

## **Teacher Resource Bank**

GCE Spanish (2695)

Candidate Exemplar Work:

 Additional Candidate Exemplar Work Unit 1 (Spring 2010)



# **CANDIDATE 1**

### SECTION B

#### Writing

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Estay de acuerdo con la aprisión de este director. En mi opinión, se el departe es la educat parte más importante de nue la semana escalar parque es buena para la soluci lisical y mental pero también el departe hene muchos beneficios sociales.

Primero, la salud físical Por desgracia las cipras domuestran que la tasa de obesida augmenta hoy en día debido a la introducción de nuevas tecnológicas tales como el ordenador y la televisión. En las escuelas el ordenador está usado mucha y par lo tanto es importe necesario que tanto basado mandos está usado mucha posible Al practicar un departe juna persona puedas mantener un un pesa apropiado y apaya las funciones basicas del cuerpo Por ejempo forteleco el corazón y tonifica las músculos los es os moneros.

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#### Candidate 1

## Essay 12: "Estás de acuerdo con la opinión de este director?"

#### Content

This is a very competent, straightforward, well-structured essay. The essay starts well with a brief introduction that offers a personal opinion at the outset. We learn that we are going to read about the physical, mental and social benefits of taking part in sport at school. The outline of the essay is clear.

Paragraph 2 begins with a clear focus on physical health. Content ticks are awarded for mention of obesity figures, the negative impact of new technology, the sedentary nature of work at school, the need to be active, the benefits for our weight, heart and strength.

Paragraph 3 is a fairly brief look at the effect of sport on mental health with emphasis on tension, stress and daily problems which can lead to serious illness if not addressed; sport is a good, helpful change of activity.

Paragraph 4 discusses the social benefits of sport. There is a weak, unexplained reference to antisocial behaviour but otherwise we learn that sport improves personality, aids teamwork and enables friendships. The idea in the first two lines of the final side of the essay is not well expressed.

The conclusion is a sensible, brief resume of what has gone before.

What is missing from this essay is an opposing argument; e.g. the dislike that many students have for sport at school and the difficulties that schools would have imposing sport on older students. Reasons are not hard to find and perhaps a "Very Good" essay should contain some indication of the obvious flaws in the fictional Madrid head teacher's argument. The ability to put both sides of a case will be a common feature of top band essays.

The examiner's judgement here is that the essay just misses out on the "Very Good" band for Content.

#### **Range of Structures**

There is no doubt that, for AS level, the variety of grammatical structures used is very good; there are errors but they are not ones that ever seriously impede the flow of the argument. It is a present tense essay and there are few attempts to 'impress'. There are some nice touches: *debido a, tales como, al* + *infinitive, ayuda a la persona a olvidar, es mejor que una persona evite, puede llegar a ser.* There is some carelessness but none of it detracts seriously from the view that this candidate has a strong understanding of structures.

## Range of Vocabulary

Some topic-specific vocabulary is very good; mantener un peso apropiado, apoya las funciones básicas del cuerpo, fortalece el corazón, tonifica los músculos, cuidarse la línea etc.

#### **Accuracy**

There are errors that could easily have been avoided; *físical, augmenta, introdución, usado mucha* but there is so much that is accurate that a 5 is awarded.

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| Range of Structures | 5  |
| Range of Vocabulary | 5  |
| Accuracy            | 5  |
| Total               | 31 |



## **CANDIDATE 2**

## SECTION B

#### Writing

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#### Candidate 2

## Essay 12: "Estás de acuerdo con la opinión de este director?"

#### Content

The opening two sentences are not strong; we see many essays with pre-prepared openings which, presumably, have been suggested to students but here it is unconvincing, largely because it is not really true. The second paragraph emphasises the current topic of obesity among young people and is entirely valid; we are offered a figure of "49%" but there is no source given. Evidence to support an argument is always valuable, but these do not have to be statistical.

The central and final paragraph on side 2 contain vocabulary and grammar weaknesses but some good ideas.

