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HARVARD ACCUSES STUDENTS OF CHEATING

In August, 2012, Harvard University accused 125 students of cheating on exams. The school has suspended students for academic dishonesty before. At least one case was famous: as a first-year student in 1951, future senator Edward Kennedy had to withdraw from the university for two years after sending a friend to take a Spanish final exam in his place.

Harvard's Administrative Board voted on 197 new cases of academic misbehavior in 2009-2010, the most recent year for which data were available. It chose to intensely monitor 144 of those students, suspend 42, and ask four to permanently withdraw. In only seven cases did it take no action.

Other elite universities have suffered large cheating scandals in recent years. In 2007, 34 first-year students at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business collaborated on a take-home exam and other assignments; 24 were punished with suspension or expulsion. In 2000, Dartmouth College investigated 78 students accused of cheating in a basic computer science course. A college committee interviewed 27 students and examined over 500 pages of evidence. Then, the committee members gave up because they could not determine who had cheated and who had not, and consequently decided to absolve all 78 students for fear of wrongly punishing one.

Text adapted from an article by Mary CARMICHAEL. The Boston Globe (August 30, 2012)

Després de llegir el text, contesteu les preguntes seguint les instruccions que es donen en cada cas. Cada pregunta val un punt. En les qüestions d'elecció múltiple, es descomptaran 0,33 punts per error; en la resta, es descomptaran 0,05 punts per cada falta d'ortografia, de morfologia, de lèxic o de sintaxi. Si una falta es repeteix, només es descomptarà una vegada.

Después de leer el texto, conteste las preguntas siguiendo las instrucciones que se dan en cada caso. Todas las preguntas valen un punto. En las cuestiones de elección múltiple, se descontarán 0,33 puntos por error; en el resto, se descontarán 0,05 puntos por cada falta de ortografía, de morfología, de léxico o de sintaxis. Si una falta se repite, solo se descontará una vez.

Choose the correct answer (1-7).

- 1. According to the article, authorities at Harvard University
 - *a*) believe that some students cheated.
 - **b**) have asked 125 students to leave the university.
 - *c*) are not worried about academic dishonesty.
 - *d*) have organized a course about cheating.
- 2. In 1951, Edward Kennedy
 - *a*) was a U.S. senator.
 - b) decided to discontinue his programme of study at Harvard because he wanted to enter politics.
 - c) was forced to discontinue his studies at Harvard for two years.
 - *d*) was an excellent student of Spanish at Harvard.
- 3. In the 2009-2010 academic year, Harvard's Administrative Board
 - *a*) closely examined nearly 200 cases of academic dishonesty.
 - b) decided to suspend all students accused of academic dishonesty.
 - c) decided to expel almost 200 students because of academic dishonesty.
 - *d*) decided to take no action in most of the cases presented.
- 4. The article states that scandals of academic dishonesty
 - *a*) almost never occur at U.S. universities.
 - **b**) are only a concern at Harvard.
 - *c*) have recently occurred at several leading universities.
 - *d*) are very common on homework assignments.

- According to the article, Duke University required some students who were found cheating on assignments
 a) to pay extra fees.
 - **b**) to take a take-home exam.
 - *c*) to declare in court in front of a judge.
 - *d*) to suspend their studies temporarily.
- 6. A committee studying possible cases of cheating at Dartmouth College
 - *a*) interviewed all students who had been accused with academic dishonesty.
 - *b*) was unable to determine exactly who had cheated.
 - c) decided to suspend all the accused students.
 - *d*) decided to suspend the professor of the basic computer science course.
- 7. Which of the following expressions can replace the word *withdraw* in the clause "and ask four to permanently *withdraw*"? Make sure that the new clause has the same meaning as the original.
 - *a*) Leave.
 - **b**) Determine.
 - *c*) Undertake.
 - *d*) Monitor.

Rewrite the sentence as indicated.

8. Change the sentence "Its members had to absolve all 78 students for fear of wrongly punishing one" from the active voice to the passive voice.
All ______.

Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words, your answer should be between forty and sixty words in length.)

9. What did Edward Kennedy do while at Harvard, and what happened to him?

10. What did authorities at Dartmouth College do about accusations of cheating in a computer science class? Do you agree with their final decision?

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