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**MATERIA: INGLÉS**



**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.**

**INSTRUCCIONES:**

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.

**Funny beyond Death**

Any excellent joke surprises the audience, and that was certainly the case when one man made a last joke at his own funeral. Yes, he actually arranged for a pre-planned, posthumous comedy bit from beyond the grave that has become viral.

As people gathered on Saturday in Kilmanagh, Ireland, to pay their respects to Shay Bradley, an Irish Defence Forces veteran, they were in for a surprise. That's because attendants actually heard his voice screaming to let him out via a recording as his coffin was lowered into the ground. "Let me out!" he screamed (via speaker). And this man certainly knew his audience. Laughter immediately was heard throughout the group of people attending the burial. His language was colorful, which is to be expected of this kind of character, and it looks like each and every family member appreciated the funny gag.

"I was asked a question the other day: what's the difference between military humour and Civilian Humour? It's simple: it's black. This video should say it all," the Irish Defence Forces Veterans News shared on Facebook. Thousands of commenters also mentioned they appreciated this type of joke, sharing that they have had similar experience saying farewell to other persons who decided to give people a good time at their funerals.

It's the sort of joke a young person might come up with, which means this man never lost his joy of living. What a way to go from this world. Fun-loving until the very end and beyond.

Adapted from "Man Made Everyone Bust Into Laughs at His Funeral With a Very Lighthearted Surprise", *Time* < <https://time.com/5699669/funeral-funny-recording/>>

**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. Shay Bradley had been in the Army.
  - b. At first, people attending the funeral did not understand what was happening.
  - c. This is the first time somebody prepares a joke for his own funeral.
- (Calificación máxima: 3 puntos; no se obtendrán puntos por responder tan sólo To F; se descontará medio punto por cada respuesta incorrecta)**

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

Characteristics of good humour
a) In general:
b) Military humour:

**(Calificación máxima: 1 punto)**

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

- a. very good (paragraph 1)
- b. surely (paragraph 1)
- c. relative (paragraph 2)
- d. liked (paragraph 3)

**(Calificación máxima: 1 punto)**

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

- a. The crowd burst \_\_\_\_\_ laughter \_\_\_\_\_ the clown came onto the scene.
- b. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at Shay Bradley's funeral last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a real fright!
- c. There is no such thing \_\_\_\_\_ universal humour: each culture has \_\_\_\_\_ own.
- d. I find British jokes \_\_\_\_\_ (funny) than the \_\_\_\_\_ we tell in Spain.

**(Calificación máxima: 2 puntos)**

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

- a. "Humour doesn't travel well, because it is influenced by culture." Do you agree? Justify your answer.
- b. What was the last family gathering you went to? Describe it and explain whether it was memorable in any way.

**(Calificación máxima: 3 puntos)**