

## **Teacher Resource Bank**

GCE Spanish (2695)

Candidate Exemplar Work:

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# **Candidate A**

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Primero, la infideridad. Gada senara en mi periódico local, ves ma lista de divorcios todas se deben a la infidended y casi Pobablemente, la insideridad empieza anigos er el tabajo, o on un vecino con un anipor de la pareja, el acto de 0 relacion sexual on stra persona es ther Una generalmente los dos personas traicion vna ser tieres y 10 'dormin has pometido CON persona, lara muhas personas orra

tertación V es devanodo grande y 6 exerts. imposible su fidelidad montener openin, son sette débil Segundo, el dinero, Para muchas parijas es mosible torer suficiente divers para poder comprar e obtiner todo logre quieren en la violal y si una persona de = 105 dos gena mucho más o mucho meros que la otra erfonces prede emperar una siliación de designanded ettre ellos. Mucha gerte se descontrata si no tiene la casa perfecta, SIGHE deseable, los vacaciones exércicas el corne ett hay ninds entences tos problemas et sì porque quiteren comprar aunertar Osas pro elles"; muchos no aprecion gre 10 importante para los niños es el anor de padres a nopa (os naretes 0 AQA

Terrero, la videncia domestica. Greatmente El en el mundo, las myeres non combiado sin estatus enmente avante los últimos treinte Tos' y muchas theren mucho exito en sus correras. Para muchos hombres esto ha sido vi consid que no giveren o no preden aceptar y para importer su control uson la violuita físico o mertal ortra sus parejas. Para muchou myeres car rinos, es dittal asonona su casa pero la mayoña piensa que es imposible quedarse en motimo is visuet y yo estay de acuerdo con esta posición En resumer, jet notinario es difícil 20 Fully relevant. Good depth of treatment. Well org. str. Log. seg. Well exp. + ju C. RV 5 RS 5 5 A. 35

### CANDIDATE A COMMENTARY

This is clearly an outstanding piece of work. It combines relevance, concision and grammatical accuracy. It falls immediately into the **Very Good** category.

The first paragraph is ideal in that it tells the reader where it is going to go and selects three of the many possible causes of divorce and separation. One could argue with the choice of the three as being the *más comunes* but one would not do so unless they were highly improbable *causas principales*.

The next three paragraphs deal with the three chosen aspects in turn. An explanation is given as to what *infidelidad* is and examples of likely co-respondents are given. Good reference is made to promises of fidelity and there is excellent use of topic-specific vocabulary: *traición, fieles, tentación,* etc. A personal opinion is offered to close the paragraph.

The paragraph on money lays emphasis on the desire to acquire material goods, on inequality of earnings within marriages and, again, offers a personal view on the importance of love rather than material goods for children. Once again there is good use of topic-specific vocabulary: *desigualdad, descontenta, coche deseado, vacaciones exóticas*, etc.

The paragraph on domestic violence is well chosen as it is a topic frequently covered in the Spanish media. There is no requirement for cultural knowledge of Spanish-speaking societies in the specification and no marks are awarded for it, but it can be used in these pieces of work. This very able, clear-thinking student emphasises the increased status of women in society and the inability of some men to cope with their partners' growth and success. There is mention of the difficult position of women with children who need to escape male violence.

The piece of work concludes pithily and merits full marks in all four assessment criteria.

#### Grammar strengths and weaknesses

Despite some examples of less-than-perfect formation of the vowel 'o' and of some consonants it is quickly noted how accurately this essay has been written. Comment has been made above on good topic-specific vocabulary and this is allied to impressive knowledge of verbs: *voy a limitarme, veo, se deben a, empieza, han prometido, encuentra, para poder comprar, se siente, ha sido,* etc. It is basic knowledge used well and it impresses the reader. Adjectival agreement is good, *comunes, fieles, débil, descontenta, exóticas, últimos, difícil,* with the one exception of *violencia físico*; this is probably due to speed of writing but it does stand out. Accentuation, so often neglected and misunderstood, is impressive throughout. This is a talented language student who merits real congratulation on this piece of work.

