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INTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

TIEMPO: Una hora. Se recomienda dedicar cuarenta minutos para responder a las preguntas 1, 2, 3 y 4, y veinte minutos para la número 5.

Puntuación máxima: 10 puntos.

INTRUCCIONES:

1. Haga una primera lectura cuidadosa del texto y de las preguntas.
2. Lea una segunda vez y conteste a las preguntas.
3. Conteste en LENGUA INGLESA.
4. Escriba sus respuestas en el cuadernillo de examen respetando el orden de las preguntas.

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

On 27 October 1954 a football match in Florence came to a halt when unidentified flying objects were spotted above the stadium. Did aliens come to earth? If not, what were they?

Ten thousand fans were watching Fiorentina playing against Pistoiese. But just after half-time the stadium fell silent; then, a roar went up from the crowd. The spectators were looking up at the sky, fingers pointing. The players stopped playing. One of the footballers said: "I remember everything from A to Z. It was something that looked like an egg that was moving slowly and there was some glitter coming down from the sky, silver glitter." The incident at the stadium cannot simply be interpreted as mass hysteria since there were numerous UFO sightings in many towns across Tuscany that day.

At the same time the UFOs were seen over Florence there was a strange, sticky substance falling from above. Various witnesses described it as similar to cotton, the substance was hard to collect because it disintegrated on contact. A respected scientist from the University of Florence ventured out to investigate. He gathered several samples by rolling them up on a matchstick and took them to his lab. The analysis concluded that it contained the elements silicon, calcium and magnesium, and that it was not radioactive. Unfortunately, this did not provide any conclusive answers and the material was destroyed in the process.

Could it have come from a UFO? It all remains a mystery, but those who were there were convinced that what they saw was unlike anything on earth.

Adapted from Richard Padula's "The Day UFOs Stopped Play" *BBC News*, 24 October 2014 <<https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-29342407>>.

QUESTIONS

1. Look at the following statements. Write T for true, F for false, and DK (don't know) if you cannot tell from the text. If it is true or false, copy the evidence from the text.

- a. Only two dozen people could see the UFOs during the football march.
- b. The strange objects could be seen in other parts of Italy.
- c. The UFOs that were hovering over the stadium emitted no noise whatsoever.

(Calificación máxima: 3 puntos; no se obtendrán puntos por responder tan sólo T o F; se descontará medio punto por cada respuesta incorrecta)

2. Based on the ideas from the text, fill in the table below.

The strange substance coming from the sky ...
a) What was it like?
b) What did a scientist do with it?

(Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

3. Find the words or phrases in the text that mean:

- a. stop (paragraph 1)
- b. bright flashes of reflected light (paragraph 2)
- c. a lot of (paragraph 2)
- d. give (paragraph 3)

(Calificación máxima: 1 punto)

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

- a. I decided _____ (spend) my free time studying UFO sightings instead of _____ (read) science fiction novels.
- b. More UFOs _____ (see) in our skies in 1954 _____ any other year.
- c. Nick: "What would happen to humans _____ aliens were discovered?"
Sue: "It would change our lives _____ ever".
- d. The scientist from the University of Florence, _____ was a UFO expert, believed that all UFO reports were clearly not the result _____ extraterrestrial activity.

(Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)

5. Write about 60 to 100 words on ONE of the following topics. Do not copy from the text.

- a. Do you believe that there is life on other planets? Why? / Why not?
- b. Are governments doing enough to find out about UFOs? Justify your answer.

(Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)