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AS level Spanish (1695) Student Exemplar Work:

• Unit 1 Writing (Autumn 2012)



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Con el uso de ejemplos, explica cómo los jóvenes pueden tener una vida menos estresada

Here is a concise essay that has much potential in Content, Range of Vocabulary and Structures and Accuracy but it fails to satisfy fully in any of them.

Content

The essay is fully relevant to the topic of stress and the introduction names three areas of life that can help to reduce it. It is a short but adequate list for the purposes of the AS essay.

The three paragraphs on sport, holidays and organisation are clear to see. The content within the paragraphs is relevant but perhaps more superficial than we might expect at this level. All the points made about exercise, team membership, beaches, shopping, homework and laziness are valuable and gain Content ticks but there is little depth and it feels more GCSE than 'A' level in terms of depth of treatment. Brevity is a good thing but here it is perhaps **too** brief.

The absence of a conclusion is surprising; one assumes that it is due to the lack of time in the examination as it is obvious from the four paragraphs that we see that structure is generally well understood.

The essay merits a mark within the Good band.

Range of Vocabulary

There is little vocabulary of great range here. The Content points are gained from straightforward, simple ideas of a GCSE nature. There is some carelessness in key words such as *tennis, cabello, aparencia, habitaicon, veinteuno, relejarte.* A mark of 3 is awarded.

Range of Structures

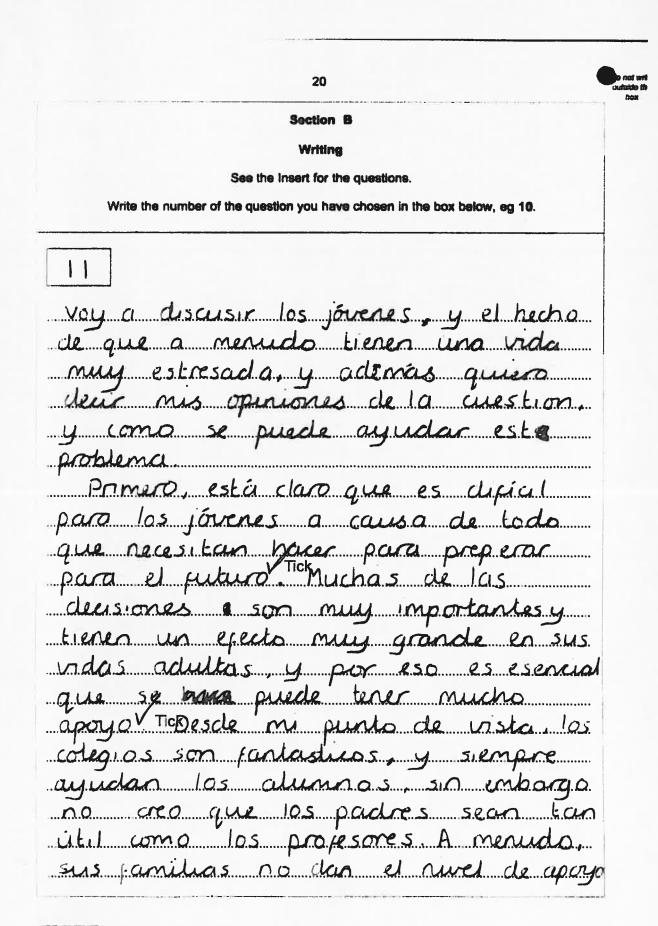
There is a sound and promising feel to the Spanish which progresses quickly. There are some obvious errors *gente joven tienen, aprenden tener, te ayuda … relejarte, con el, trato ir, y ir, trato serlo, no esta organizado, muchas problemas* etc but the forward momentum created by the simple style is good and this candidate will surely iron out these weaknesses during A2. A mark of 3 is awarded.

Accuracy

There are misspellings and many accents missing but there are many examples also of accurate adjectives and there is correct use of capital letters for the countries named. There is a lot more that is accurate than inaccurate and it is awarded 4.

Overall Score

Content	14
Range of Vocabulary	3
Range of Structures	3
Accuracy	4
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Aunque la vida de los jovenes es estresado a mi paracer es la más dificil para los que no lienen anigos, y es esencial que reciban 10 mais aportatick Es verdad que los jovenes no tienen una vida facil, pero también no lienen los mismos problemas y responsibilidades que los adultos tienen, como por ejemplo no tienen and que aportar una funilia, comprar una casa o trabajar duro para comprar comida o pagar para la lergía Además, a menudo los in coscis tentas, como van renes beben demasiado, jy causan problemas con los vecnos. A mi modo de ver no se debe fomentar cosas matos o defundir valores regaturas entre los journes, por ejendo el junar Ticksin embargo, es dificil hoy en dia a causa de los anuncios que se ve todo el lumpo, y a menudo muestran las aganllos, el? Aunque hay paucho que causan una vida estresada, creo que con la



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Con el uso de ejemplos, explica cómo los jóvenes pueden tener una vida menos estresada

Here is an essay of some length and it is clear to see that much effort has gone into it; however, insufficient thought and planning took place before putting pen to paper because the answer lacks depth and analyses young people's problems rather than suggesting solutions to those problems. Whereas many candidates' response to this question dealt with sport, diet, friendships, money, organisation etc this essay limits its Content to the help needed from parents and teachers.