# **Candidate B**

Aué presiones existen hoy en dia Sobre log jouenes con respecto a Su aparencia personal y la necesidad de Ser acceptados' por otros? Hoy en dia hay más presiones que existen 8064 los jouenes, de hecho, un problemon muy grande es la enfluencia de la televisión Muchos jonenes ven la televisión y las atrices las modelos pueden influenciarlos. Por epenplo, mois de la nuitro de las estrellas Son demasidad delgadas, así las cluicas Por eso, hay más piensanque deben Ser como ellos anorenia, sin embargo, los jonenes, especialmen incidentes de <u>la</u> no concer de los riesgos de perder pero las chicas Hoy, a mi parecer, en el mundo de la moda comen suficiente es a l'ceptable tener una obsession por adelgozar, pero, es peliqueso los efectos Secundarios pueden hacer daño a largo plato porque Par ilistrar el problema, hay un hecho, la modelo brasilera, Ana Carolino Restan, de 18años de edad, fallece victima de la anorenia; soño comig manzanas y romates. Poreso, las chicas hacen lo mismo

Ade más, totos Las revistas tienen muchos de 'perfectas' jõuenes Por ego los pieusan persona bonitas, no es realista apos y deben se en nu todos son diferentes Los chicos esperan porque Opinion que Ser como las modelos en las veri laschicas deban grande porque muchas chicas Son un presión Finidas Además de lo dicho la obesidad es una problema grande tambiéra, así hay fele muchas programas Sobre 19 Salud !! y'la dieta' los nuños son obses; onado por eso la No deben gordo O peso del cuerpo. Ser demasido ser perfecto delgado, Hay demasiada presiones y no Es una lastima que los mos precarpen de peso del cuerpo ambién, hoy vivenos en una Sociedad que Cambiado. my un porta abrora aparencia persen es hay En las Kendas nuchos cosmeticos que preden nejara hu apariencia, asi pipusan que son necesarios y [cS ruenes

compranos" diben Para concluir, estoy segura de que siempre habra presimes sobre los jonenes porque quierenser come tras eg presión paritario, pero hoy en día la cobertura informativ empeorando la situación esta VG/G. 16 Fully relevant. Good/Some depth of tr. Can well order, /Log sag, Well exp + jus, C RV. 5 5 RS. 5 31

### CANDIDATE B COMMENTARY

This is a **Good/Very Good** essay.

The first paragraph is a little disappointing in that it mentions only one *problema muy grande* and we do not discover the others to be discussed until we are well into the piece of work. We will see that magazines and obesity are other areas to have some analysis and ideally these would be flagged up in the opening paragraph.

The paragraph on television tells us how most actresses and 'stars' are excessively thin and how they influence girls' thinking. Mention is made of anorexia and the risks in losing weight. There is a mature reflection on secondary effects in the long term *a largo plato/plazo?* Time is wasted copying out the stimulus material about Ana Carolina Reston; reference to her is sensible but an opinion rather than a repetition of what is already clear from the stimulus material would have served the writer better.

We move on to a paragraph about 'perfect' people in the photos in magazines. Good personal reaction is offered in saying how unrealistic and pressurising it is for girls to try to achieve such looks and on how shy many girls are.

The next paragraph refers to the emphasis in the media on obesity, diet, health and obsessive focus on weight. There is good personal reaction here in the very inaccurate *hay demasiado presiones ser perfecto* and in *es una lástima que* ...

A brief paragraph follows on personal appearance and on necessary cosmetics that must be purchased.

A good conclusion refers to peer pressure and the need to conform and to how media coverage is worsening the situation for young people.

#### Grammar strengths and weaknesses

By their nature, the discursive pieces of work for SPAN1 will probably be written mainly in the present tense and it is interesting to note in this piece how often the verb *ser* is used; there is nothing wrong in that but there is the opportunity to look for stronger alternatives. Accurate verb formation is crucial and this piece of work largely satisfies with *existen, ven, pueden influenciarlos, piensan, de perder, para ilustrar, pueden mejorar, para concluir, estoy segura de que, habrá, está empeorando.* Less good are *son obsesionado* and *vivemos.* Adjectival agreement and use of adverbs is less good; *son demasiada delgadas, muchos fotos, niños...obsesionado, no deben ser...gordo o delgado, demasiado presiones, presión paritario.* However, most grammar is good and just merits a 5 for accuracy. The inaccuracies will disappear as her work matures further during the A2 course. This is a very able and promising linguist.

