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Latin American pope brings joy and debate to Argentina

The man the cardinals chose as pope marks a number of firsts: the first pope named Francis, the first Jesuit pope, the first pope from Latin America.

The choice of a Latin American may be the most significant first. South America has more Catholics than any other continent.

5 Jorge Bergoglio, or Papa Francisco, as he is now known in Spanish-speaking countries, has spent his life in Argentina. He became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998.

10 Around 90 per cent of Argentina's population is considered Catholic but only 10-20 per cent practice their faith. Nevertheless, for Argentines, and for Latin Americans in general, the cardinals' choice has initially been greeted with joy, Viviana Patroni, a Latin America expert at York University told CBC News.

"It's a recognition not only of Latin America but of the need to address the major social problems that Latin America faces in a world that has grown increasingly unequal and unfair," says Argentina-born Patroni, now the coordinator of York's International Development Studies program.

15 Patroni adds that she wishes "the church would become more receptive of the demand for change from all sectors of society, including gay rights and women's rights."

20 Bergoglio has been known for his humility and humble way of life, which included riding the bus to work and cooking his own meals, a far cry from Vatican splendor. Bergoglio even turned down the opportunity to move into the ornate church mansion in Buenos Aires. He's also known for speaking out against poverty.

Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner sent a letter to Pope Francis congratulating him and wishing him "a fruitful task as you take over the immense responsibility of fighting for justice, equality, fraternity and peace for humanity."

25 Fernandez and Bergoglio had frequently clashed over both her government's lack of effectiveness in addressing poverty and on social issues like abortion and same-sex marriage.

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(310 words)

1.- Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1.5 points)

- a) – Not many Catholics attend church in Argentina
- b) – Under Pope Francisco the church will be open to gay and women's rights.
- c) – The Argentine president and the new pope always agreed on policy in Argentina.

2.- Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)

- a) – to mark (line 1)
- b) – to spend (line 6)
- c) – to address (line 12)
- d) – humble (line 17)
- e) – task (line 22)
- f) – frequently (line 24)

3.- Read this conversation between two people. Complete their conversation. Write the numbers (1-8) and each complete sentence on your exam paper. (2 points)

Sarah questions Lola about her upcoming trip to England over a cup of coffee at the café.

- Sarah: So, Lola, what's new?
Lola: I'm going to go overseas.
Sarah: Really, (1)?
Lola: I'm going to go to England.
Sarah: Wow! That sounds exciting! When are you going to go?
Lola: (2)
Sarah: And how long are you planning to stay there?
Lola: (3)
Sarah: More than a year? That's quite a long time.
Lola: I know.
Sarah: Is it your first time abroad?
Lola: Yes, it is and (4)
Sarah: Don't worry. England is a very safe country. You'll be ok.
Lola: (5)?
Sarah: Not many. There's a very inexpensive clothing store called Primark and you can buy whatever you need there.
Lola: Should I take warm clothes? I don't know what the weather is like there.
Sarah: It's cold in the winter and can be quite warm in the summer and it's always raining.
Lola: (6).....?
Sarah: Yes, you'll certainly need that and also take a good raincoat. If you're staying for a year, you do need winter clothes.
Lola: Ok. Do I need a visa?
Sarah: Of course not. England and Spain are both part of the European Union. Have you got your ticket yet?

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Lola: Not yet. (7).....?
Sarah: Check the ads in the magazines. Shop around. Look for the cheapest fare.
Lola: That's a good idea.
Sarah: (8)?
Lola: I'm going on my own.
Sarah: You're going alone! Great! You're very brave!

4.- Choose only 4 of the following situations. Write what you would say in or about each one to show that you understand the context of the situation. Between 6 and 20 words. (2 points)

- 1.- You don't know where a place is. Ask someone for directions and help.
- 2.- Your sister is going to the supermarket. You want to cook a Spanish omelette for dinner.
- 3.- You are taking an important exam tomorrow and a friend invites you to the cinema.
- 4.- You want to go to the beach but it is cloudy.
- 5.- You read an ad in a newspaper wanting shop assistants. Phone and ask for details.
- 6.- At the airport. Ask for travel information (flight number, time of leaving...)

5.- Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (3 points)

- a) – The Catholic Church should accept women as priests. Agree or disagree and why.
- b) – What can the Catholic Church do to make the world more equal and fair?