Content

The ticks awarded for Content are spaced well apart in this essay which means that there is insufficient concision in the ideas and examples. The thoughts are not expressed succinctly and there is a vagueness about the direction it is taking. More time should have been spent analysing the question set; the candidate is attempting to analyse the reasons for stress rather than solutions to it. Teachers and schools are praised but we are well away from the solution to young people's immediate concerns in the suggestion that schools should be supplying resources and classes for parents. The lack of friends is a good reason for concern and worry in a young person's life but the answer to the issue needs to be one of more than "support". The references to the tasks of adults and the ideas on smoking and advertisements for cigarettes and sex are all too vague and/or incorrect. The essay required examples of things that young people can do for themselves in order to lower their stress levels. The essay was placed at the bottom of the Sufficient band for Content.

Range of Vocabulary

In general, there is a sound knowledge of vocabulary but because the ideas are limited, there is no real range; basic vocabulary predominates. Inaccuracies such as *discusir, paracer* and *preperar* do not get the essay off to a good start. A mark of 3 is awarded.

Range of Structures

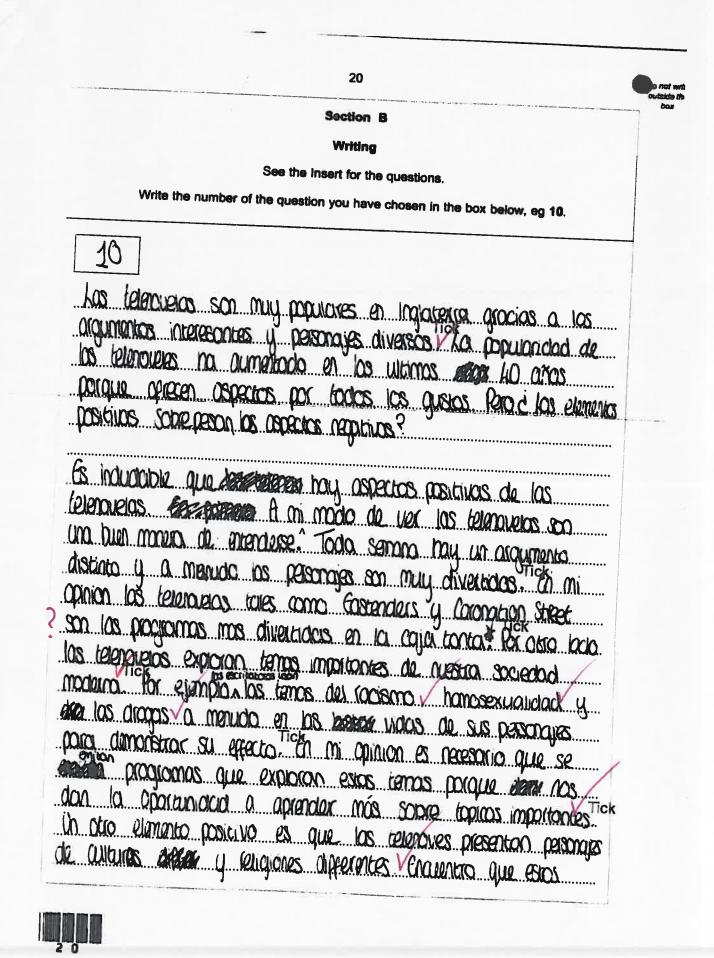
There is an obvious competence in writing in this essay; one can read it at speed and is not unduly held up by poor grammar; however, neither is there much sophistication or variety. A mark of 3 is awarded.

Accuracy

Generally, spelling, gender and accentuation is good but there are examples where it is not; *facíl, jovenes, dificil, la problema*. There are basic errors such as the missing personal *a* and lack of adjectival agreement. A mark of 3 is awarded.

Overall

Content	9
Range of Vocabulary	3
Range of Structures	3
Accuracy	3
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Con el uso de ejemplos, explica tus opiniones sobre los elementos positivos y negativos de las telenovelas

Here is an essay of much promise but in terms of Content it is a little light. Certainly, the candidate has some valuable points to make regarding soap operas but those points are not backed up or justified sufficiently with examples. The two most popular 'soaps' are mentioned by name, which is good but no characters are named to help us attempt to identify who the stereotypes mentioned might be.

Content

There is confusion for the reader in the essay because soap operas, namely Eastenders and Coronation Street, are described as "the most entertaining programmes on the telly" and also as "ridiculous and a bit boring".

Good Content points are made via the examples of racism, homosexuality, drugs and people of different cultures and religions but there are no examples given to back up these 'bare bones' of information; that is where more 'depth of treatment' would be appropriate.

"Inappropriate violence" is mentioned and rewarded by a tick but, again, the matter is left there with no examples of what these two words really mean; it is implicit rather than explicit information for the reader to work out for himself. The viewpoint that it helps young people to learn about what is acceptable and unacceptable is good and is rewarded. Also, the point about role models is usefully made.

