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## Section B

## Writing

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## Student 1 Commentary

## Content

This essay begins with a clear introduction where the student informs the reader of his/her intentions. The introduction is crucial in ensuring that the student indicates what he/she will be exploring in the essay in relation to the essay title. The student explains that he/she will explore the elements of the film El laberinto del fauno by Guillermo del Toro that will guarantee his fame in the future. This is key when examiners are looking at the fourth bullet point of the assessment criteria for Content.

The student then begins to tackle each of the elements he/she has outlined in the introduction. Throughout the essay the student introduces a point and then backs it up with a relevant example and/or evidence. For example, the student argues that the form of the film and the use of colour will guarantee the fame of Guillermo del Toro in the future. The use of colours is evaluated for the impact they have in the film and then the student offers personal reaction and justification to conclude the paragraph to ensure why these will be important in the future and thus links back to the title.

The student continues throughout the essay using this method of introducing points backed up by examples followed by personal reaction. It is clearly evident that the student has an excellent knowledge of the text and is able to evaluate it successfully avoiding storytelling. The conclusion similarly returns to the set question to ensure that the task is being targeted at all times and the examiner can clearly see that the structure is held tightly in place.

It is worth highlighting that the importance of the Content mark cannot be understated as it has a direct impact on the remaining marks. The marks awarded for each of Range of Vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy cannot be in a higher band than the band awarded for Content.

## Range of Vocabulary

The student successfully demonstrates a very wide range of vocabulary throughout the essay. He/she uses filmic terms effectively such as el maquillaje, los planos, el vestuario, rodear, cineasta, el género to back up the points that are made within the essay. Moreover, the use of sophisticated Spanish serves to emphasise this range of vocabulary. The student uses vocabulary such as malicia, tonalidades, sádica, inminente and armargura which are all clear examples of how the student displays a wide range of vocabulary.

## Complexity of Language

The student effectively uses a very wide range of structures throughout the essay. Some examples which illustrate this effectively are structures such as the pluperfect había afectado, imperfect subjunctive fuera, present subjunctives such as vean, direct object lo and future tense serán. This is also reinforced by the use of excellent linking phrases which serve to hold the piece together.

## Accuracy

The maximum mark of five for Accuracy indicates that the student has been highly accurate with only occasional errors. It thus does not have to be perfect. There are instances of incorrect spellings such as consequencia or accents missed such as publico and incorrect infinitives entiendar. These are scarce and as such the mark of five is awarded.

| Overall Score: |  |
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| Content | 25 |
| Range of Vocabulary | 5 |
| Complexity of Language | 5 |
| Accuracy | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |

## Section B

## Writing

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## Student 2 Commentary

## Content

The student is successful in the opening paragraph in setting out the clear intention of the essay. It is vital that the student stays as close to the title as possible and avoids falling into the trap of writing a pre-learned essay. The student states effectively what the reader can learn by reading the play. The student then continues to make a series of points which at the end of the paragraph clearly link back to the title and whether the play has value today. It is obvious to note that there is no right or wrong answer to such questions and examiners are looking for justification and explanation of the student's viewpoint.

The student shows a clear knowledge of the text and uses pertinent examples to back up the point. He/she clearly argues that, in her opinion, there are aspects of the play that were of value during Lorca's time but, in his/her opinion, no longer have relevance for today's society. He/she then counterbalances these arguments with how he/she thinks the play is relevant. For example, he/she argues that Lorca's play allows us to think of our society today and how we judge men and women differently. This is also another clear example of personal reaction which is vital to achieving the top band of marks.

The use of quotes when studying literary or dramatic texts should always be used as a means to back up points and not merely used simply because the student is determined to recite them. As such the use of quotes should be used judicially as the student has done here to ensure they are pertinent to the point being made. The student is effective in giving his/her opinion on the value of the play and is convincing throughout in his/her argument. In short, examiners are looking for a well-organised structure and clear progression and as such the student is successful in this aspect.

It is worth highlighting that the importance of the content mark cannot be understated as it has a direct impact on the remaining marks. The marks awarded for each of Range of Vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy cannot be in a higher band than the band awarded for Content.

## Range of Vocabulary

The student effectively uses a wide range of vocabulary in his/her essay. He/she uses vocabulary such as menospreciar, hacer hincapié a, el enfoque, la jerarquía which ensure that he/she is showing the examiner that capacity to use more sophisticated vocabulary.

