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Introduction

8SP0 Paper 2 is assessed by means of a one hour and 40 minutes examination. During this time, candidates have to translate a short passage into the target language and write one. Once again the two most popular questions by far, but surprisingly, 'Mar adentro' attracted significantly less responses than last year. By contrast, there was a significant increase in candidates attempting the questions on ´Diarios de motocicleta´. La lengua de las mariposas continued to be a popular choice. Another continuing trend is the lesser number of candidates attempting literary texts. Nevertheless, it is worth mentioning that those who attempted literary texts tended to be generally better prepared than candidates who opted for the filmic texts. Amongst the literary texts, Lorca and Como agua para chocolate continued to attract most of the responses. Many candidates provided very detailed, thoroughly researched essays that demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the literary text or film studied. Most structured their essays following the bullet points provided in the questions, although it should be pointed out that it is not necessary to cover all or indeed any of the bullet points in order to achieve top marks. Bullet points are designed as an indication or aid for the candidates to think about in their response, but they are not prescriptive. The standard of written language was generally high and demonstrated a good command of appropriate language. Candidates should refer to the grammar list in the specification in order to get enough practice on the use of high level language and structures. It is also important that candidates use terminology for literary and cinematiccritical response as indicated in the Additional Guidance section of the mark scheme.

Section 1: Translation

The translation exercise tests a variety of grammatical structures with the emphasis on accuracy and no acceptance of paraphrasing or embellishment. The maximum mark for the translation is 20 marks. In order to mark it as accurately as possible, the text is broken down into 20 boxes, each one scoring one point. Spelling, syntax and grammar must be accurate and there is no reward for creative writing. One spelling mistake per box is allowed, as long as it does not constitute a grammatical error e.g. adjectival agreement, verb ending. Any misuse of capital letters is penalised, but only once during the whole of the translation, as it is considered a recurring mistake.

Section 2: Written Response to Works

Candidates and centres have a choice of seven literary texts and seven films, from which they will choose one at the beginning of the academic year as their object of study. There are two questions in the paper for each of the 14 choices, of which candidates must select one. There is no word limit, although it is recommended candidates write between 275 and 300 words. Essays are marked according to two assessment grids:

1. Critical Response (20 marks)

Candidates are assessed for the quality of their critical response to the literary or cinematic work. It is expected that their points of view will show frequent justification and thorough appropriate evidence from the work. Answers are expected to be relevant to the question and they should include sound arguments with conclusions that relate to the question.

2. Accuracy and range of grammatical structures and vocabulary (20 marks). The ability to produce articulate writing through clarity of communication will be rewarded. Essays will be assessed by their variation of vocabulary and grammatical structures, as well as by their level of accuracy. It is also expected that candidates will use correct and consistent terminology appropriate for critical response to literary works or films. As last year, the study of a film was the choice centres and candidates preferred the most, although there were also some surprising differences. El laberinto del Fauno and Volver.

Question 1 The summer 2017 translation related to theme 1 of the specification, The Evolution of Spanish Society, sub-theme: Changes in the Family. The grammatical structures tested corresponded to those listed in Appendix 3 of the specification. Similarly to last year, this year's translation proved to be both testing and challenging in terms of vocabulary and grammatical structures, but many candidates coped well. There was a wide range of ability with 1 as the lowest mark and just a few candidates scoring 19 or 20.

The translation was made up of four sentences with some very accessible items, such as 'less important', 'the economic difficulties, 'during the past decade, 'before the financial crisis' and 'well paid jobs'. Regarding complex structures, candidates were expected to use the present (regular and irregular forms) perfect and the preterit (pretérito indefinido) of the indicative, as well as one use of subjunctive (although this could have been circumvented); and some connectors like 'so' and 'although'.

The translation started with a complex sentence (boxes 1 to 4) in the present tense (where candidates were expected to avoid using the gerund) followed by a subordinate clause in which the Perfect tense had to be used. Most coped very well but some lost their mark in box 2 when they wrote 'escogiendo' rather than 'escoger'. Some candidates also lost their marks by adding the preposition 'a' between the verb and the infinitive 'escogen a casarse'; this was considered a grammatical mistake and was therefore penalised.

