



## Evaluación de Bachillerato para el Acceso a la Universidad de Castilla y León

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### OPTION A

#### J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S 'LORD OF THE RINGS'

1 When Christopher and Michael Tolkien were young, their father would tell them tales of dwarves, elves, and hobbits. But the stories weren't read from a book — they came from J.R.R. Tolkien's imagination and only his children were able to enter into the world of Middle Earth. It wasn't until Christopher  
5 critiqued his father's bad memory about details of the story that his father took a pen to paper and began recording the well-loved saga of *The Lord of the Rings* that we know today.

In the introduction to the 50th anniversary printing of *The Hobbit*, Christopher wrote: "I (then between four and five years old) was greatly  
10 concerned with consistency as the story unfolded, and on one occasion I interrupted: 'Last time, you said Bilbo's front door was blue, and you said Thorin had a gold tassel on his hood, but you've just said that Bilbo's front door was green, and the tassel on Thorin's hood was silver'; at which point my father muttered 'Damn the boy,' and then strode across the room to his  
15 desk to make a note."

As his sons grew up, they also helped him type up the stories. They even helped in the editing process. Tolkien paid his son, Christopher, two pennies for every mistake he found when reading through the manuscript.

Through his incredible relationship with his children, Tolkien found help and inspiration for the creation of one of the greatest literary works of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Why did J.R.R. Tolkien decide to write *The Lord of the Rings*?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST TWO WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. J.R.R. Tolkien used to read stories from famous books to his children.
- 2.2. J.R.R. Tolkien changed the colour of Bilbo's front door when retelling the story.
- 2.3. Christopher read the story to look for mistakes and got some money for that.

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[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) Bilbo and Thorin helped J.R.R. Tolkien write his famous book *The Lord of the Rings*.
- b) We can all enjoy reading *The Lord of the Rings* thanks to a child's determination to hear a story several times without changes.
- c) J.R.R. Tolkien was between 4 and 5 years old when he first started writing.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a story about what happens to a group of characters over a long period of time
- b) walked with long steps

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) worried
- d) murmured
- e) assistance

[5] COMPLETE TASKS **a** AND **b** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a. Change into the passive voice: "J.R.R. Tolkien wrote one of the greatest literary works of the 20<sup>th</sup> century"
- b. Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Tolkien found inspiration to write *The Lord of the Rings* in his children.

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

In which ways can fantasy books like *The Lord of the Rings* encourage children and teenagers to read more?



OPTION B

VIOLENCE AT SCHOOLS

1 My name is Susan. I am a student at James High School in Jackson. In the days since the attack that killed 12 people here, I have continued replaying those terrifying moments in my head. It began when a fire alarm went off just before school was supposed to end. People in my class had already left, and I took my backpack to evacuate. We thought nothing of it. Then I heard people running and my teacher yelling at us to get back in the class. There were lots of messages in my phone from family, asking if I was O.K. I texted my family and told them that I loved them. My friends, classmates and teachers are dead. My friend Gina is dead. I had just talked to her that morning in art class. We laughed together, we sang together, we smiled together. We will never do that again. We can't let innocent people's deaths be in vain. We need tougher gun laws. If a person is not old enough to be able to rent a car or buy a beer, then he should not be able to legally buy a weapon. This could have been prevented. If the killer had been properly treated for his mental illness, maybe this would not have happened. It's devastating that this happened on Valentine's Day, a day that's supposed to be about love. Don't let any more children suffer like we have. Next time it could be your family, your friends, your neighbors, or even you.

QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

What is the message of the person who wrote the text?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. The killing took place just when classes were supposed to begin.
2.2. The student texted her friends and told them that she loved them.

2.3. The killing could have been prevented if the killer had been examined by a doctor and treated for his mental illness.

[3] CHOOSE a, b OR c. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- Students had already left the school because...
a) it was almost closing time.
b) they wanted to go to a party.
c) their parents were waiting for them.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) giving a loud sharp cry
b) sent a message to somebody

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) siren
d) stricter
e) kids

[5] COMPLETE TASKS a AND b ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a. Complete: If weapons had been banned years ago...
b. Transform into reported speech: 'I texted my family to tell them about the killing' Begin with: Susan...

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Are people violent by nature or is violence something that we learn? Discuss.