Side 3 sees the candidate move to criticise the head teacher's view, with sensible opinions on what most people need from school for their 'life needs'. She usefully emphasises the unpleasantness of sport and of sports kit for some young people who can be adversely affected by them and suggests that after a sports class students are too tired to work well.

The concluding paragraph, in contrast to the essay's beginning, is strong. It briefly weighs up the points made and states firmly the writer's personal view.

The grammatical weaknesses in the essay detract from its flow but it does contain much of value and many Content ticks have been placed on it. In terms of response to the task, relevance and depth of treatment, it merits placement in the "Very Good" band. It is not always well expressed but it is well justified and it certainly has a well-organised structure.

## **Range of Structures**

There is clear evidence of some good understanding of grammatical structures: prepositions + infinitive, tercer, un hecho bien sabido, un 49 por ciento, sino, tales como etc and there are signs of a growing understanding of the subjunctive. However, there are also errors that show work still to be done: los deportes al colegio, he visto reciente, ayudar de, Por la mayor parte de gente, el ejercicio le siente más feliz, para tí, la parte más importante en la semana etc. The subjunctive is missed or misformed on occasions and a difficult gustar does not quite work.

## Range of Vocabulary

By and large the vocabulary is pleasing: *lucha contra la obesidad, desempeñar un papel, mejor* estado de ánimo, la experiencia escolar, empeorar, bienestar, ejercicio vigoroso, tanto éxito etc. Some obvious errors are subrayer, difinativamente, figura, alivir, ensurar, desarollo, realizar.

## **Accuracy**

On side 1 it is good to see *un tema* and *un problema* and then disappointing to see *una programa*. In addition to these incorrectly spelled words we see *el ejercio*, *métodos más efectivo*, *dijó*, *la desarollo*, *las idiomas*, *despues* etc

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# **CANDIDATE 3**



## SECTION B

## Writing

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#### Candidate 3

## Essay 10: "Qué opinas tú de lo que dicen estas personas?"

#### Content

This essay is sensibly structured: paragraph 1 is the introduction, paragraph 2 deals with newspapers, paragraph 3 with new technologies and paragraph 4 the conclusion.

This essay has a good opening sentence about 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, but the two points that follow it could have been expressed more effectively by avoiding the format of questions.

The paragraph on newspapers opens strangely with its statement that every country has more than ten newspapers but then offers good examples of three British newspapers and their content; this could have been improved by the simple addition of strong adjectives after *información* and *chicas*; *información política* and *chicas semidesnudas*, for example. No justification is offered for the statements that we receive untrue information and that the "appropriate newspaper" is more beneficial than the Internet or television.

The paragraph on new technologies opens well with a statement on speed of access to information but then moves too speedily to the health risks and social consequences. The paragraph concludes with a weak example of the addiction to new technology.

The conclusion is not strong but the final two lines are of value.

There is much easy content missed out of this essay; ease of communication, Internet crime, social networks, wide range of television choices, the cost of mobile phone calls, etc. The Content is placed in the Sufficient band with a mark of 12.

## **Range of Structures**

Obvious weaknesses are muchísimo de tecnologías, ¿Porque existen...?, en la Inglaterra, los periódicos ... tiene, del tecnologías, es importante que no nos sentimos, delante la pantalla, pienso que tanto periódico ... . However, there is also good evidence of linguistic ability and a good variety of gramatical structures throughout the essay. A mark of 4 is given.

## Range of Vocabulary

Basic vocabulary for the topic is known; *la red, caja tonta, pantalla, mundo virtual* but the vocabulary for the essay as a whole is not adventurous in any way, but there is 'some variety of appropriate vocuabulary'. A mark of 3 is given.

#### Accuracy

Words such as *necesitar, ventaja* and *perder* should not cause problems at AS level. All adjectives must agree: *calidad distinto* and *información falso* do not impress. The spelling of basic vocabulary must be accurate; *demasido* and *nececitamos* are examples of carelessness and lack of checking. The use of accents in the essay is too inconsistent. However, despite these basic errors, the essay is generally accurate and so a mark of 3 is given.