# Candidate C

Muchos clicen que ahora las desventajas del internet son más grandes que los beneficios En mi opinion, esto es mentira, porque creo que los beneficios del internet son muy importantes en nuestras vidas. Es verded que vay muchos problemas en el Internet, y los problemas más prove son ala pornografia y los mensajes violencias. Por ejemplo, un bueno parte del Internet es que puedes charter con anigos, y es gratuito, y esto es muy bueno poura los jóvenes porqué los Pero, mensajes de texto pueden ser muy couros. no salves que estás hablando con su anugo porque es store el ordinador, y muchos padres no son De vez en cuando tambien, los jouenes contentos, ternet, y envior mensajes violencias usan el a a los actos jóvenes. Pero en general, el internet es muy importante.

El internet es muy importante para los estudiantes, porque hay mucho información sobre todas las temas en el Internet. Es muy facil también, porque puedes tener el información muy rapido, y todo el tiempo es facil buscar héchos. Toda la gente pueden user el Intérnet, y es bostante barado temboren. Si no tienes un ordenador hay muchos jugares dévole pueden pagar y usar el Interet. Es verdoct que los efectos del internet pueden ser peligrosos a los jóvenes, pero hauj muchos cosas que pourai los peligros del Internet, y esto es la razón que yo pienso que el Internet trae más beneficios. Gen relevant. Treatment aporficial. Reason/lin str. Tuckif. suff. Sufficient 12 4

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### CANDIDATE C COMMENTARY

This is a piece of work that might be seen as **Sufficient**. It highlights areas of benefit and of danger using the Internet but does not achieve much depth of treatment of either of them. The rubric for the question emphasises the need to "back up" and expand on basic ideas and this piece does not really achieve that requirement. As always, a few minutes jotting down ideas and putting them into some kind of order would have paid dividends.

The opening paragraph states that the disadvantages of the Internet are fewer than the advantages but the emphasis appears to lie with the disadvantages of *pornografia* and *mensajes violencias*. Examiners will be looking for an explanation of such words and phrases in the subsequent paragraphs.

The second paragraph states that the Internet enables friends to chat and that it is free; this second point is probably incorrect as most people are paying some fee or other in order to access the service. It then mentions that you can be chatting to a stranger and that many parents are unhappy but, again, the author fails to expand or explain these points, assuming that the reader will agree. Then there is repetition of the point about violent text messages but, again, there is no analysis of what they are and of why this is occuring.

The third paragraph lacks depth, merely stating that the Internet is useful for students, contains lots of information and is fast. The idea that it is easy to search for facts could have been developed so easily by mentioning some example(s) of this. The final sentence mentions Internet availability outside the home but gives no concrete examples, such as Internet cafes, hotels, schools, libraries etc.

The final paragraph offers the phrases *peligrosos a los jóvenes* and the awkward *hay muchas cosas que parar los peligros* but yet again offers no explanation of them. As a conclusion, the paragraph does not offer any convincing resolution.

The written Spanish in this piece of work is undoubtedly very promising; the content lacks depth.

#### Grammar strengths and weaknesses

There are strengths and weaknesses in the verbs and it is not possible to over-emphasise the importance of accurate verb formation in enabling the reader to grasp quickly the writer's ideas. Some adjectives are very weak: *problemas...grave, mensajes violencias, bueno parte, mucho información.* There are some gender of noun issues: *un parte, las temas, el informacion, esto es la razón.* Accentuation tells the reader/examiner a lot about a student's ability; this student includes many accurate accents but inaccuracies include *opinion, porqué, tambien, envian, facíl, dónde.* With checking, some of these inaccuracies would probably have been spotted and corrected. Despite these criticisms, here is a strong AS student.