



General Certificate of Education

Spanish 5696

SP3T People and Society

Mark Scheme

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It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

Unit 3

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of AS	Marks
AO1	Response to spoken language	15	30
AO2	Response to written language	5	10
AO3	Knowledge of grammar	10	20
AO4	Knowledge of society	5	10
	TOTAL	35	70

The marks will be allocated in the following way.

		AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Part 1	Stimulus material		10		
Part 2	Presentation/Discussion				10
Part 3	Conversation	30			
overall	Knowledge of grammar			20	

The following criteria will be used.

Part 1	Response to stimulus material (AO2)
9-10	Supplies all the information necessary, offers views and opinions and exploits almost all the opportunities for development.
7-8	Supplies a large amount of relevant information, can develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
5-6	Supplies an above average amount of information but does not develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
3-4	Supplies a fair amount of information, rarely develops ideas in a relevant way and does not express meaningful opinions.
0-2	Supplies little or no relevant or substantial information. Difficulty in expressing views.

NB: Candidates who deliver only pre-learnt material in response to questions about the wider topic area will not be providing evidence of “developing ideas fully”. Examiners must, therefore, ask questions which prompt candidates to go beyond pre-learnt material in order that they may have access to 7 marks and above.

Part 2	Presentation and Discussion Knowledge of Society (AO4)
9-10	Presents a large amount of information in a very clear, well thought-out way with coherence and logical sequence. Good contribution to discussion, with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
7-8	Presents a reasonable amount of information clearly and in a generally well-ordered way. Participates fully in discussion, with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
5-6	Presents a fair amount of information fairly clearly and in a generally logical sequence, though with some irrelevance/inconsistency. Can contribute to discussion, but little personal reaction.
3-4	Presents a small amount of information in a way which is unclear and not well ordered. Some attempt at participation in discussion.
0-2	Presents a very limited amount of information in a haphazard way which makes it virtually or totally impossible to understand. No meaningful contribution to discussion.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Fluency
9-10	Prompt to respond, able to sustain a conversation, still with some hesitation.
7-8	Generally reasonable delivery but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
5-6	Hesitant, with frequent pauses.
3-4	Slow, disjointed and halting, impairing the flow of communication.
0-2	Little or no fluency.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Interaction
9-10	Sustains a meaningful exchange, takes the lead on occasions.
7-8	Reacts reasonably well, but does not develop ideas.
5-6	Tends to react rather than initiate but attempts to give additional information.
3-4	Generally dependent on the examiner. Volunteering little additional information.
0-2	Little or no significant reaction.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Pronunciation/Intonation
9-10	Generally good performance with some attempt to produce stress and intonation.
7-8	Reasonable pronunciation with lapses in intonation, phrasing and stress.
5-6	Intelligible pronunciation with a number of errors in intonation and stress.
3-4	Poor pronunciation; requires an effort of concentration on the part of a native speaker.
0-2	Very poor, generally unintelligible.

Overall	This is an overall assessment of the candidate's performance in all parts of the test
	Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)
17-20	A variety of linguistic structures used, generally effectively. Limitations in the use of more complex structures and more sophisticated vocabulary. Errors are generally minor but with some serious errors in more complex structures.
13-16	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
9-12	Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may sometimes cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.
5-8	Very limited range of constructions and vocabulary. Recurring serious errors. Influence of English is intrusive.
0-4	Little or no evidence of grammatical awareness. Great difficulty in constructing basic sentences.

Total for Paper = 70 marks

