



25TH MAY

¡Viva la patria! ¡Viva!



Read the following text.

The May Revolution happened from May 18 to 25, 1810, in Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires was the capital of the Viceroyalty of the Río de la Plata. It was a Spanish colony that included the territories of present-day Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. The result was the removal of Viceroy Baltasar Hidalgo de Cisneros and the formation of a local government now called the "Primera Junta".

The Primera Junta or First Assembly is the most common name given to the first independent government of Argentina. It was created on 25 May 1810, as a result of the events of the May Revolution. The Junta initially had representatives from only Buenos Aires.

The Open cabildo of 22 May decided to replace the viceroy with a Junta. The politically active inhabitants of Buenos Aires saw this was the best moment to establish a local government. Local politicians who wanted a change towards self-government and free commerce, argued that the King being imprisoned, sovereignty had returned to the people.



Choose the most relevant option.

1. The May Revolution took place between

- a) 18th and 22nd May 1816
- b) 18th and 25th May 1810
- c. May 22nd and 25th May 1810

2. Viceroyalty of the Río de la Plata was a Spanish colony that included ...

- a) 4 present-day countries
- b) all South American territory
- c) all the Argentinian territory

3. People wanted

- a) free commerce and self-government
- b) independence
- c) to share decisions with the Spanish

4. They gathered at Cabildo Abierto in order to....

- a) imprison the Spanish King
- b) form a local government
- c) declare war against the Spanish

5. They decided to gather and make decisions because...

- a) the king of Spain was imprisoned
- b) they were tired
- c) they were angry

6. The Junta Grande or Grand Council included...

- a) all representatives of all the colonies
- b) representatives of Buenos Aires
- c) representatives of all the provinces