



General Certificate of Education

Spanish 6696 *Specification*

SP6T/6V Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

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Unit 6

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of A Level	Marks
AO1	Response to spoken language	7.5	30
AO2	Response to written language	2.5	10
AO3	Knowledge of grammar	5	20
AO4	Knowledge of society	2.5	10
	TOTAL	17.5	70

The marks will be allocated in the following way.

		AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Part 1	Reporting/Discussion		10		10
Part 2	Conversation	30			
overall	Knowledge of grammar			20	

The following criteria will be used.

Part 1	Reporting and Discussion Response (AO2) and Knowledge (AO4)
17-20	Supplies all the information necessary, offers views and opinions and exploits almost all the opportunities for development.
13-16	Supplies a large amount of relevant information, can develop a number of ideas fully. Some success in expressing opinions.
9-12	Supplies an above average amount of information but does not develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
5-8	Supplies a fair amount of information, rarely develops ideas and is often unable to express meaningful opinions.
0-4	Supplies little or no relevant or substantial information. Generally unable to express views.

Part 2	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Fluency
9-10	A thoroughly confident speaker. Prompt to respond and able to sustain a conversation at a natural pace.
7-8	A generally confident speaker demonstrating a good pace of delivery with some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
5-6	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
3-4	Lacking in confidence. Inappropriate pace of delivery adversely affects the natural flow of conversation.
0-2	The pace of delivery - either hurried and garbled or slow and halting - is such that the flow of communication is severely impaired.

Part 2	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Interaction
9-10	Sustains a meaningful exchange with very little prompting. Responds well to regular opportunities to react spontaneously. Can develop ideas and counter views.
7-8	Responds reasonably well with some evidence of spontaneity. Reacts infrequently to opportunities to develop ideas and counter views.
5-6	Tends to react rather than initiate. Little evidence of spontaneity in developing responses to questions seeking views and opinions. More comfortable with factual information.
3-4	Generally dependent on the examiner's prompting which elicits only occasional attempts to give additional information.
0-2	Minimal reaction with little or no development of responses independent of any prompting.

Part 2	Response to Spoken Language (A01) in Conversation Section Pronunciation/Intonation
9-10	Very good pronunciation and intonation; occasional errors.
7-8	Good pronunciation, makes an attempt at correct stress and intonation; some errors.
5-6	Generally good performance with some attempt to produce stress and intonation.
3-4	Reasonable pronunciation with lapses in intonation, phrasing and stress.
0-2	Intelligible pronunciation with a number of errors in intonation and stress.

Overall	This is an overall assessment of the candidate's performance in all parts of the test Knowledge of Grammar (A03)
17-20	Very good command of the language. Good use of idiom, complex structures and a wide range of vocabulary. Highly accurate grammar and sentence structure; occasional mistakes.
13-16	Good command of the language. Attempts to use complex constructions and a wide range of vocabulary. Good grammar and sentence structure. Generally accurate.
9-12	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.
5-8	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
0-4	Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.

Total for Paper = 70 marks

GCE Advanced Level French/German/Spanish
Examiner's Marking Summary (as used by Examiners)
Unit 6 – Speaking Winter/Summer 20____



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NOTES:

Part 1	Reporting and Discussion Response (A02) and Knowledge (A04) CARDS (handed out): _____ / _____ (circle as chosen)
19 20 17 18	Supplies all the information necessary, offers views and opinions and exploits almost all the opportunities for development.
15 16 13 14	Supplies a large amount of relevant information, can develop a number of ideas fully. Some success in expressing opinions.
11 12 9 10	Supplies an above average amount of information but does not develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
7 8 5 6	Supplies a fair amount of information, rarely develops ideas and is often unable to express meaningful opinions.
3 4 0 1 2	Supplies little or no relevant or substantial information. Generally unable to express views.

Part 2	Conversation - Response to spoken language (AO1)
	FLUENCY
9 10	A confident speaker. Prompt to respond. Sustains a conversation at a natural pace.
7 8	A generally confident speaker. Good pace of delivery. Some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
5 6	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
3 4	Lacking in confidence. Inappropriate pace of delivery. Lacks natural "flow".
0 1 2	The pace of delivery (fast or slow) severely impairs communication.
	INTERACTION
9 10	A meaningful exchange with little prompting. Develops ideas spontaneously. Can counter views.
7 8	Reasonable response. Some spontaneity. Doesn't always develop ideas and counter views.
5 6	Limited response to challenges of opinions. Offers mostly factual information.
3 4	Generally dependent on the examiner's prompting to give additional information.
0 1 2	Minimal reaction or development of responses independent of any prompting.
	PRONUNCIATION/INTONATION
9 10	Very good pronunciation and intonation; occasional errors.
7 8	Good pronunciation, makes an attempt at correct stress and intonation; some errors.
5 6	Generally good performance with some attempt to produce stress and intonation.
3 4	Reasonable pronunciation with lapses in intonation, phrasing and stress.
0 1 2	Intelligible pronunciation with a number of errors in intonation and stress.

Overall	Assessment of the candidate's performance in ALL parts of the test - Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)
19 20 17 18	Very good command of the language. Good use of idiom, complex structures and a wide range of vocabulary. Highly accurate grammar and sentence structure; occasional mistakes.
15 16 13 14	Good command of the language. Attempts to use complex constructions and a wide range of vocabulary. Good grammar and sentence structure. Generally accurate.
11 12 9 10	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.
7 8 5 6	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
3 4 0 1 2	Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.

PART 1	PART 2		PRONUNCIATION/ INTONATION	AO3 OVERALL
	FLUENCY	INTERACTION		
/20	/10	/10	/10	/20
				/70
Examiner: _____	TOTAL			/70