## Complexity of Language

A good use of Spanish is evident from the start. We can see some examples of some excellent linking phrases which hold together the various tenses that the student has employed to express their ideas. The student clearly has a superb grasp on the varying grammatical structures needed to achieve the top band. There are clear examples of complex language being used effectively.

## Accuracy

The student is highly accurate at all times and easily achieves the maximum five marks available.

| Overall Score: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Content | 25 |
| Range of Vocabulary | 5 |
| Complexity of Language | 5 |
| Accuracy | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |

Section B
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## Student 3 Commentary

## Content

This question has two elements for students to tackle. In effect, students must ensure they answer both parts of the question in order to ensure that they can access the marks in the highest band for Content. The structure of the essay is excellent and the student is successful at introducing points and backing them up with factual evidence from the text. He /she then concludes whether a knowledge of Spanish society is necessary.

This is clearly evident in his/her first argument that Sénder's message about the influence and corruption of the church. He/she supports his/her viewpoint with evidence from the book regarding the church's influence and then links back to the part of the question about knowledge of Spanish society. He/she argues it does not. It must be remembered that in such cases there are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers and a student can decide to argue either viewpoint as long as it is supported by clear evidence.

The student is particularly adept at bringing in his/her personal response which is clearly needed if students are aiming to achieve the top band. With the argument about the influence of the church he/she is able to concede both sides of the argument and makes a clear personal reaction to the text.

The student's use of quotes is not excessive and as such is used sparingly to back up the points that are made. The essay continues on a similar path, introducing points and backing them up with factual references from the text. The student evidently has a thorough understanding and knowledge of the task and uses a wide range of relevant examples and evaluates all the points that are made. There is a progression which clearly informs the reader that the student has understood the question.

It is worth highlighting that the importance of the Content mark cannot be understated as it has a direct impact on the remaining marks. The marks awarded for each of Range of Vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy cannot be in a higher band than the band awarded for Content.

## Range of Vocabulary

The student uses a very wide range of vocabulary. Words such as poderoso, moralidad, bien conocida, hipocríta, la clase burguesa, mediante are just a few examples of how the student exemplifies the ideas presented to the reader via interesting vocabulary.

## Complexity of Language

The student effectively uses a very wide range of structures throughout the essay. There are effective examples of the subjunctive, si clause, pluperfects alongside some excellent linking phrases such as no se puede negar que, es evidente que which are used effectively to link the essay together.

## Accuracy

The maximum mark of five for Accuracy indicates that the student has been highly accurate with only occasional errors. It thus does not have to be perfect. There are instances of incorrect grammar in the essay but this does not detract from an otherwise convincing performance.

| Overall Score: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Content | 25 |
| Range of Vocabulary | 5 |
| Complexity of Language | 5 |
| Accuracy | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |

## Marking Guidance

## SECTION B: WRITING

1. The range of topics and areas for study is inevitably very wide, but all essays are assessed according to the same criteria. If the question requires, for example, an analysis of the main themes of a work, this will be the student's view of what the main themes are, provided he/she justifies his/her choice. If there are clearly significant errors of fact, these cannot be ignored, but fact should not be confused with interpretation.
2. The mark scheme refers to understanding and knowledge of the task. 'The task' is to answer the specific question set.
'Understanding of the task' is the way in which the answer addresses the question, e.g. range, depth, covering all parts of the question and relevance to the question. 'Knowledge of the task' is the amount and range of detail used to answer the question set. It is not so much the actual knowledge as the way this knowledge is used and evaluated that is being assessed. Hence the Content mark is determined by how well the student has answered the specific question set.
3. When assessing an essay for Content, a "top down" approach should be adopted by deciding whether the essay matches the criteria for the top band. If not, move down to the second band and so on. If an essay fully matches all the criteria for the top band, it should be given maximum marks. Such an essay will fully answer all parts of the set question. It will be fully relevant, contain a good deal of evidence and very clear evaluation.
4. If the essay is not worthy of a mark in the top band, move down the bands until the criteria are the best match for that essay. In these bands, in the event that an essay matches exactly the criteria for the band, it should be given the middle mark in that band. Otherwise, the mark should be adjusted up or down according to whether it is nearer the criteria for the band above or the band below.
5. The degree of personal reaction required for any given band will vary to some extent according to the precise question set, and it is accepted that in some topics, particularly the study of a region, the reaction is effectively bound up with the evaluation, whereas if the question asks for the student's opinion of an author or artist, more obvious personal reaction is clearly required. Students do not constantly have to say "I think that..." to be giving personal reaction. For example, adjectives such as "effective" or "extraordinary" are expressing opinions.
6. Evidence can take different forms. The student must show knowledge of the topic, but in the case of a literary topic, for example, this does not have to be accomplished via quotations; precise reference to specific episodes may fulfil this requirement. Furthermore, a quotation may explain or justify a point, but on its own it does not make a point; the student must be explicit.
7. There is a minimum number of 250 words specified on the paper. There is no automatic penalty for writing less than the minimum: this will be self-penalising. Students can have access to the top mark bands by writing the minimum number of words, however, not all students will be able to meet the requirements of the top mark bands in an essay of 250 words. A well-structured and well-planned essay of 250 words with a wide range of vocabulary/range of structures will be eligible for the highest marks. It is the quality of the response and not the number of words which is important. There is no maximum number of words and all work is marked.

