



Hazing Quiz

Part 1: True or False?

Decide if each of the statements below is true or false.

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| 1. Hazing only occurs through physical actions and does not include verbal or psychological abuse. | True | False |
| 2. Sexual violence is often a component of hazing rituals. | True | False |
| 3. Only junior military members are at risk of being targets of hazing behaviors. | True | False |
| 4. Hazing is different than other forms of harassment and maltreatment, like bullying, because it makes targets feel excluded from the group. | True | False |
| 5. Regardless of permission from a military leader or supervisor, not all behaviors can be considered training or mission critical. | True | False |
| 6. Some acts of hazing are “okay” if they are grounded in longstanding traditions and are embraced by the organization's culture. | True | False |
| 7. Some risk factors for hazing that exist within the military culture are a strong sense of hierarchical structure, high-stress environments, and a large population that can make behaviors difficult to track. | True | False |
| 8. It is only hazing when behaviors occur without the individual's prior consent. | True | False |

Part 2: Behavior Scenarios

For each of the scenarios below, decide if the event would be considered hazing, training, or another form of harassment behavior.

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| 1. During a training session, a senior officer requires a group of new recruits to stand outside in cold weather without appropriate gear for an extended period as a “test of endurance.” This practice is not part of the standard training protocol. | Hazing | Training | Other Harassment |
| 2. A new member of the military unit is forced to clean the personal vehicles of senior members every weekend. The task is justified by the senior members as a way to teach the new member about “respect and earning their place.” | Hazing | Training | Other Harassment |
| 3. A group of Service members verbally berates another member with derogatory and demeaning language, isolating them from group activities because they reported a safety violation. | Hazing | Training | Other Harassment |
| 4. A few Service members in a training group are assigned to extra study hours after the duty day after failing a test required for their occupational skill. | Hazing | Training | Other Harassment |





Answer Key

Answers to True or False

1. **False.** Hazing can also occur through psychological actions, such as demeaning language or efforts to separate the individual from the group in some way for a period of time.
2. **True.**
3. **False.** Hazing can occur at all levels of military rank and service status.
4. **False.** The distinguishing factor of hazing versus other forms of harassment is that hazing is intended to go on for a specific period of time where at the end the individual is meant to feel belonging to the group.
5. **True.**
6. **False.** Regardless of an organization's history or traditions, hazing can be harmful and should not be tolerated.
7. **True.**
8. **False.** It is still considered hazing, even if the individual consents to be a part of the activities.

Answers to Scenarios

1. Hazing. This is hazing because it can be inferred that those who are able to prove their endurance would be recognized as stronger and eligible to be part of the group.
2. Hazing. This is considered hazing because it is understood that the participants are earning a place in the group.
3. Other harassment. This behavior is considered other harassment (specifically retaliation) because it is meant to isolate and exclude the target for an indefinite amount of time.
4. Training. This activity would be considered reasonable and a component of training. It is intended to give the individuals an opportunity to improve upon critical training knowledge which they had not previously acquired.