The conclusion that soap operas do not give a good example for society to follow is rather weakened by the addition that "if I had more time I'd watch them all the time". A mark at the top of the Sufficient band is awarded.

Range of Vocabulary

Vocabulary is generally good; there is some topic-specific vocabulary and there is a clear post-GCSE feel about the variety of language used. However, the double *f* in *effecto* and *differente*, and the double *b* in *abburidos* show lack of care. The spellings *demonstrar, respecto* and *rediculosos* do little to help. A slightly generous mark of 4 is awarded.

Range of Structures

There is a clear sense that this candidate will produce strong written Spanish once greater attention to detail is in evidence. The basics are in place and there are successful attempts at subjunctives. There are some incorrect prepositions and the sentence *Por consiguiente si tuviera los niños querería que ven las telenovelas* contains language to be praised **and** critised. A slightly generous mark of 4 is awarded.

Accuracy

Spelling and accentuation are fair. It is not a difficult essay to read despite no explanation of *entenderse* or *¡Me quita las ganas!* A mark of 3 is awarded.

Overall score

Content	12
Range of Vocabulary	4
Range of Structures	4
Accuracy	3
-	23

Section B

Writing

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El matimonio sigue siendo muy popular a pesar de todos los cambios en la sociedad y todos las divorcios y las separaciones que vemos diariamente en los periodicos: Casarse tradicionalmente con una relebración grande con familias y amigos ruesta una fortuna hoy en día pero muchos jovenes tienen este sueño del 'día perfecto'.

Un buen matrimonio es ideal, en mi opimón, porque yo quiero tener das hijas y me parece que los hijas benefician de la relación estable de un padre y una madre. En el pasado, las parejas se divorciaban menos y muchos creen que la sociedad beneficia de la estabilidad de la familia nuclear con hijos, padres, abuelos y Disabuelos; hay un apoyo enorme para todos en esta situación ha idea de no estar en busca de un amante o un amigo especial durante toda la vida es atractiva. Para mí, sercia ideal empezar mi carrero luego casarme a los treinta años, tener dos hijos y tener una vida casada perfecta; amor y amistad Esto parece muy tradicional pero mis padres y mis abuelos



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¿Crees tú que es buena idea casarse hoy en día?

Here is an outstanding AS level essay. One senses that the candidate has lots more to say but is limiting herself sensibly to a format of introduction, two opposing-argument paragraphs and a conclusion. All the ideas are sensible and the essay gains many Content ticks.

Content

The introduction gives a mature summary of today's situation and then the candidate states strongly the case for traditional marriage with the care of children and personal and family happiness as an ideal way of leading one's life. Personal experience has given her a clear view on how to fulfil her expectations. The opposing view with its emphasis on sexuality and celebrities is equally forceful and there is useful comment on present-day morality. The conclusion begins with a little repetition but moves on to the slightly amusing search for Mr Right. Full marks are given for Content.

Range of Vocabulary

There is a very good variety of vocabulary and a mark of 5 is awarded.

Range of Structures

This candidate has a strong command of a range of structures. A mark of 5 is awarded.

Accuracy

There are no errors in the written Spanish of any note and a mark of 5 is awarded.

Overall score

Content	20
Range of Vocabulary	5
Range of Structures	5
Accuracy	5
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Writing

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Con el uso de ejemplos, explica tus opiniones sobre los elementos positivos y negativos de las telenovelas

Here is an essay of much promise; it lacks the sophistication of ideas and grammar to take it to the top bands in the mark scheme but there is much to admire, nonetheless. It is fully relevant to the question and offers a clear point of view.

Content

The introduction is sensible in its approach although the judgement that soap operas are a waste of time should really be a part of a conclusion rather than an introduction to the essay.

The main paragraph deals with the negative aspects and, unusually but valuably, makes the good point that the troubled characters seen daily on our screens do earn high salaries and lead very different lives from those that they portray. Sensible use is made of the stimulus photos but the language used to describe them could be better. Content areas covered by this candidate include crime, arguments, excessive drinking, fights, unemployment, and affairs; her view is clear that the relief of an optimistic storyline such as a wedding is much needed.

On the positive side, the candidate does recognise that we can be helped to understand issues by watching soap operas and a good example is given.

The conclusion is good enough; her frustration with wasting time watching others is clear and the suggestion of a visit to the gym is an interesting 'twist' at the end.

The essay is placed in the Good band for Content.

Range of Vocabulary

Overall, there is a good range of vocabulary. There are weaknesses with words such as *ridiculoso, argumento, sociologistas, depresivas, relejarte, sentando.* However, the good outweighs the weaknesses and a mark of 4 is awarded.

Range of Structures

There is a good variety of grammatical structures; they are generally sound and a mark of 4 is given.

Accuracy

There are certainly missed accents and misspellings but if there is a greater attention to detail at A2, this candidate will produce writing of high quality. A mark of 4 is given.

Overall score

Content	15
Range of Vocabulary	4
Range of Structures	4
Accuracy	4
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