

ZIC - Alcuni esempi di tracce della prova scritta d'esame di Inglese

Primo esempio di prova scritta d'Inglese

A NOVELIST AND A PRESIDENT

These two names are important in the suppression of slavery. One was a writer, Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1857 she published "Uncle Tom's cabin", showing how slavery meant cruelty.

The second name was Abraham Lincoln, a poor boy who studied hard and gained political power. He had always thought of slavery as an evil.

The slavery question was one of the causes of the Civil War. The second cause derived from it: the right or not of Southern States to leave the Union of States, govern themselves and keep their slaves.

In 1861, the Southern States declared that they were no longer part of the Union.

Abraham Lincoln was now President. He did everything he could by diplomatic means to avoid war, but in April 1861 the Southern States fired the shots.

The twenty-three Northern, technically advanced States with a population of nine million people, armed with courage but with few arms and ammunition, and no system of railways to move their troops.

The end was inevitable: in 1865 the South surrendered.

In his hour of victory, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by a madman. He had been one of the greatest men in history.

Translation

Due nomi sono importanti nella soppressione della schiavitù. Una era la scrittrice Harriet Beecher Stowe. Nel 1857 lei pubblica "La capanna dello zio Tom", mostrando come la schiavitù significava crudeltà. Il secondo nome è Abraham Lincoln, un povero ragazzo che ha studiato sodo e ha raggiunto il potere politico. Lui ha sempre pensato che era una cosa maligna. La questione della schiavitù fu una delle cause della guerra civile. La seconda causa derivava da questo: il diritto o no degli stati del sud di lasciare l'unione, di mantenere se stesse e mantenere gli schiavi. Nel 1861 gli Stati del Sud dichiararono che loro erano una parte importante dell'Unione. Abraham Lincoln era il nuovo presidente. Lui poteva, tramite la diplomazia economica, evitare la guerra ma nell'aprile 1861 gli Stati del Sud cominciarono la guerra. I 23 Stati del Nord tecnicamente avanzati con una popolazione di 9 milioni di persone. Si armarono di coraggio, con poche munizioni e con nessun sistema ferroviario che muovesse le loro truppe. La fine era inevitabile: nell'1865 gli Stati del Sud si arresero. Nella loro vittoria il presidente Abraham Lincoln viene assassinato da un folle. È stato uno dei grandi uomini della storia.

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Questions:

1. What are two of the most important names in the suppression of slavery?
2. What was the famous book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe?
3. What did she think about slavery?
4. What did Abraham Lincoln think about it?
5. What were the two causes of Civil War?
6. What means Abraham Lincoln use first, to prevent the war?
7. Who fired the first shots?
8. What advantages had the Northern States?
9. What were the weaknesses of Southern States?
10. When did the war end and who won it?
11. How did Abraham Lincoln die?
12. Who do you think was a great and famous man in the history of your country?

Write a letter to friend.

It's the month of May and in a month's time you'll have your final examination. Tell your friend what do you think you'll do after the exams. Tell him/her what your future plans are and if you plan on looking for a job or staying on at school.

Secondo esempio di prova scritta d'Inglese

RAP MUSIC, EMINEM & YOUNG PEOPLE

Rap originated in the mid-1970s in the South Bronx area of New York City. The rise of rap is in many ways parallel to the birth of rock'n'roll. Both originated within the Afro-American community and both were initially recorded by small independent record labels. In both cases white musicians were gradually attracted by the new style and a few of them began performing it. For rock'n'roll, the first white artist to break in the charts was an American from Mississippi, Elvis Presley. For rap, it was a group from New York, the Beastie Boys, a trio of middle class white kids. who mixed rap with punk and metal.

Ironically the biggest rap star of the moment is white: Marshall Mathers, alias Eminem. He is one of the most provocative, controversial rappers in contemporary music. His lyrics cover topics such as poverty and single parenthood, and they reflect a very difficult adolescence. As a child, he and his mother had to move constantly, staying at relatives' homes in different places of the States. When Marshall was 12, his mother finally settled down on the east side of Detroit. In his songs Eminem often uses slang and frequently describes violent situations with angry words. His records have become a big success and Eminem has gained widespread popularity. Lose yourself, the soundtrack of his film 8 Mile, not only was at the top of the Billboard charts for 12 weeks in a row, making it the biggest pop hit so far in the new millennium, but it was also awarded an Oscar for the best original song in 2003.

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Many young people love Eminem but many consider him a very negative model. "I love Eminem because his music is right in your face. He has something to say and he does not care who gets annoyed. He does not offend me and I don't think he is trying to offend anyone, he's just saying it how it is", says Mary Duffy, 16, from Belfast. But, on the other hand, another 16-year-old girl, Lisa Skinner, says: "I don't listen to Eminem. I don't like his lyrics, I don't think the way he behaves is too aggressive towards people".

1. When and where did rap music start?
2. In which way the rise of rock'n'roll and rap is similar?
3. Was the first famous white rap group from Los Angeles?
4. What are Eminem lyrics about?
5. Does Eminem use standard English in his songs?
6. What did Lose yourself win?
7. Do young people love Eminem?
8. What does Lisa Skinner say about Eminem's behaviour?
9. Do you like rap music and Eminem? Why?/Why not?
10. If you got a ticket, would you go to Eminem's concert? Give reasons
11. Have you ever been to a concert? If yes, describe your experience. If no, which one would you like to take part?

WRITE A LETTER TO A FRIEND

Tell him/her about your trip to London:

- What it was like
- What you visited
- What you liked best
- The things you had planned to visit but you didn't see because you didn't have enough time.

End your letter inviting him/her to go to London with you during the next holidays.