



Instrucciones:

- a) Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.
b) La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

NOAH'S ARK

Mount Ararat, perhaps the biblical resting place of Noah's ark, attracts many curious explorers. Few are allowed to scale the mountain's heights, however, as it lies in a Turkish military zone. Even if the ark existed, some archaeologists argue, it is unlikely that the wood from the boat would still be preserved today, thousands of years later: moving ice is likely to have swept away any wooden structure.

Explorers have long searched for the ark on the Turkish mountain. In April businessman Peter Jones announced a planned summer expedition to Mount Ararat. The project, he said, would prove that the legendary Noah's ark was buried there. The announcement received generous news coverage. But the U.S. \$800,000 expedition quickly ran into problems: the Turkish government refused to grant the explorers permission to climb the mountain.

At a news conference, Jones presented satellite images, which, he claimed, show Noah's ark hidden in the ice some 4,570 metres up the mountain. Most experts, however, were sceptical. The object in the images could easily be a rock formation, they said, adding that some of the photos were non-scientific and unclear. Some archaeologists charge that "Noah's-ark expeditions are a waste of time and money—all of which could be put to much better use by supporting existing excavations around the world."

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

a) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (1 point per answer)

- 1) Which obstacle will the explorers probably face before starting an expedition to Mount Ararat?
2) Why did some archaeologists consider Mr. Jones' expedition useless?

b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)

- 3) Meteorological elements may have affected the preservation of the ark.
4) Peter Jones actually went on an expedition to Mount Ararat in summer.
5) Jones' planned expedition hardly appeared in the mass media.
6) Lots of experts did not trust the photographs that had been taken.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

7) Give a noun with the same root as CURIOUS (adjective) (line 1). (0.25 points)

8) Find in the text the word which has the following definition: (0.25 points)
"to discuss, to give reasons about a matter in debate" (verb)

9) Give one opposite for HIDE (verb) (line 10). (0.25 points)

10) Find in the text one opposite for REPEL (verb) (0.25 points)

11) Fill in the gap with a correct form of the verb in brackets. (0.5 points)

Sheila (keep) _____ her engagement ring in a secret place last month.

12) Join the following sentences using a relative. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)

Archaeologists have been working hard on an excavation site. Some Roman vases have been found there.

13) Complete the following conditional sentence: (0.5 points)

If Noah's ark were discovered on Mount Ararat, ...

14) Use the words in the boxes to make a meaningful sentence. Use all and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

15) WRITE A COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS). CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.

- a) Should public money be spent on expensive scientific projects? Why?
b) Do you like playing risky sports? Why?



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b) Aunque esta prueba sea sólo un ejercicio, por favor atégase a los criterios de corrección redactados por la Ponencia de Inglés de Andalucía.

NOAH'S ARK
SOLUCIONES

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

- a) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (1 point per answer)
- 1) Which obstacle will the explorers probably face before starting an expedition to Mount Ararat?
THEY MAY NOT OBTAIN OFFICIAL PERMISSION FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE THE AREA.
- 2) Why did some archaeologists consider Mr. Jones' expedition useless?
BECAUSE, THEY SAID, THE EXPEDITION WAS NOT WORTH THE TIME AND THE MONEY DEVOTED TO IT SINCE NO SCIENTIFIC PROOF WAS GIVEN.
- b) ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points per answer)
- 3) Meteorological elements may have affected the preservation of the ark.
TRUE: "Moving ice is likely to have swept away any wooden structure" (l. 4)
- 4) Peter Jones actually went on an expedition to Mount Ararat in summer.
FALSE: "the Turkish government refused to grant the explorers permission to climb the mountain." (l. 8-9)
- 5) Jones' planned expedition hardly appeared in the mass media.
FALSE: "The announcement received generous news coverage" (l. 7)
- 6) Lots of experts did not trust the photographs that had been taken.
TRUE: "Most experts, however, were sceptical" (l. 11)

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- 7) Give a noun with the same root as CURIOUS (adjective) (line 1). CURIOSITY, CURIOSNESS (0.25 points)
- 8) Find in the text the word which has the following definition: (0.25 points)
"to discuss, to give reasons about a matter in debate" (verb) ARGUE (l. 3)
- 9) Give one opposite for HIDE (verb) (line 10). SHOW, DISPLAY, DISCLOSE, DISCOVER, REVEAL, EXHIBIT, UNCOVER, UNMASK, UNVEIL, UNWRAP (0.25 points)
- 10) Find in the text one opposite for REPEL (verb). ATTRACT (line 1) (0.25 point)
- 11) Fill in the gap with a correct form of the verb in brackets. (0.5 points)
Sheila (keep) ___KEPT___ her engagement ring in a secret place last month.
- 12) Join the following sentences using a relative. Make changes if necessary. (0.5 points)
Archaeologists have been working hard on an excavation site. Some Roman vases have been found there.
ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON AN EXCAVATION SITE WHERE / IN WHICH SOME ROMAN VASES HAVE BEEN FOUND.
- 13) Complete the following conditional sentence: (0.5 points)
If Noah's ark were discovered on Mount Ararat, THAT PLACE WOULD BECOME AN IMPORTANT ATTRACTION FOR TOURISTS
- 14) Use the words in the boxes to make a meaningful sentence. Use all and only the words in the boxes without changing their form. (0.5 points)

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