

ACCESO MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS-UNIVERSIDAD REY JUAN CARLOS-AÑO 2011-INGLÉS RESUELTO

## OPCIÓN A

### QUESTIONS

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

a. The Homo floresiensis lived on earth much earlier than the Homo sapiens. **FALSE**  
 “Archaeologists have recently discovered the skeleton of a new and very small human species that lived on Flores Island in Indonesia. At the same time, our ancestors, the *Homo sapiens*, were colonising the world”

b. A volcanic eruption was perhaps the reason for the disappearance of our hobbit ancestor. **TRUE**  
 “The hobbit-like species ... most likely disappeared after a volcanic eruption”

c. Scientists are not interested in knowing why the hobbits were so small. **FALSE**  
 “Researchers are anxious to investigate how and why the hobbits came to be so small”

d. Experts now think that you need a special brain size to do intelligent things. **FALSE**  
 “experts believe that the whole idea that you need a particular brain size to do anything intelligent has completely disappeared with this discovery”

(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

a. Why did the species Homo floresiensis become so small?

Over thousands of years, the species became smaller due to environmental conditions and to the fact that islands provide a scarce food supply.

b. Describe the physical aspect and the intellectual abilities of the Homo floresiensis.

The hobbit-like species grew no larger than a meter tall... most extreme human ever discovered. Physically, they were about the size of a three-year old modern human child, but with a brain only one-third as large. Despite their small brains, they used fire for cooking, hunted dwarf elephants and manufactured sophisticated stone tools and hid from huge Komodo dragons.

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words in the text that mean:

a. found (paragraph 1) DISCOVERED

b. little (paragraph 1) SMALL

c. bigger (paragraph 1) LARGER

d. probably (paragraph 1) LIKELY

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e. gigantic (paragraph 3) HUGE

f. totally (paragraph 3) COMPLETELY

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

a. My brother, WHO is a scientist, TRAVELLED (travel) last year to Indonesia.

b. I want TO READ (read) The Lord of the Rings. It is BETTER (good) than Harry Potter.

c. If you VISIT (visit) Atapuerca next week, you WILL LEARN (learn) many interesting things.

d. The researchers travelled WITH other experts TO Bali.

e. I like STUDING (study) ancient cultures. The book THAT I am reading is about Atapuerca.

(Puntuación máxima 2,5 puntos)

## OPCIÓN B

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

a. The oldest pet cat lived around the same time as the Egyptians. **False.** "This animal lived 4,000 years before the ancient Egyptians"

b. Cats were important in the day-to day lives as well as in life after death of the inhabitants of Cyprus. **True.** "The burial of this animal with a human makes a strong case that cats had a special place in their daily lives, and in the afterlives of the people on the island"

c. Scientists find it easy to distinguish between wild and pet cats. **False.** "Plus, pet cats are physically very similar to wild cats, so it's hard to tell whether bones come from a pet cat or a wild one"

d. Cats became pets earlier than dogs. **False.** "Dogs appear to have been pets much earlier than cats. Scientists have found evidence of pet dogs from 12,000 years ago"

(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

a. According to the text, what was the relationship between the ancient Egyptians and cats? Ancient Egyptians kept cats as companions, worshiped them as gods, and used them for pest control. Egyptians even made some of their cats into mummies when they died

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b. Why do scientists believe that the cat buried on Cyprus was a pet cat? This cat was different. It was buried just 40 centimeters from a human and both the human and the cat were buried with seashells, polished stones and other items.

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words in the text that mean:

- a. found (paragraph 1) DISCOVERED
- b. investigator (paragraph 1) RESEARCHER
- c. if (paragraph 2) WHETHER
- d. difficult (paragraph 2) HARD
- e. objects (paragraph 2) ITEMS
- f. specialists (paragraph 3) EXPERTS

(Puntuación máxima 1,5 puntos)

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

- a. Cats have BETTER (good) night vision than dogs, but dogs are MORE INTELLIGENT (intelligent).
- b. I ADOPTED (adopt) a dog last year and I GIVE (give) it a bath every Saturday.
- c. In a lot of Asian countries, cats ARE USED (use) as food, but in Europe we DON'T EAT (not eat) cats or dogs.
- d. If he BUYS (buy) a dog, he WILL HAVE TO (have to) walk it every day.
- e. Researchers want TO INVESTIGATE (investigate) how pets LIVED (live) in ancient times.

(Puntuación máxima 2,5 puntos)