

LÍNGUA INGLESA – QUESTÕES DE 66 A 70

Death prohibited: A protest against federal bar on new cemetery in Brazil

1 *There is no more room to bury the dead. They cannot be cremated, and laws forbid a new cemetery.*
 2 *So, Roberto Pereira da Silva, the mayor of the Brazilian farm town, Biritiba Mirim, has proposed a solution:*
 3 *outlaw death. The mayor's proposal to the town council asks residents to take good care of their health in*
 4 *order not to die and says that infractors will be held responsible for their acts. The bill, which sets no*
 5 *penalty for passing away, is meant as a protest against a 2003 federal law that has barred a new or*
 6 *expanded cemetery in Biritiba Mirim, a town of 28,000 people, 45 miles east of São Paulo. The bill is*
 7 *laughable, unconstitutional, and as such will never be approved. However, Gilson Soares de Campos, an*
 8 *aide to the mayor, argues that it is a good marketing strategy to persuade the government to modify the*
 9 *environmental legislation that is barring the town from building a new cemetery.*

10 *The 2003 decree by Brazil's National Environment Council bars new or expanded cemeteries in so-*
 11 *called permanent preservation areas or in areas with high water tables. Environmental-protection laws rule*
 12 *out cremation. That left no option for Biritiba Mirim, a town on the so-called green belt of rich farmland that*
 13 *supplies fruit and vegetables for São Paulo, Brazil's biggest city. The town produces 90 percent of the*
 14 *watercress consumed in Brazil. Most of Biritiba Mirim is situated above the underground water source that*
 15 *supplies water for about 2 million people in São Paulo. The rest of the town area is covered by protected*
 16 *forest.*

17 *More than 50,000 people already are buried in the 3,500 crypts and tombs in Biritiba Mirim's*
 18 *municipal cemetery. The cemetery ran out of space last month and 20 residents who have died since*
 19 *November are sharing a crypt. But even that solution has limits because the crypts will be filled to capacity*
 20 *in six months. There are even buried people under the walkways. Considering that people are inevitably*
 21 *going to die, a solution has to be found, or people will have to break the law.*

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Answer the following questions according to the text above.

66. The main idea of the text is:

- a) A joke about a cemetery.
- b) A problem that has to be solved.
- c) A cemetery that has to be closed.
- d) A brutal cause of death.

67. The sentence "*There is no more room to bury the dead.*" (line 1) can be best replaced by:

- a) Cemetery space has become expensive.
- b) Cemetery space has been enlarged.
- c) Cemetery space has been increased.
- d) Cemetery space has become scarce.

68. The mayor proposed:

- a) a law that has prohibited a new cemetery.
- b) a law that allows burying under the walkways.
- c) a law forbidding death.
- d) a new price to have a law approved.

69. The word “*however*” (line 7) expresses:

- a) contrast.
- b) illustration.
- c) condition.
- d) addition.

70. The word “*bars*” (line 10) is:

- a) a noun and means “restaurants”.
- b) a verb and means “prohibits”.
- c) a verb and means “drinks”.
- d) a noun and means “drinks”.