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(2.º, 3.º e 4.º cursos)

Duração da prova: 120 minutos
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1.ª FASE
1.ª CHAMADA

PROVA ESCRITA DE INGLÊS (NÍVEL SUPERIOR)

Material admitido: dicionários unilíngues e/ou bilingues.

I

They say there will be a crowd such as never has been gathered on earth.

1.

- 1.1. What sort of event do you generally associate the words above with? **Answer briefly.**
- 1.2. The author of the letter below is Martha Jane, alias Calamity Jane, a legend in the American West. Explain briefly what she's doing in England.
Write about 35 words.

TEXT

Darling Janey

I am afraid this will be a desperate letter, I feel desperate if that's the word. Your mother was not meant for travel, not for long travels like this one to a country across the sea. I have my pals Ragg and Bone it's true, but I miss Dora, I have been crying for her almost every night since we left America and we left it a good many nights back. It seems like the miles are too many, it's not like a ride on horseback down to the Wind River or somewhere, the Wind River is in the west and all the west is my home, Dora's home too. She don't wander like I do but she has done her share of moving around in our old west.

I was a fool to come with this show, I don't know why Billy asked me, he has been nice enough, and he advanced me money several times. We have an act called the Assault on the Deadwood Stage or maybe it's Attack, I get the acts mixed up. There's also an Attack on a Settler's Cabin, I believe. It comes to the same thing, Indians and whites pretending to be fighting, shooting with one another with blank shells and holding up wigs that are supposed to be scalps. They say thousands of people will pay to see it – they say they are coming from France and other lands, I can't see why, and neither can the cowboys or Indians Billy brought along.

You could not call England a sunny country, unless you wanted to lie. The sunshine is scarce here, it drizzles like it used to back in Missouri when I was a girl. The Jubilee* starts in three days, I believe there is going to be a mighty grand celebration, yesterday the bagpipers arrived. The sound scared the horses to death, it also alarmed the Indians and some of the cowboys, you should have seen them grab their guns.

But it was just bagpipers from Scotland. Some Africans arrived too. They are half-naked and carry spears. There are other wild-looking groups from all the parts of the world the Queen rules over. Virtually all of them are armed, this camp is filling up with violent groups. We better
25 get this Jubilee started, Janey, if all of us wild ones sit around here armed to the teeth war is likely to break out, she'll have a massacre to celebrate instead of a Jubilee. Some of the Africans look like competent fighters. Even Sitting Bull thinks so – he has just been introduced to several great chiefs, Zulus I think, I could be wrong. Sitting Bull behaves himself with these Africans.

30 On Saturday we are going to do our show for the Queen. I am riding shotgun on the Deadwood Stage, Bill just asked me, all I have to do is shoot off blanks when the Indians come up whooping and hollering to assault us. Texas Jack is going to drive the stage, and Bartle and Jim will be passengers – if you ask me that's ridiculous, they are supposed to be Lewis and Clark and the Deadwood Stage wasn't running when Lewis and Clark passed through.
35 I may be wrong about that Janey – I know little history but I think Lewis and Clark had to walk all the way to the ocean and back – of course they might have ridden in a boat part of the way. Wish me luck in the show, Janey, I don't know why I ask, of course the show will be over before you read this.

Your mother,
Martha Jane

Larry McMurtry, *Buffalo Girls*, 1990
(abridged)

* Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, 1887

2. Now do the tasks which follow.

2.1. What do these words/phrases in the text refer to?

- 2.1.1. do (l. 7)
- 2.1.2. the same thing (l. 12)
- 2.1.3. it (l. 14)
- 2.1.4. so (l. 27)
- 2.1.5. that (l. 35)

2.2. As used in the text, what do the following mean?

- 2.2.1. Your mother was not meant for travel (ll. 2-3)
- 2.2.2. It seems like the miles are too many (ll. 5-6)
- 2.2.3. she has done her share of moving around (l. 8)
- 2.2.4. The sound scared the horses to death (l. 20)

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3. Answer these questions in your own words as far as possible.

- 3.1.** '(...) the Wind River is in the west and all the west is my home.' (ll. 6-7). Making use of your knowledge of America's westward expansion, briefly describe people's attraction to the West. **Write 40-50 words.**
- 3.2.** Describe Martha Jane's mixed feelings about her experience in England. Remember to focus on the Jubilee celebration and her own involvement in it.
- 3.3.** What picture do we gain of the 'wild ones' (l. 25) in the camp? Explain by reference to the different groups there.

4. Language and style.

Go through Martha Jane's letter again and find markers of an informal/conversational style. **Give six examples.**

II

Symbolic of the expansion of the Empire were the Jubilees of Queen Victoria in 1887 and 1897, celebrated with imperial pageantry.

F. E. Halliday, 1980

Comment on Queen and Empire by referring to the status of Britain and of its colonial possessions at the end of the nineteenth century. **Write 60-80 words.**

III

Write 130-150 words on either A. or B.

A.

It ain't my fault I warn't born a duke, it ain't your fault you warn't born a king – make the best o' things the way you find 'em, says I – that's my motto.

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

How do the words above help you to understand Huck's character?

B.

Dear Mother,
I am sorry to tell you I am not enjoying myself here. When I wrote to you this morning I was enjoying myself, but not now, because of the errands and the messages.

L. P. Hartley, *The Go-Between*

How do the words above help to understand Leo's unstable moods?

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COTAÇÕES

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1.		
1.1.	10 pontos
1.2.	12 pontos
2.		
2.1. (5 × 2)	10 pontos
2.2. (4 × 4)	16 pontos
3.		
3.1.	18 pontos
3.2.	12 pontos
3.3.	14 pontos
4.		
 (6 × 3)	18 pontos
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II

..... 30 pontos

III

A. ou B. 60 pontos

TOTAL **200 pontos**