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Ejercicio de: **INGLÉS**

Tiempo disponible: 1 h. 30 m.

Se valorará el uso de vocabulario y la notación científica. Los errores ortográficos, el desorden, la falta de limpieza en la presentación y la mala redacción, podrán suponer una disminución hasta de un punto en la calificación, salvo casos extremos.

PUNTUACIÓN QUE SE OTORGARÁ A ESTE EJERCICIO: (véanse las distintas partes del examen)

Surviving in the Arctic

Down through history, it has generally been the case that those explorers and settlers who took the trouble to study, learn, and adopt the survival and travel methods of wilderness natives succeeded where others did not. The foreigner sees wilderness where the native sees home –it is no surprise that indigenous peoples possess the best knowledge of how to recognize and use resources present in the wilderness environment.

To the eye of the urban citizen, an Arctic landscape is desolate, resourceless, and impassable. Yet, to the Eskimo it is rich. Thus, during the nineteenth century, the British Navy sent flotillas of steam-powered warships, at great expense, to explore the Canadian Arctic for the Northwest Passage. Loaded with coal and supplies, these expeditions would battle forward against the ice packs for several years at a time, until shortages would force their returning back home or even cause the entire crew to perish.

Other explorers, however, would adopt the methods of the natives, with more success. They would wear the same clothes and eat the same food. They would live in igloos and hunt with the same methods. For them, life in the Arctic had more meaning than for previous explorers, because the Arctic was really a full new world.

1. Add True or False, quoting the relevant information from the text to justify your answer. (3 points)

1. The Eskimo think that the Arctic environment is of no use.
2. The British ships had great success in their exploration of the Arctic in the 19th century.
3. No explorers could live in the Arctic.

2. Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Use your own words. (2 points)

1. Did natives have to learn from the British how to survive in the Arctic lands?
2. When normal people from cities go to the Arctic, everything looks to them full of life and accessible.

3. Complete the following sentences. The meaning should be the same as that of the sentence above. (2 points)

1. To me, this scenery is desolate. Yet, to the Eskimo it is rich. Although, to me, (...)
2. "I never liked the Arctic landscape", she said to me. She told (...)
3. Explorers didn't know how to do things well, so they failed. If explorers (...)
4. The foreigner sees wilderness where the native sees home. Whereas the foreigner (...)

4. Write a composition with the following title (80-120 words) (3 points):

Travel and exploration in today's world.