**a brief history of stephen hawking**

(30th September class)

**Task 1: Look at the webpage about Stephen Hawking, book page 60. Why is he famous?** (Mire la página web acerca de Stephen Hawking. ¿Por qué es famoso?)

**Task 2: Complete this summary of Hawking’s life. Write one word in each gap. (The words you need are in the text)** (Complete este resumen de su vida. Escriba una palabra en cada espacio. Las palabras que necesitas están en el texto)

Stephen Hawking was 1) ……………in Oxford, in 1942. He studied at the man when he 2)…………..that he had a serious disease. However, he married Jane Wilde, finished his PhD and got 3)………………at Cambridge University. In 1979, he became Professor of 4)………………… In 1985, after an operation, he started to use special equipment to help him 5)…………….. Three years later, his book “*A* 6)………………*History of Time”* appeared and sold millions of copies. Hawking rewrote the book in 2005. Surprisingly, Hawking believes that he is not an 7)…………….….person. He is proud of his family and his work, and grateful for the 8)………………that many different people have given him.

**Task 3: Personal opinion. What did you find most interesting about the text?** (Opinión personal. ¿Qué es lo más interesante que encontraste en el texto?)

**Task 4: Complete the text with the words in the box. You can use some phrases more than once.** (Complete el texto con las palabras del cuadro. Puedes usar algunas frases más de una vez)

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| had to – didn’t have to – could – couldn’t |

**Stephen William Hawking**

**After the operation.** By 1985, Stephen’s speech was getting worse, and only a few people who knew him well 1)………………….understand him. But at least he 2)………………..communicate. In 1985, he 3)……………have an operation on his throat. After that, he 4)…………………have 24-hour care by nurses. For a time after the operation, he 5)…………….speak at all. The only he 6)……………..communicate was by spelling words. He 7)…………………raise his eyebrows when someone pointed to the right letter on a spelling card. However, a computer expert in California (Walt Wotosz) heard of Hawking’s problem and sent him a computer program. With this program, Hawking 8)……..…..choose words from a menu on a screen. All he 9)………………do was press a switch in his hand. But he 10)……………….also control the program by making a head or eye movement. In that case 11)......………press the switch. At first he 12)……………..run the program on a desktop computer, but then a man called David Mason fitted a small portable computer to his wheelchair.

**Task 5: Answer about Stephen William Hawking.** (Conteste acerca de S.W. Hawking)

1. Why is Stephen Hawking a famous scientist?
2. What’s his belief?
3. What is a black hole?
4. Why did he have to write two versions of the same book?
5. What disease did he suffer from his twenties?
6. What was his job apart from being a scientist?
7. What happened when he was operated?
8. Did he consider himself an unlucky man? Why? Why not?

**Remove the line of dots to solve the tasks.**

**Send the complete work by email to be checked.**

**Deadline: 7th October.**