**NAVARRA 2023- OPTION B**

**NO MORE UNIVERSITY HAZING! (¡NO MÁS NOVATADAS!)**

It’s Thursday night. Twenty students meet on a vacant lot near Madrid’s university area to initiate first-year students into college life. The roles are clearly defined. The veterans are well dressed and armed with cartons of cheap wine. The first-year students are wearing costumes and are already drunk. In one corner, a new student is on his knees vomiting while five others egg him on: *“You’re going to keep on drinking until we see your dinner diced!”*. As September comes around again, so does this supposed rite of passage. A few years ago, the controversy over these initiation rituals surfaced once more in the wake  
of a viral video of an aggressive punch from a veteran boy to a first-year student girl during one such session. Both parties, who were living at a student residence in Madrid, were suspended for two weeks.

Laura Croas, a psychologist specializing in issues related to bullying, believes that hazing persists for two main reasons: *“Firstly, at that age belonging to a group is extremely important and you accept humiliations because you’re scared of the consequences if you don’t. Secondly, the victims believe that they will be the hazers further down the line. They accept being the victim of hazing because later they will be the veteran”*. Croas explainsthat, although some of the rituals seem harmless, hazing plays on the victim’s emotions and can leave its mark as an adult. She also sheds light on the veterans’ role and why hazing tends to go too far. “*In group therapy, we can clearly observe our capacity as human beings  
to abuse power in an assumed role*. *It’s an erroneous way of channeling the rage we carry inside us. We experience what is known as a ‘power rush’, which comes with a thought: I was once a victim but now I have climbed higher”.*

Madrid’s Complutense University has launched its annual *‘No more hazing’* campaign  
in a bid to phase out the practice, with an anti-hazing meeting point where established students help the newcomers. “*The students feel more comfortable with one another*,” says the vice-rector, and she gives a piece of advice to the new students *“Remember: quitting the**group when you are being hazed takes character, courage, and integrity. No one has the right to humiliate you. You have to show assertiveness and self-confidence. You can enjoy the university atmosphere and make good friends, but not at any price.”*

**1. Read the following statements, decide whether they are true or false and justify your answer by quoting evidence from the text.**

**a.** Not only the boy but also the girl involved in the aggressive punch were suspended.

**b.** Hazing can go too far when those formerly abused, become abusers and experience a power rush.

**2. Find in the text the word or group of words which match these definitions.**

**a.** Continue:   
**b.** A blow, a hard hit with the fist:

**c.** Inoffensive, innocuous, without bad effects:

**d.** Abandoning, leaving:

**3. Rephrasing:**

1. Sharon hasn’t eaten junk food since last May.

Sharon stopped ...

1. My kitchen is being redecorated at the moment.

I am ….

1. I am not sure that she is his girlfriend.

She …

1. Albert’s drawing isn’t as good as Gerard’s.

Gerard’s drawing ….

1. Why don’t we play computer games?” said Michael.

Michael suggested…

1. She said: “Are you coming to the party on Friday?”

She asked him ….

1. They came to live in New York two years ago.

They have…

1. Although the weather was horrible, we went skiing.

In spite of …

1. I would like to have more free time these days

I wish …

1. I met that famous writer a year ago.

It’s been a year…

4**. Phonetics:**

a. In which of these words is -s pronounced differently: friends, students, reasons, emotions.

b. Which -ed is pronounced differently? Launched, defined, armed, climbed

c. In which word i-ge pronounced in a different way? rage, courage, passage, beige

d. In which word is the vowel sound -u- pronounced differently? Rush, further, punch, drunk

**5. Write a composition of around 150-200 words on ONE of the following topics:**

**a.** Last year you started university and suffered from hazing and humiliation by a group of veterans. Write an email to your friend telling him/her about it.

**b.** *“It is better to follow the crowd in order to fit in with a group than to challenge the rules”*. Do you agree with this statement? Give your opinion.