**Book 8- Test 3- Section 3**

I’ve been reading your personal statement, Paul. First, let’s talk about your work experience in South America. What took you there? Was it to gain more fluency in Spanish?

Well, ~~I sum combine~~ as I’m combining Spanish with Latin American studies. My main idea was to find out more about the way people ~~who~~ live’d there. My spoken Spanish was already pretty good in fact.

So you weren’t too ~~worry~~ worried about language barriers. NO. in fact I ended up teaching English there. Although that wasn’t my original choice of work.

I see. How did you find out about all this? I found an agency that runs all kinds of voluntary projects in South America.

What kind of work?

Well, there was several possibilities.

You mean construction engineering work?

Yes getting involve’d in building projects was an option, then there was tourism. Taking tourists for walks around the volcanoes which I actually chose to do and then there was work ~~for~~ with local farmers.

But you didn’t continue with that project? Why not? Because I never ~~read new~~ really knew whether ~~I’ve~~ I’d ~~been~~ be needed or not? I’d thought it might be difficult physically but I was certainly fit enough. ~~Now~~ no, I wanted to do something that had more of a proper structure to do. I suppose. I get de-motivated otherwise.

What do you think you learned from your experience? It must ~~to be~~ have been a great opportunity to examine community life. Yes, but it was difficult at first to be accepted by the locals. It was a very remote village and some of them were reluctant to speak to me. Although they were always interested in my clothes and how much I’d had to pay for them. Well, that’s understandable. Yes, but things soon improved. What ~~strongly~~ struck me was ~~though~~ that when people became more comfortable with me and less suspicious, we really connected with each other in a ~~meaning faraway?~~ Meaningful way. You made good friends. Yes with two of the families in particular. Good. What about management. Did you have a project manager? Yes, and he gave me lots of advice and guidance. And was ~~it~~ he good at managing too? That wasn’t his strong points. I think he was often more interested in the academic side of things than ~~fall in~~ filling reports. He was a ~~little~~ bit of a dreamer. And did you have a contract? I had to stay for a minimum of three months. My parents was surprised when I asked to stay longer. Six months in the end. I was so happy there. And did anything on the administration side of things surprise you? What was the food and ~~lugging~~ lodging like? Simple, there was plenty to eat and I only ~~payed~~ paid 7 dollars a day for that which was amazing really and they gave me all the equipment that I needed even a laptop. You didn’t expect that then? NO, I’ll look forward to hearing more.

But now let’s look at these modules. You’ll need to start thinking about which ones you’ll definitely want to study. The first one here is gender studies in Latin America. It looks at how gender analysis is reconfiguring civil society in Latin America. Women are increasingly ~~equipping~~ occupying positions in government and in other ~~relectedly~~ elected ~~the ship~~ leadership positions in Latin America. I think you’d find it interesting. If it was to do with people in villages rather than those in the public ~~fear~~ sphere I would. OK, what about second language acquisition? Do you think I would find that useful? Well, you’ve had some practical experience in ~~this~~ the field, I think it would be. I hadn’t thought about that. I’ll put that down as a definite then. Ok, what about indigenous women’s ~~life~~ lives? That sounds appropriate. I thought so too but I looked at last year’s exam questions and that changed my mind. Don’t judge the value of the course on that. Maybe talk to some other students first and we can talk about it again later. Ok. Yes, and lastly will you sing up for Portuguese lessons? My Spanish is good so ~~what~~ would I find that ~~much~~ module easy. Not necessarily some people find that Spanish ~~into fears~~ interferes with learning Portuguese getting the accent right too. It’s quite different in a lot of ways. Well, I’d ~~must~~ much ~~seen~~ sooner do something else then. Alright. Now what we need to do.