

EXERCICI 3: PRIMERA LLENGUA ESTRANGERA - ANGLÉS I i II
EJERCICIO 3: PRIMERA LENGUA EXTRANJERA - INGLÉS I y II
(Durada / Duración: 1 hora)

Read the following text

World's Oldest Person Turns 128

Dominicans yesterday celebrated the birthday of the World's oldest living person Elizabeth (Ma Pampo) Israel, who turned 128. Unfortunately, the Guinness World record has not officially recognized Ma Pampo since they are still in the process of verifying the claim. A Baptismal certificate has been issued by the Roman Catholic Church with her birth date stated as January 27, 1875, but since it is not an official record, it cannot be used to authenticate the claim. The claim was further thrown into doubt when it was learned that at some point in her life she was called Minetta George. Guinness officials have said that it is important to clarify these various issues before the title can be conferred. Given the state of record keeping during that time in Dominica, it may be difficult to collect collaborative evidence to substantiate the claim.

Born in Portsmouth, Dominica, and the daughter of slaves, she started working on a plantation at the age of 25 and retired 79 years later. Ma Pampoo ascribes her longevity to her diet including lots of dumplings (cooked food made from flour and water) and bush tea. She has survived her husband and two children.

There are at least seventeen centenarians in Dominica (with four residing in close proximity to Ma Pampo), from a population of 70,000 making it the country with the highest concentration of centenarians per 1000 of the population. Dominica's largely untouched and unspoilt environment, which lies largely unpolluted, has been cited as the main reason for longevity on the Island.

Editor's Note: *Since the publication of this article in January 2003 Ma Pampo died in October of that year without ever being recognised as the World's Oldest Person by the Guinness Book of World Records. Unfortunately, her death came before the scientific community could confirm her age.*

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Questions

1. State in your own words what the text means by: (2 marks)

"The claim was further thrown into doubt when it was learned that at some point in her life she was called Minetta George."

2. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, according to the text. Write T or F. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it as false: (2 marks; -0.5 for each wrong answer)

- The Guinness Book of Records confirms that Ma Pampo is the oldest person on earth.
- Baptismal certificates are not considered official records.
- Guinness officials do not doubt about the accuracy of the data related to Ma Pampo.
- Dominica's environment has a decisive impact on people's health.

3. These words and expressions are found in the text: *further, issued, cited, ascribe, claim, unspoil, process, substantiate*. Choose the ones that mean the same as the following. (2 marks)

- a) validate.
- b) besides.
- c) petition.
- d) to say the reason.

4. Choose the best option (a, b or c), according to the text. Only one answer is correct. (2 marks)

4.1. Who says that Ma Pampo is the oldest person on earth?

- a) The Church.
- b) People in her country.
- c) The Guinness Book of Records.

4.2. What is Ma Pampo's explanation for her long life?

- a) She worked hard all her life.
- b) She ate lots of cooked food.
- c) She ate the right kind of food.

4.3. Ma Pampo's husband is

- a) still alive.
- b) younger than her.
- c) dead.

4.4. Why do people in Dominica live a long time? Because

- a) of the clean atmosphere.
- b) the country has a small population.
- c) the people live in a happy society.

5. Answer the question using your own words. (2 marks)

What do you do to lead a healthy life?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cada pregunta té una valoració de 2 punts. En la pregunta 2, es descompten 0,5 punts per cada resposta errònia. - Cal tindre en compte la coherència amb el tema, la correcció gramatical (morfologia, sintaxi i ortografia), la correcció en la tria del vocabulari i la capacitat de comunicació. - L'exercici es qualifica amb una puntuació numèrica entre 0 i 10 punts, sense decimals, i es consideren negatives les qualificacions inferiors a 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cada pregunta tiene una valoración de 2 puntos. En la pregunta 2, se descontarán 0,5 puntos por cada respuesta errónea. - Se tendrá en cuenta la coherencia del tema, la corrección gramatical (morfología, sintaxis y ortografía), la correcta elección del vocabulario y la capacidad de comunicación. - El ejercicio se calificará con una puntuación numérica entre 0 y 10 puntos, sin decimales, y se considerarán negativas las calificaciones inferiores a 5.