I. COMPRENSIÓN DE UN TEXTO

Saint Patrick's Day, known colloquially as simply Paddy's Day, is an annual feast day that celebrates Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and is generally celebrated on 17 March. The day is a public holiday in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the USA, and is widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

St. Patrick's Day is very occasionally affected by other important dates. So, when 17 March is during Holy Week, as in 1940, St. Patrick's Day was moved to 3 April in order to avoid it coinciding with Palm Sunday, and again in 2008.

St. Patrick was born as Maewyn Succat during the fourth century in Britain. When Maewyn was about sixteen he was kidnapped by pirates and forced to become a slave in County Mayo in Ireland. One night he had a dream that he would escape the next day and travel back home. The next day he did just that and travelled the 200 miles back home. Once he returned, Maewyn had another dream. An angel told him to become a missionary and spread Christianity back in Ireland. He then spent the next fifteen years training to become a priest and chose Patrick as his Christian Saint name.

In 432 AD he went back to Ireland as a priest. He tried to convert the Irish people from a Pagan religion that worshipped the sun and the moon to Christianity. One of his teaching methods included using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity (the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit) to the Irish people. After nearly thirty years of teaching and spreading God's word he died on 17 March 461 AD. Soon after his death the country of Ireland decided to commemorate his death with a day of his own and thus St. Patrick's Day was born.

Originally the colour associated with St. Patrick was blue, not green. However over the years the colour green and its association with St. Patrick's Day grew. People wore green ribbons and shamrocks in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century.

Vocabulary:

1. Contesta las preguntas con la información del texto. (2 puntos)
A. Is St Patrick's Day always on the same date?

B. Why did the shamrock become associated with St Patrick?
2. De acuerdo con el texto, di si las siguientes afirmaciones son verdaderas (V) o falsas (F). (2 puntos)

- St Patrick is popular in English-speaking countries. (V)
- Patrick was an adult when he first went to Ireland. (V)
- His first dream told him to become a missionary. (F)
- St Patrick’s day was first celebrated in the 17th century. (V)

II. GRAMÁTICA Y VOCABULARIO

3. Responde a las siguientes cuestiones de vocabulario. (3 puntos 0,5 por apartado)

A. Find an example of a passive sentence in the past simple tense in the text.

B. Write an interrogative for the underlined part of the sentence: Patrick was born in Britain.

C. Complete the sentence with a relative pronoun:
   County Mayo was the place ______________ St Patrick worked as a slave.

D. Find in the text a word that matches the definition: Honour the memory of (verb):

E. Find a synonym for OBLIGED

F. Complete this type II conditional sentence.
   We ______________ (CELEBRATE) St Patrick’s Day if we ____________ (BE) religious.

III REDACCIÓN DE UN TEXTO

4. Escribe un texto de entre 40 y 60 palabras sobre uno de los siguientes temas: (3 puntos)

A. Describe a local festival.

B. Write a biography of a famous person.