no work and no boss, that's great). I suppose that the main problem I could have would be finding food. However, to find some fruit tree in an island wouldn't be very hard and I could fish something in the shore. In short, all day sleeping and searching for food. For now I prefer to stay at home.

- b) Describe any sea adventure you have read or been told about.

The Queen of the Seven Seas (that was the name of the ship) sailed from London to Boston on a cold and windy day of November in 1927. There were more than two hundred passengers on board most of them women and children. They say that one of the most ancient sailors saw a big black crow flying around the ship before it left the dock. For sailors this kind of birds are always a sign of bad luck and announce a forthcoming disaster or tragedy. The ship disappeared when it was half way from its destiny. No trace of the boat or the passengers was found. They also say that people that have sailed through the same route years later have heard strange noises in the middle of the sea, like women or children crying.

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