Content 12 Range of Structures 4 Range of Vocabulary 3 Accuracy 3 Total 22



# **CANDIDATE 4**



#### SECTION B

#### Writing

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#### Candidate 4

## Essay 11: "En tu opinión, ¿son necesarios el maquillaje y otros productos de belleza?"

#### Content

Here is an essay of some 280 words that starts well but drifts away both in Content and Grammar. There is no introductory paragraph but the candidate opens with some useful sentences in good Spanish. One notes with satisfaction the adjective on line 2, the reflexive present participle correct in all its detail on line 3 and the preposition followed by an infinitive immediately after. It is a nice flowing start. The third sentence (*El sentimiento...*) jars with its *por la cara* but the *fenomenal porque te sientes bonita* reads well. The following sentence is spoilt by *una gasta* but otherwise is good. By this stage, half way down side 1, 5 Content ticks have been gained despite the lack of structure and sense of direction.

From this point on, weaknesses creep in but Content points are awarded despite the grammatical errors; when the candidate starts to use *ver* to mean 'to look' that is too serious an error to overlook. The writer will continue with this major inaccuracy throughout the essay but is not penalised repeatedly.

The final sentence on side 1 merits two Content ticks but the good use of the present subjunctive is spoilt by the inaccurate gender of *piel* and the incorrect use of the present participle after the preposition, the very same preposition used so well in the essay's opening lines.

Side 2 starts reasonably well and a Content tick is awarded on line 3, but then follow some weak lines with a poor attempt at a passive and an incorrect *algos cremas*. There is repetition of the idea about creams harming the skin. The idea of makeup being used for special occasions is worth a tick even though the time frame suggested seems too recent. The idea that nowadays all girls wear makeup merits another tick but the *por sus todos los dias vidas* jars. Attempting to ignore the repetition of *ver* meaning 'to look', the idea of girls trying to be like celebrities gains a tick as does boys' opinions of makeup and beauty products. The final 7 lines of the page read well with good reflexive infinitives after *poder* and *tener que*.

The final brief side mentions that natural beauty does exist but that makeup does perform miracles and it is recommended with a dynamic enthusiasm. Regrettably the incorrect preposition on line 3 does detract from these closing lines in a major way.

Placing it in its Content band, we quickly see that it is not 'Very Good'. We then consider the descriptors for 'Good'. Certainly it is 'mostly relevant' and there is 'some depth of treatment'. Structure is not good; indeed one would probably drop down to 'limited evidence of structure'. For the third Content descriptor it is not a case of 'points made are well expressed and justified' but 'points made are mostly well expressed and justified' is possible. Sufficient Content ticks have been placed on the essay and the overall judgement is that it can creep into the lower area of 'Good'.

#### **Range of Structures**

Structures are not especially strong. In addition to those mentioned above, there are some other worrying moments: te puedan ver más jóven, después de usando, Había probado por, puedo decir de todas las chicas, recomendidos, but, to be fair, these moments are counterbalanced by some fluent passages and some excellent subjunctives. The final sentence on side 1 shows this candidate's strengths and weaknesses. The candidate just manages to score 4.

#### Range of Vocabulary

Here a top mark cannot be awarded because there is not a wide range of appropriate, topic-specific vocabulary. We see *cremas* and *lociones*, but *piel* is used as a masculine noun and *alergia* gains an accent. The candidate has ample vocabulary to write a decent essay and it just merits a 4.

## Accuracy

Here we cannot award a top mark but again, a 4 is justifiable.

