



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH

2020

SURNAMES AND NAME: _____

SIGNATURE:

THE HUNGER GAMES



People say it's thrilling and superbly acted. Have you read the Hunger Games?

A literary success

The Hunger Games is a very successful book for young readers by the American author Suzanne Collins. It was published in 2008 and has sold millions of copies around the world. It is the first book for young readers to sell more than a million electronic copies. It has also been translated into 26 different languages. The Hunger Games is also now a very successful film. It made 152.5 million dollars in its first weekend in North America alone!

A fight to the death

The story takes place in the future, after the destruction of North America. The country is called Panem. There are twelve poor districts governed by the rich Capitol. The Capitol dominates the nation. Each district has to produce different things for the Capitol. District 12, where the story begins, provides all the coal for the country. There used to be a thirteenth district in the past but they rebelled against the Capitol and were destroyed.

The Hunger Games are an annual event. The Capitol uses them to punish the districts for rebelling. One boy and one girl aged 12 to 18 are chosen from each district to fight in a battle, in which only one person can survive. The chosen teenagers are called 'tributes'. The whole country is forced to watch the games on television.

The heroine is Katniss Everdeen, a 16-year-old girl. Her father worked in the mine but he died in an accident and now she has to provide food for her family. She hunts in the woods around District 12 with her friend Gale, using a bow and arrow. When her younger sister, Prim, is chosen as one of the tributes, Katniss volunteers to go instead.

Adapted from: <https://labur.eus/hungergames2020>

Reading Comprehension (7 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)

a) The Hunger Games book has been translated into different languages.

- A. not even twenty-six
- B. less than twenty-six
- C. more than twenty-six
- D. as many as twenty-six

b) The film based on the Hunger Games book

- A. was a success from the very beginning.
- B. sold more than a million electronic copies.
- C. made about 150 million dollars in a month.
- D. was not seen by many people in North America.

c) There are Hunger Games because the Capitol wants

- A. to keep districts in line.
- B. to punish the districts for rebelling.
- C. people to have this imposed entertainment.
- D. All of the above.

d) "Tributes" are

- A. the members of the Capitol.
- B. the citizens of the future North America.
- C. the people of District 12 who produce iron.
- D. residents of the 12 districts who are forced to participate in the Hunger Games.

2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)

a) What happened to District 13?

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b) Why did Katniss volunteer to take part in the Hunger Games?

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3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- writer
- only
- devastation
- revolting
- obliged

Read the text and choose the correct answer. (2 points)

SUZANNE COLLINS



Suzanne Collins was born on August (1) 1962, in Hartford, Connecticut to Jane Brady Collins and Lieutenant Colonel Michael John Collins, a U.S. Air Force officer who served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

She is the youngest of four children, who (2) Kathryn, Andrew, and Joan. As the daughter of a military officer, she and her family were constantly moving. She spent her childhood in the eastern United States.

Collins (3) from the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham in 1980 as a Theater Arts major. In 1989, Collins earned her Master of Fine Arts in dramatic writing from the New York University Tisch School of the Arts.

As a result of the (4) of *The Hunger Games* books, Collins was named one of Time magazine's most influential people of 2010. In March 2012, Amazon (5) that she had become the best-selling Kindle author of all time and also revealed that Collins had written 29 of the 100 most highlighted passages in Kindle ebooks.

Underline or circle the correct answer:

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| (1) | 10nth | 10st | 10rd | 10th |
| (2) | include | gather | collect | consist |
| (3) | graded | completed | graduated | certified |
| (4) | favour | popularity | victory | glory |
| (5) | announced | published | produced | concealed |

4.- Writing: (3 points)

Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).

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