



PRUEBA DE CERTIFICACIÓN

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MUESTRA

CONVOCATORIA EXTRAORDINARIA

COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

Duración de la prueba: 45 minutos

Datos del candidato

Apellidos: _____

Nombre: _____ Grupo/Tribunal: _____ Nº Orden: _____

- No abra el cuadernillo de examen hasta que se lo indique su profesor.
- Las tareas deben escribirse con **bolígrafo negro o azul** (no con lápiz) y en el espacio indicado. **No escriba en las zonas sombreadas.**
- **Haga todas las tareas.** Al principio de cada tarea hay un ejemplo ilustrativo con el número cero.
- Al final de la prueba entregue dentro del cuadernillo todo el papel de borrador utilizado.
- Permanezca en su asiento hasta que el profesor indique el final de la prueba.

Puntuación en la destreza por tareas:

Tarea 1: _____ puntos

Tarea 2: _____ puntos

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TASK 1

Read the biography of Stephen King and say if the sentences in the chart below are true (T) or false (F) and write T or F in the corresponding box. Sentence 0 has been answered as an example.

(Marking: 10 x 1 = 10 points)

STEPHEN KING

Stephen King was born in Maine, on September 21st, 1947 to Donald Edwin and Nellie Pillsbury King. When King was two years old, his father said he was going to buy a packet of cigarettes and never came back. His mother had to take care of Stephen and his adopted older brother David by herself, sometimes under great financial difficulties. When King was eleven, Nellie King started to care for her parents until their death. She then became a worker in a local residential facility for the mentally ill.

As a child, King saw how one of his friends was killed by a train, although he says he does not remember the incident. His family said that after leaving home to play with the boy, King returned, speechless and in shock. Some commentators have suggested that this terrible accident has inspired King's dark, disturbing creations, but King himself has said that this wasn't true.

King began writing for fun while he was still in school. Later, he began selling stories to his friends, stories which were based on movies he had seen (although he was forced to return the profits when his teachers discovered him).

From 1966 King studied English at the University of Maine, where he graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He wrote a column for the student newspaper, the *Maine Campus*, titled "King's Garbage Truck", took part in a writing workshop organized by Burton Hatlen and accepted odd jobs to pay for his studies, including one at a laundry.

In 1971, King married Tabitha Spruce, a fellow student at the University of Maine. Later, that autumn King was hired as a teacher at Hampden Academy, in Hampden, Maine. He continued to contribute with short stories to magazines and worked on ideas for novels. It was during this time that King developed a drinking problem, which stayed with him for more than a decade. In the spring of 1973 some publishers accepted his novel *Carrie* for publication. His wife rescued it from the garbage after King had thrown it out, believing it to be no good.

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0 Stephen King was born in Maine in 1947.

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1 Although King's father left the family, their economic situation wasn't bad.

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2 Stephen King's mum looked after her parents until they went to a residence.

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3 King's mother worked in a mental hospital after her parents died.

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4 The accident of his childhood friend influenced King's books, according to some commentators.

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5 When his teachers learnt that King was selling stories to his friends, he had to give the money back to his friends.

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6 At university King organised a successful writing workshop.

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7 King worked in a laundry before going to university to pay for his studies.

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8 King started to work as a teacher before marrying Tabitha.

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9 King had a problem with alcohol for over ten years.

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10 His wife threw King's most successful novel to the bin because she thought it wasn't good.

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TASK 2

Read the text and complete the chart below with a word from the list after the text. Each word can only be used ONCE. There are FIVE words that you don't need to use. Question 0 has been answered as an example.

(Marking: 10 × 1 = 10 points)

CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

“People lie, but the evidence never does.”

With **(0)** _____ exciting mix of mystery, action, science and unusual crimes, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* has become one of the most popular programmes **(1)** _____ TV. It's now a hit in 175 countries round the world. The original Las Vegas programme is now in its fourth series, and **(2)** _____ have been two spin-offs— *CSI: Miami* and **(3)** _____ recently *CSI: NY*.

The original series is still the most popular. One of its most famous fans is movie director Quentin Tarantino. He directed the last episode of the Las Vegas series, **(4)** _____ you can see in the United States on May 19.

CSI is full of scientific information and the latest technology, and it shows us how every human activity leaves some evidence behind. *CSI* is **(5)** _____ successful that more young people than ever before want to study at university **(6)** _____ be a crime scene investigator. The negative aspect is the police are receiving complaints that **(7)** _____ don't solve crimes fast enough. In the show, the *CSI* team can solve a crime in just a **(8)** _____ days with very **(9)** _____ evidence.

“I love the characters and how they have developed over the last couple of years. It's a wonderful show, I never get **(10)** _____”, says one of its fans.

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