INGLÉS

Scotland is normally considered as the birthplace of golf, but there is great debate about the earliest origin of the game. Some historians believe that golf descended from a game that the Romans brought with them to Britain. Another idea is that golf was a Dutch game and there are paintings from the 18th century by Dutch painters showing a game similar to golf being played on ice and land. However, it is believed that, by this time, some form of golf had been played in Scotland for three hundred years.

The name *golf* may have been derived from the old Scots verb "to gowff" meaning to "strike hard". In 1457, King James II was worried that his citizens were so involved in this leisurely pastime that they were forgetting the Royal and vital sport of shooting arrows, which would protect him from the enemy. But in 1502 the Scots were finally allowed to practise golf and other similar pastimes.

Even Mary Queen of Scots was known to play golf and by the end of the 16th century it was observed that people attended church less regularly in order to enjoy their favourite pastime. Eventually, with the Union of the Crowns of England and Scotland in 1603, King James VI and his court took golf to London.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do historians argue about a possible Dutch origin of golf? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)

2. Was King James II fond of golf? Why? / Why not? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)

3. When and why did golf finally reach London? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)

4. a) "*Dutch* people come from Holland." Complete the following sentences (0'75 puntos):

…… people come from Ireland.
…… people come from Japan.
…… people come from Russia.

b) For each of the following words, find one word in the text which is **pronounced with the same vowel** (eg. rain: *great, name, etc*) (0'75 puntos):

kind: girl: saw:

5. Finish the incomplete sentences in such a way that the meaning of each of them is as similar as possible to that of the complete sentence before it (1'5 puntos):

a) He said that golf descended from a game that the Romans had brought with them.
He said: "……"
b) The Scots could finally practise golf and other similar pastimes in 1502.
Golf ……..
c) There are paintings showing Mary Queen of Scots playing golf.
There are paintings in which ……

6. What is your favourite sport or leisure activity? Why? (100 - 120 words) (4 puntos)