



Evaluación de Bachillerato para Acceder a Estudios Universitarios  
**Castilla y León**

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EXAMEN  
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OPTION A

**IS MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY SAFE?**

1 When people hear the words molecular gastronomy for the first time they often  
mistakenly view it as unhealthy, synthetic, dehumanizing and unnatural. This is not  
surprising given that molecular gastronomy often relies on fuming flasks of liquid  
nitrogen, led-blinking water baths, syringes, PH meters and shelves of food chemicals  
5 with strange names. My wife's first reaction when I surprised her with a liquid pea  
spherical raviolo was to say "Can I eat this? Is this safe?" The truth is that the chemicals  
used in molecular gastronomy are all of biological origin. Even though they have been  
purified or processed, the raw material origin is usually marine, plant, animal or  
microbial. These additives have been approved by EU standards and are used in very  
10 small amounts. The science lab instruments used just help modern gastronomy cooks to  
do simple things like cooling food at extremely low temperatures fast (liquid nitrogen)  
or extract flavour from food (evaporator). There is still some debate out there about the  
healthiness of molecular gastronomy but I personally believe there are far bigger health  
issues in the everyday food we consume. In the end, you are not going to be eating  
15 liquid pea spheres every day anyway.

**QUESTIONS**

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

How does the author justify that the discussion about molecular gastronomy healthiness is trivial?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. The EU has approved standards to allow large quantities of chemical substances in molecular gastronomy.
- 2.2. Molecular gastronomy is initially perceived as an ecological approach to cooking.
- 2.3. Some chemicals found in molecular gastronomy recipes are biological.

[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS)

Understandably, molecular gastronomy is usually taken as unnatural as...

- a) it normally encourages a denial of traditional cooking.
- b) it has imposed all kinds of futuristic techniques upon gastronomy.
- c) it commonly uses means and materials more typically found in labs.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) those working at a kitchen preparing food
- b) something with the quality of being uncooked

- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:

- c) tools
- d) remarkable
- e) taste

[5] COMPLETE THE TASKS ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:

Experiments have resulted in innovative dishes like hot gelatines and faux caviar.

5.2. Transform into the passive: The chef asked his assistants to use alginates to create gelled spheres.

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

What do you think of modern cooking and its current coverage in the media?



**OPTION B**

**WOMEN IN CHINA SAYING “NO” TO MARRIAGE**

1 The number of marriages is going down each year in China. Since China’s population kept growing 35 years ago, the government started a “one child” policy which ended in January 2016 with a surplus of men and with fewer people between the ages of 20 to 29, the prime age to marry. In 5 spite of this, it may just be a trend, but women are delaying marriage. They want education and jobs to be independent. Now there are more graduate women who want to advance their careers and make money.

This not only changes the drive to buy more consumer goods, like clothing or jewellery, but also fewer marriages mean fewer households; so, 10 the purchase of houses, cars, furniture and domestic appliances go down. Not to mention the fact that engagement rings are not getting sold. Chinese companies are trying to find ways to get people to spend money.

On top of that, these changes affect Chinese traditional ways of life in that parents are worrying about their young single children, while children 15 are afraid that they may not be able to take care of their parents. Consequently, Chinese women will be older when they marry and they have to face the fact that they will have young children while, at the same time, their parents may need their aid.

**QUESTIONS**

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Why are some women in China delaying marriage?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. China’s “one child” policy has resulted in a surplus of people between the ages of 20 to 29 who don’t want to get married.
- 2.2. Many families will probably struggle to meet both the needs of children as well as the needs of older parents.
- 2.3. Fewer marriages imply a fall in the purchase of household requirements.

[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

Delaying marriage ...

- a) has put an end to the “one child” policy.
- b) is not trendy among graduate women.
- c) is affecting Chinese economy.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) an amount, quantity, etc., greater than needed
- b) the way or direction things tend to go

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) help
- d) motivation
- e) fundamental

[5] COMPLETE THE TASKS ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:

Women want education and jobs to be independent.

5.2 Complete: Unless women stop delaying marriage...

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Would you wait to marry until you have a well-paid job?