

Plan 203 Maestro-Esp.Lengua Extranjera  
 Asignatura 18877 LITERATURA DEL INGLES  
 Grupo 1

Presentación

Análisis y comentario de textos literarios de diferentes épocas.

Programa Básico

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## Evaluación

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3. The exam will be marked up to 8 points.

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