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# **CANDIDATE 5**

#### SECTION B

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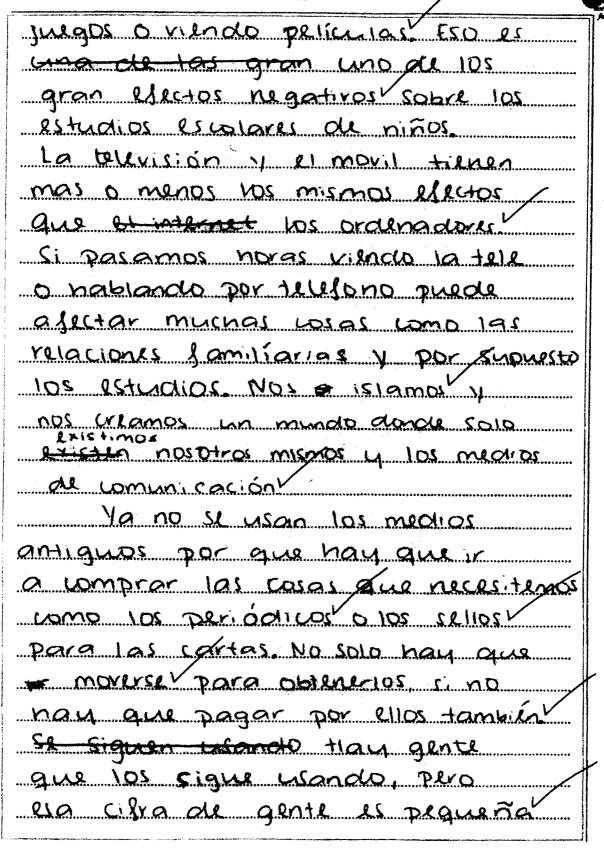
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#### Candidate 5

## Essay 10: "Qué opinas tú de lo que dicen estas personas?"

#### Content

Here is a strong essay written by a candidate with high-quality Spanish. It is dismissive of newspapers and concentrates on the virtues and drawbacks of the modern media which are focal points of the Media topic.

Initially we see an over-long, rather 'loose' opening paragraph. Rather than telling the reader what the essay is going to concentrate on and offering some direction to it, the writer plunges straight into her arguments. This paragraph does employ the sensible tactic of starting historically, using 'Hoy en dia' and 'Antiguamente' but it is not concise or precise; however it does score quick Content marks. The last full sentence on side 1 could have been a useful opening idea for the essay.

Side 2 scores lots of quick Content marks by rattling through some uses of the Internet and mentioning Google and Yahoo; the failure of so many writers to give examples in their essays is a weakness that needs to be remedied. We see examples of the 'dangers' of the Internet through the mention of 'personal details', 'piracy', 'pornography' and the candidate gives a personal reaction to playing video games and watching films.

Side 3 sees more criticism of TV, the Internet and mobile phones and offers the more sophisticated idea of the isolation we can create for ourselves with these media. The writer derides newspapers, letters and stamps as 'old' and comments that you have to move physically to get them and then you have to hand over money. But she sees the value of them while travelling and for those who dislike the TV, computer and mobile screens.

The final paragraph starts very well, with a little joke, and the essay concludes seriously.

Almost 40 ticks have been placed on the essay. As always, some are stronger than others but the student has easily fulfilled the criteria of the top band; the response is fully relevant, has good depth of treatment, is well expressed and justified and is generally well ordered. There is no reason not to award full Content marks. Structures are excellent, vocabulary is very good, accuracy is very good. A fine essay under examination conditions.

## Range of Structures

Here we see some sophisticated language with excellent usage of tenses, clever avoidance of the passive and high quality subjunctives.

#### Range of Vocabulary

There is admirable confidence here; the essay contains a wide range of appropriate and topic-specific vocabulary: buzón, chatear, serie, piratería, engancharse, sellos, pantalla etc.

#### Accuracy

There are few inaccuracies.

Content 20 Range of Structures 5 Range of Vocabulary 5 Accuracy 5 Total 35



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## SECTION B

## Writing

## See Insert for questions.

Write the number of the question you have chosen in the box below, eg 10.