## Section B: Writing (Annotation of Scripts)

The following conventions will be used by examiners marking scripts when assessing Content.

| $\checkmark$ | Point made |
| :---: | :--- |
| NR | Irrelevant material |
| rep | Repeated point |
| $?$ | Lack of clarity |


| Marks | Criteria |
| :---: | :---: |
| 21-25 | Very Good <br> - Thorough understanding and knowledge of the task <br> - Wide range of relevant examples and evidence <br> - Clear evidence of evaluation and well-justified personal reaction <br> - Well-organised structure with clear progression |
| 16-20 | Good <br> - Sound understanding and knowledge of the task <br> - Good range of relevant examples and evidence <br> - Some evidence of evaluation and personal reaction but not always <br> - convincingly justified <br> - Logical structure with some progression |
| 11-15 | Sufficient <br> - Some understanding and knowledge of the task <br> - Some relevant examples and evidence <br> - Some evaluation and personal reaction evident but often not justified <br> - over-reliance on received ideas <br> - Structure is satisfactory though there may be some deficiencies |
| 6-10 | Limited <br> - Limited understanding and knowledge of the task <br> - Limited use of relevant examples and evidence <br> - Limited evaluation and personal reaction; mainly descriptive or factual <br> - Structure limited; often unclear or confusing |
| 0-5 | Poor <br> - Little understanding and knowledge of the task <br> - Lack of relevant evidence. Few examples <br> - Little or no evaluation and/or personal reaction <br> - Structure mainly unfocused and/or disorganised |

## QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

Range of Vocabulary

| Marks | Criteria |
| :---: | :--- |
| 5 | Very wide range of vocabulary used |
| 4 | A wide range of vocabulary used |
| 3 | Some variety in the use of vocabulary |
| 2 | Little variety in the use of vocabulary |
| $0-1$ | Vocabulary simple and very limited |

## Complexity of Language

| Marks | Criteria |
| :---: | :--- |
| 5 | Very wide range of complex structures |
| 4 | A wide range of structures including complex constructions |
| 3 | A variety of structures used with some attempts at complex constructions |
| 2 | Structures mainly simple, with little variety |
| $0-1$ | Structures very simple and limited in scope |

## Accuracy

| Marks | Criteria |
| :---: | :--- |
| 5 | Highly accurate with only occasional errors |
| 4 | Generally accurate with few errors |
| 3 | More accurate than inaccurate. Errors rarely impede communication |
| 2 | Some errors but these generally do not impede communication |
| $0-1$ | Many errors which significantly impede communication |

It should be noted that the marks awarded for each of Range of Vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy cannot be in a higher band than the band awarded for Content.

## Guidance on individual essays

11(a) Another fairly straightforward question to assess. Although the first part of the question asks for an analysis of the influence of the chosen figure on the period itself, the second part is open to the interpretation of a longer-term impact. Therefore, essays which discuss such an impact as well as those in which analysis is limited just to the actual period should both have access to maximum marks. However, the second part of the question must be answered at reasonable length for a mark in the top two bands for Content to be awarded.

12(b) As is made clear in the Cultural Topics FAQ section of the website, if a question is set on one character then it is permissible for a student who has studied a short-story writer to refer to just one story, and this is the case with this question. For an essay to be placed in the top two bands for Content, it should indicate how the chosen character develops during the course of the work as well as a justified response to the second part of the question.

14(a) The analysis of techniques should, of course, take into account the relevant medium and, in particular for a musician or film director, some analysis of musicality or cinematographic techniques is needed for the essay to be placed in the top two bands for Content. The second part of the question may well be dealt with during the course of the essay but it would be equally valid if it is left to a reasonably substantial section at the end.

