Apellidos:    Nombre:                                Fecha de nacimiento: / / /

Instrucciones:

- Lee atentamente las preguntas antes de contestar.
- La puntuación máxima de cada pregunta está indicada en cada enunciado.
- Revisa cuidadosamente la prueba antes de entregarla.

I. COMPRENSIÓN DE UN TEXTO

Jane Austen was born on 16th December 1775 at Steventon rectory. After a few months at home, her mother placed her with Elizabeth Littlewood, a woman living nearby. Elizabeth nursed and raised Austen for a year or eighteen months. In 1783, according to family tradition, Jane and her sister Cassandra went to Oxford to be educated by Mrs. Ann Cawley and they moved with her to Southampton later in the year. Both girls caught typhus and Jane nearly died. Austen was subsequently educated at home, until leaving for boarding school with her sister Cassandra early in 1785. The school curriculum probably included some French, spelling, needlework, dancing and music and, perhaps, drama. By December 1786, Jane and Cassandra had returned home because the Austens could not afford to send both of their daughters to school. After returning from school in 1786, Austen "never again lived anywhere beyond the bounds of her immediate family environment", stated one of her biographer.

Austen acquired the rest of her education by reading books, guided by her father, George, and her brothers James and Henry. George Austen apparently gave his daughters unfettered access to his large and varied library, was tolerant of Austen's experiments in writing, and provided both sisters with expensive paper and other materials for their writing and drawing. According to Park Honan, a biographer of Jane Austen, life in the Austen home was lived in "an open, amused, easy intellectual atmosphere".

Early in 1816, Jane Austen began to feel unwell. She ignored her illness at first and continued to work and to participate in the usual round of family activities. By the middle of that year, her decline was obvious to Austen and to her family, and Austen's physical condition began a long, slow, and irregular deterioration culminating in her death the following year.

After Austen's death, Cassandra and Henry Austen arranged with Murray for the publication of *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey* as a set in December 1817. Henry Austen contributed a Biographical Note which for the first time identified his sister as the author of the novels.

*Boarding school:* internado

*unfettered:* sin cadenas, sin grilletes.

1. Contesta las preguntas con la información del texto (2 puntos)

A. Why was Jane Austen educated at home until she left for boarding school?

B. Why did Park Honan said that life in the Austen home was lived in "an open, amused, easy intellectual atmosphere".

Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jane_austen
2. De acuerdo con el texto, di si las siguientes afirmaciones son verdaderas (V) o falsas (F). (2 puntos)

- Jane and Cassandra studied in a boarding school because their parents were rich. (V)
- George Austen didn't help his daughter with their education. (F)
- Austen, initially, kept doing the housework although she didn't feel well. (V)
- *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey* were posthumous publications. (V)

II. GRAMÁTICA Y VOCABULARIO

3. Responde a las siguientes cuestiones: (3 puntos)

A. **Find** in the text a **synonym** for **ADJACENT**:

B. Write the **comparative form** of **LONG**:

C. Write the **interrogative** for the underlined words: *Early in 1816, Jane Austen began to feel unwell.*

D. Write the **negative** of the following sentence: Jane and her sister Cassandra went to Oxford to be educated by Mrs. Ann Cawley.

E. Link the two sentences to form a **relative clause**.

   Jane was placed with Elizabeth Littlewood. Elizabeth nursed and raised her for a year.

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F. Complete the following sentence to make a **conditional**

If Jane hadn't caught the syphus... ..........................................................................................................

III. REDACCIÓN DE UN TEXTO

4. Escribe un texto de entre 60 y 80 palabras sobre uno de los siguientes temas: (3 puntos)

A. Imagine the life of a writer, a singer or any famous person. Write his/her biography.

B. Remember the last book you read and write your opinion about it.

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