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| otros productos de baleza son una buena casa pura     |
| las chicas forque pueden dados la considencia y les   |
| haven seliz Sin embargo, quede ser un problema        |
| cuando estos productos son demosiado importante a     |
| las chicas y tionen una tipa de depondencia al        |
| maquillaje.                                           |
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| Es resonable que una chica quiere aparecar bonita     |
| por su rovio porque quiere presurir a simula él. No   |
| es sclamaria para sua navia. Quizas es muy importante |
| ar de aparecer bonita apre por una chica              |
| parque tiene un complejo con su imagen. No creo       |
| que es un problema si el maquillage la da saliz,      |
| especialmente si le da la considercia tambien.        |
| No obstante, el maquillage quede crear un persona     |
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## Essay 11: "En tu opinión, ¿son necesarios el maquillaje y otros productos de belleza?"

This is an essay of 250 words, 50 more than the stated minimum. It contains several useful ideas, but also grammar weaknesses that limit its impact.

#### Content

The first paragraph opens with the statement that make-up enhances girls' confidence and happiness but that over-dependence can prove problematic. A good, sensible beginning.

The subsequent ideas about looking pretty for boyfriends and girlfriends are sound but are poorly expressed. The third paragraph starts with the notion that make-up masks one's true image which can lead to depression, eating disorders and even cosmetic surgery.

The final four lines of the essay contain strong ideas but there is no development and the final sentence on controlling the advertising of make-up is completely fresh and has no justification.

The essay satisfies all three descriptors in the Sufficient band; it is relevant to the task, the treatment is somewhat superficial, the structure is reasonable but has lapses and the points made are not always clearly expressed and justification is only just sufficient. A mark of 12 was awarded.

### **Range of Structures**

There is some good Spanish but there are also weaknesses: estos productos son importante, aparecer bonita por su novio, quizas es muy importante de aparecer, no creo que es un problema, un imagen verdad, aprender ser feliz, etc. A mark of 3 is given – 'some variety of grammatical structures'.

## Range of Vocabulary

There are a few examples of topic-specific vocabulary: *cirugía, trastornos alimenticios, imagen, complejo*, but there are many weaknesses also: *confidencia, resonable, probar, sicologicas, le da feliz.* Therefore, a mark of 3 is awarded – 'some variety of appropriate vocabulary'.

## **Accuracy**

Some of the handwriting and spelling is unclear; indistinct formation of the vowels *a*, *e* and *o* interrupts the reader's flow on many occasions and one does not expect to see *un persona*, or *problemas fisicas y sicologicas* when *problema* has been given its correct gender throughout the essay until the final lines. The double s in *depressión* and *obsessión* should be eradicated by this stage. The descriptor "generally accurate but still with some basic errors" fits the essay well and a 3 is awarded.

| Content             | 12 |
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| Range of Structures | 3  |
| Range of Vocabulary | 3  |
| Accuracy            | 3  |
| Total               | 21 |





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#### SECTION B

## Writing

Answer one of the following questions in Spanish. You must write a minimum of 200 words.

To gain the highest marks:

- read the question carefully and make sure your answer is relevant to the title
- plan before you start to write your answer, using the essay planning sheet
- · back up the points that you make
- write as accurately as possible, using as wide a range of vocabulary and structures as you can.

#### **EITHER**

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¿Qué opinas tú de lo que dicen estas personas?

(35 marks)

OR

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"El maquillaje hace milagros."

Carmen pasa 45 minutos maquillándose antes de salir con su novio, Rafa. "Para salir con Carmen yo me ducho y me lavo los dientes. 5 minutos, nada más."



Rafa

En tu opinión, ¿son necesarios el maquillaje y otros productos de belleza?

(35 marks)

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OR

"Para mí, los deportes son posiblemente la parte más importante de nuestra semana escolar; aquí son un elemento obligatorio para todos los estudiantes desde los 10 hasta los 18 años. Es mi opinión que los deportes ofrecen más satisfacción a la mayor parte de los jóvenes que las otras cosas que hacemos aquí."

(Director de un colegio español)

¿Estás de acuerdo con la opinión de este director?

(35 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS** 

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