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(2.º, 3.º e 4.º cursos)

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

PROVA ESCRITA DE INGLÊS (NÍVEL SUPERIOR)

Material admitido: dicionários unilingues e/ou bilingues.

I

No Ears (an old American Indian) had always supposed that the Earth was mainly prairie.

A.

1. What does the above tell you about the Indians' natural environment? **Answer briefly.**
2. Now read the text below and decide whether No Ears is likely to change his view of "the Earth". **Justify in no more than 35 words.**

TEXT

No Ears didn't like the great plain of water that they called the Atlantic Ocean. At first, he had been pleased with the boat they were to make the passage on. He had not imagined that so large a boat could be found; he could not help thinking how much his friend Sits On The Water would have enjoyed a trip in such a great vessel.

5 Anchored at rest in the harbor in New York (a smoky town No Ears had no interest in), the boat seemed more than adequate to transport several villages to England or anywhere else touched by the great ocean. It was like a floating town, with many houses in it and a kind of small prairie below, where the animals could be kept and given hay.

10 Once in the middle of the plain of water, the boat seemed tinier to him, in relation to the ocean, than wagons were in relation to the plains of grass. The plains of grass seemed to move only when herds of horses, cattle, buffalo stampeded across them; but the plains of water moved always, with a strength greater than any strength he had ever imagined.

15 It was a startling thing to see so many fish coursing through the great plain of water. No Ears had always supposed that the Earth was mainly prairie, and that nowhere were there beasts as numerous as the great herds of buffalo that had traveled the prairies in his youth, indeed, for most of his life (until the whites had suddenly killed them not long after the war they made with one another).

It was dawn when he saw the whale, a great sunless dawn. No Ears had spent the night on deck and was a little sleepy when the dawn finally came. He had lost his fear of breathing the ocean and was resting calmly. At first, because he was a little tired, he did not see the whale. A sailor saw it and began to yell. The yelling meant nothing to No Ears, although he was afraid for a moment that the boat might be on fire. The sailor kept yelling, and soon people began to run out of their rooms. To No Ears's shock, the immense fish, suddenly blew a great spume of water out of the top of his head. The water rose like the puzzling geysers that blew water into the air in the Shoshone Country. Soon many of the people on the boat had run up on deck; they began to shoot guns at the whale. The great fish paid no attention to any of it. Some of the bullets went wild and slapped the water; a few pecked at the whale, but the whale swam on. It was silly, the urge people had always to be shooting. It should be obvious that such a great fish must be allowed to swim in peace.

"I wonder if that was the First Fish," No Ears said. It was so large and looked so old that he could well be the First Fish – it might even be the first beast of any kind. Whether a fish could be considered a beast was a question too subtle for him to discuss with white people. The thought that he might have seen the First Fish was so exciting that he began to wish the trip was over so he could carry the information to where it was needed, that is, to his people.

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

B. Do the tasks that follow.

1. Explain what is meant by:

- a. touched by the great ocean (l. 7)
- b. and a kind of small prairie below (ll. 7-8)
- c. He had lost his fear of breathing the ocean (ll. 19-20)
- d. Some of the bullets went wild and slapped the water (l. 27)

2. Complete the sentences below with information from paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

No Ears had certainly not expected the boat (a) but once he saw it he realised how (b) to transport such a cargo.

In the middle of the ocean, however, the boat didn't look (c); and the waters moved (d) he had ever imagined.

C. Answer the questions in your own words as much as possible.

1. Explain the references to *plains of grass, wagons, herds of horses, cattle and buffalo* in this context.
2. How does the whites' reaction to the whale compare with the Indian's in the episode described in paragraph 5?
3. "... not long after the war they made with one another." (ll. 16-17)
This refers to the American Civil War. Briefly, say which sides were involved in it and what each one stood for. (Write 40-50 words)

D. Discuss the symbolism of the last paragraph. Remember to point out the significance of the expression *First Fish*.

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II

Lincoln had pleaded for government of, by, and for the people, but no fair-minded observer could conclude that the war had advanced democracy in any immediate sense.

A Pocket History of the United States, 1961

Bearing in mind the statement above, refer briefly to Reconstruction and show how Lincoln's ideals were partly frustrated in the aftermath of the Civil War. Write 60-80 words.

III

Discuss the idea of *shifting from a natural environment to an alien one* in the novel you have read, either A. or B. Write 130-150 words.

- A. Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- B. L. P. Hartley, *The Go-Between*.

FIM

COTAÇÕES

I

A.		
1.	10 pontos	
2.	12 pontos	
B.		
1. (4 x 4)	16 pontos	
2. (4 x 3)	12 pontos	
C.		
1.	12 pontos	
2.	14 pontos	
3.	18 pontos	
D.	16 pontos	

110 pontos

II

..... 30 pontos

III

A. ou B. 60 pontos

TOTAL 200 pontos