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Meteor explodes over Russia: No one saw it coming

1 Mother Nature provided a surprise light show over Russia early on February 14. That's
when a major meteor entered Earth's atmosphere. The object was originally 17 meters in
diameter. That's as wide as a 5-story building is high. It had also weighed a whopping
5 10,000 metric tons, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
(NASA).

The meteor was travelling about 65,000 kilometers per hour. It created a brilliant streak
as it travelled across the sky for nearly 33 seconds. The meteor then exploded about 20 to 25
kilometers above Earth's surface.

10 When the meteor exploded, it created a flash brighter than the sun. The explosion released
nearly 500 kilotons of energy. That's about 70 times as much energy as was released just a
few days earlier when North Korea tested a nuclear bomb.

15 NASA maintains an orbital debris office in Texas. It tracks anything that might damage
satellites or knock them out of orbit. Asteroids and other rocky objects sailing through
space are prime candidates. In fact, on the day the Russian meteor hit, NASA and a number
of other space centers around the world had been tracking a very different space rock.
Experts were watching for an asteroid called 2012 DA14, about 50 meters in diameter. It
was due to pass very close to Earth — within 27,000 kilometers — later on the same day.
While the scientists were watching for DA14, the meteor that broke up over Chelyabinsk,
Russia, caught them by surprise.

20 NASA scientists estimate that a meteorite this big hits Earth about once every 100 years.
This was the biggest to hit since a far larger meteorite hit in 1908. It also struck Russia.

Most of the recent meteor disintegrated in the atmosphere. Some fragments certainly
survived the fall to Earth. Usually only about 1 to 5 percent of a meteor's mass is found on
the ground in the form of meteorites, according to the Russian Academy of Sciences.

(322 words)

1.- Say whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE according to the text. Copy the evidence from the text. No marks will be given without the evidence. (1.5 points)

- a) – The nuclear bomb North Korea tested was seventy times greater than the meteor that fell to earth in Russia.
- b) – Asteroid 2012 DA14 struck the earth the day after the meteor did.
- c) – According to NASA, about 1 to 5 per cent of a meteor's mass is found on the ground in the form of meteorites.

2.- Choose ONLY THREE of the following words and write a synonym (=), an opposite (≠), a definition or a sentence (only one of these four) to show that you understand their meaning in the text. Use your own words. (1.5 points)

- a) – whopping (line 3)
- b) – streak (line 6)
- c) – release (line 10)
- d) – prime (line 14)
- e) – due to (line 17)
- f) – strike (line 21)

3.- Read this conversation between two people. Complete their conversation. Write the numbers (1-8) and each complete sentence on your exam paper. (2 points)

At home with the pets.

- Anna: Have you fed the cat?
Bill: No, I haven't. (1).....?
Anna: Of course she's hungry! That's why she's meowing.
Bill: (2) ?
Anna: No, please do it now. The cat is meowing because she's hungry.
Bill: Okay. I'll feed her right now.
Anna: You shouldn't make her wait. Why didn't you feed her before?
Bill: (3)
Anna: Isn't feeding the cat more important than doing your homework?
Bill: No, (4)
Anna: But our cat is important too, isn't she?
Bill: Yes, yes. And where's our dog, Spot?
Anna: (5)
Bill: Why is he outdoors if it's raining out now?
Anna: He wanted to go out. I'll bring him back in now.
Bill: And (6)?
Anna: Of course I'll dry him off too. But you have to feed the cat.
Bill: (7).....
Anna: No, please leave your homework for five minutes. It doesn't take any longer than that to put some food in the cat's bowl.
Bill: The cat doesn't mind waiting. She can sit on my lap while I finish my homework.
Anna: If you never have time to feed her, maybe we shouldn't keep the cat anymore.
Bill: Of course not! (8)

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4.- Choose only 4 of the following situations. Write what you would say in or about each one to show that you understand the context of the situation. Between 6 and 20 words. (2 points)

- 1.- You have just arrived at a new city. You'd like to know the way to the centre.
- 2.- You couldn't go to your friend's party last Saturday. Explain why not.
- 3.- A friend says she has a stomach ache. Give her some suggestions.
- 4.- You have spilled your coke on the table. Apologize.
- 5.- Recommend a book you absolutely loved.
- 6.- You witness an accident. What do you say to the police?

5.- Write a composition of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. (3 points)

- a) – Will the end of the earth be caused by a meteor hitting it? Discuss.
- b) – The hidden forces of nature.

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