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LENGUA EXTRANJERA 1 – LISTEN-READING COMPREHENSION
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Bedbugs

in

Paris

A) Read the following article:

PARIS BEDBUGS

The French government launched a campaign Thursday, complete with an emergency number, to combat an influx of unwelcome visitors that have left Parisians in despair: bedbugs that have settled in homes and hotels to feed, uninvited, on human blood.

After disappearing from France in the 1950s, the insects have made a resurgence, according to the ministry of housing, which cited international travel and growing resistance to insecticide as the main causes.

We can all be affected, the government warned on a webpage dedicated to the problem, complete with advice on how to prevent and treat an infestation, and a number to call for expert help.

The common bed bug, *Cimex lectularius*, is found in temperate climates in the United States and parts of Europe.

The six-legged pest posed only a minor nuisance after the Second World War because of the widespread use of insecticides such as DDT. But the banning of such potent poisons, because they were too dangerous, hailed a bed bug revival.

By the late 1990s, they were thriving in New York and a 2010 outbreak saw them invade high-end apartment buildings, hotels, even clothing stores like the lingerie outlet Victoria's Secret.

There has also been an explosion of bed bugs in Paris.

The insects cost billions of dollars annually to exterminate by businesses and homeowners.

B) ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time Paris had a problem with bedbugs?

- ☐ Ten years ago
- ☐ Five years ago
- ☐ the 1950s

2. What is one of the causes of the new influx of bedbugs?

- ☐ Coronavirus
- ☐ International travel
- ☐ New relaxed laws about renting apartments in Paris

3. The new website dedicated to the problem _____.

- ☐ tells people how to prevent bedbugs
- ☐ lists all the problem areas in the city

- ☐ does not provide a number to call for expert advice

4. When did New York City NOT have a problem with bedbugs?

- ☐ The 1990s
☐ The 1950s
☐ The 21st century

5. Why are pesticides like DDT no longer used to kill bedbugs?

- ☐ Because there are better, more effective pesticides now
☐ Because they did not work
☐ Because these types of chemicals have been banned for being too dangerous to humans

C. Write a paragraph (40-60 WORDS) ABOUT MOST COMMON INSECT PROBLEM IN YOUR COMMUNITY, HOME OR NEIGHBORHOOD. (REMEMBER TO WRITE A TITLE, AND DIVE INTO 2 OR 3 PARAGRAPHS AS THE ARTICLE ABOVE)
