



Dirección Xeral de Educación, Formación Profesional e Innovación Educativa

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Exercicio	1º, de materias comúns
Parte	3
Exame de	Lingua estranxeira, inglés I e II

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1. Formato da proba

Formato

- A proba consta de cinco preguntas.
La prueba consta de cinco preguntas
- A cualificación de cada pregunta aparece a carón de cada unha delas.
La calificación de cada pregunta aparece al lado de cada una de ellas.

Duración

- Este exercicio terá unha duración máxima dunha hora.
Este ejercicio tendrá una duración máxima de una hora.



2. Exercicio

Texto

Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

Born in Portsmouth, England, Dickens grew up in a paradise of small prosperity. His family's moderate wealth provided him with some private education. This situation came to an end in 1824 when his father, who had a poor head for finances, was sent to prison for debt. Then the 12- year- old boy left school to work in a factory. To help the family he continued working as a clerk in a law firm and also studied at night after work. At 17 he found a job as a court reporter at the House of Commons. In 1833 he became a newspaper reporter and began writing under the pen name "Boz". In 1836, his first book, a collection of short stories, was published and he became editor of a monthly magazine. That year he married Catherine Hogarth. The couple had ten children.

Most of his novels (*The Pickwick Papers*, *Oliver Twist*..) were published in monthly sections in a newspaper, a format which allowed Dickens to evaluate the public's reaction. He often modified his plot and character development based on the readers' opinions. His novels were works of social commentary. He was a fierce critic of the poverty caused by Victorian society's strict class structure. He often used people from his real life as characters in his books: his father was said to be Mr. Micawber in *David Copperfield* and the character of Mrs. Nickleby was patterned after his mother. The character of David Copperfield was patterned after Dickens himself.

Dickens eventually became successful around the world and travelled to Europe and America to give readings from his books. In 1845 he formed his own amateur theatrical company, personally choosing the actors and supervising the performances. He died in 1870, leaving his final book "*The Mystery of Edwin Drood*" uncompleted. Dickens was the most popular novelist of his time and remains one of the best known and most read of English authors. His works have never gone out of print and have been adapted continuously for the screen since the invention of cinema, with at least 200 motion pictures and TV adaptations. On the other hand, many distinguished writers such as Oscar Wilde, Henry James and Virginia Woolf complained of superficial writing and too much sugary sentimentalism.



1. Write a summary of the text in English (50 words, 2 points).

2. Find words in the text similar in meaning to the following (1 point; 0.25 each).

- A** Let (*paragraph 2*).
- B** Business (*paragraph 1*).
- C** Lament, criticism (*paragraph 3*).
- D** Fortunate, celebrity (*paragraph 3*).

3. Complete the second sentence without changing the meaning (2 points; 0.5 each).

- A** He often used people from his real life as characters in his books.
People from his real life...
- B** To help the family he continued working.
He continued working so that...
- C** Then the 12-year-old boy left school to work in a factory.
When...
- D** He died in 1830, leaving his final book uncompleted.
If he hadn't died so soon...

4. Answer the following questions (2 points; 1 point each).

- A** Name the jobs Charles Dickens had.
- B** Give some characteristics of Dickens' style.

5. Writing (100 words; 3 points).

A book or film that influenced you for life.