INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y CALIFICACIÓN

Después de leer atentamente los textos y las cuestiones siguientes, el alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones propuestas y responder en INGLÉS a las cuestiones de la opción elegida.

CALIFICACIÓN: Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos.

TIEMPO: 90 minutos.

Vampire Child

Archaeologists have discovered the body of a 10-year-old child at an ancient Roman site which provides evidence of ancient "vampire burials". A rock was inserted into the mouth of the child as part of a funeral ritual to prevent the deceased child from rising from the grave and spreading malaria, researchers believe. The unusual so-called "vampire burial" was described as "extremely mysterious" by the American archeologists who have been excavating the site in Teverina since 1987.

The find was unearthed at La Necropoli dei Bambini, an Italian cemetery that dates back to a malaria outbreak in 400 AD which killed many vulnerable babies and small children in the area. Previous excavations at this site have revealed the bones of infants and toddlers. There were also objects associated with witchcraft and magic, including raven talons, toad bones, bronze cauldrons filled with ash and the remains of puppies that appear to have been sacrificed.

Researchers had previously believed that the cemetery was designated exclusively for babies, toddlers and unborn fetuses, since the eldest body found had been a three-year-old girl. However, the discovery of the 10-yearold, Whose age could be measured from dental development but whose sex is unknown, suggests that it may have been a burial location for older children as well.

Excavation director said: "Given the age of this child and its unique deposition, with the rock placed within his or her mouth, it represents an anomaly within an already abnormal cemetery." "There are still sections of the cemetery that we haven't excavated yet, so we don't know if we'll find other older kids," said Mr Wilson, a doctoral student in anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Adapted from: Sky News <https://news.sky.com/story/vampire-childdiscovered-buried-in-italy-with-stone-in-mouth-11524426>

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) Researchers have been able to determine the gender and the age of the child whose body was discovered in Italy.

b) Given that every inch of the cemetery has been examined, it's unlikely that more bodies might be discovered.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

a) Why are these burials called "vampire burials"?

b) Why did so many babies and young children die in 400AD?

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:

a) stone (paragraph 1)

b) enigmatic (paragraph 1)

c) excavated (paragraph 2)

d) place (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

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

a) I don't know_____ vampires are faster _____ human beings.

b) Although people believe these scary stories are true, there is _____ evidence that vampires really _____ (exist).

c) There _____ a lot of people around today _____ claim they are true vampires.

d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

  "Stop telling me scary stories or I'll have to sleep with the lights on," my mother told me.

  My mother told me _____.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.

You and your friends decide to spend a night in the forest. Write a horror story.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)