The second sentence (boxes 5 to 10) included challenging elements together with more accesible ones. Almost all candidates were able to translate 'less important' correctly. Many, however, struggled with boxes 8 and 9, whether because the conector 'so' was mistranslated (or in many cases ignored) or because 'junta' was written without agreeing in gender or number with the noun it accompanied (the feminine and singular 'gente'). Most candidates successfully translated the verb of change in box 7, for which many different options were accepted, (convertirse, llegar a ser, volverse). However, many were unable to translate 'from a religious...' correctly; the use of the preposition 'de' instead of 'desde' was a common mistake.

The most challenging element in sentence 3 (boxes 11 to 15) turned out to be the word 'trend' in box 11. Many candidates opted for alternatives that were rejected ('moda' being the most common one) as it was deemed they corrupted or changed the original meaning of the text. Others lost marks by forgetting to put the accent in 'empezó' (although the lack of accent does not change the tense in this case, it was still considered to be a grammatical mistake and was therefore penalised).

The fourth sentence (boxes 16 to 20) had the most challenging element in box 16 with the use of the verb 'to commit'. Many candidates were unable to translate it successfully. A significant number of candidates also lost their marks by writing 'young people' without the definite article 'la'. Finally, the last subordinate clause included amongst its most complex structures the use of the present subjunctive in box 19, although many managed to successfully circumvent it.

SECTION A: TRANSLATION AND GRAMMAR

Traduce el texto siguiente al español.

The number of couples choosing to marry has decreased greatly in Spain during the past decade. The institution has become less important from a religious and legal point of view, so many people live together without getting married. Although this trend started before the financial crisis, the economic difficulties have undoubtedly had an impact. Young people prefer not to commit to the responsibilities of marriage because it is difficult for them to find well-paid jobs.

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la ultima década la institución se a revelto
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Easanierlo parque es deste discit para elles encantrar un trabajo sien pagado.



Sentence 1: This candidate has lost the mark in box 3 for writing the auxiliary verb 'ha' without the letter 'h'. It should be noted this is considered a grammatical, rather than a spelling mistake.

Sentence 2: This candidate has lost marks in box 5 as 'revuelto' has two spelling mistakes that change the meaning of the word. Boxes 7 and 8 have also been unsuccessfully rendered. In box 7, candidate has written 'acia', rather than the preposition 'desde'. (It is worth mentioning that, had the preposition 'acia' been correct, the lack of the initial 'h' would have been considered a spelling mistake that does not change the word and therefore would have been accepted); in box 8, the candidate has not to translated the conector 'so'. In box 10, the adjective 'casadas' does not agree with the noun 'gente' and therefore has been penalised.

Sentence 3: 'estilo' was not an accepted alternative for the word 'trend' and was therefoe penalised here. 'las crisis financieras' is rendered in the plural, rather than the singular form, thus significantly changing the meaning of the sentence. 'An tenido' is again written without the inial 'h' and therefore had to be penalised.

Sentence 4: 'jente joven' writing 'jente' with a j instead of a 'g' would be accepted, but the candidate has not used the definite article 'la' and therefore could not access the mark in this box. Similarly, in box 18 'las' was omitted. In box 19, the candidate has successfully circumvented using the subjunctive and the mark has been given.



Candidates should revise essential, key vocabulary for each of the main units. In this year series, which targeted the theme of family and work, many were able to translate words like 'well paid job', 'getting married' or 'marriage'. Revision of main tenses should also be thoroughly covered. Candidates should expect at least one use of the preterite, present and subjunctive in any given translation. Candidates should also pay especial attention to gender and number noun-adjective agreement.

This question attracted only a very small number of candidates. Most chose option (a), which once again demonstrates the popularity of questions analysing Lorca's symbols and imagery over other questions focused on characters or themes. Most candidates were thoroughly prepared and gave detailed, very perceptive answers showing an in depth knowledge and understanding of the use of knives as symbols of death and destruction in the play.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).
Write your answer here:
En bodas de sougre, tragicomedia de Faderico Garcia
donce, el Titélo anticipe el contenido de la misma
En el primero acto, veus la Madre y el Novio
Le Madre es una mojn caucorose y que treve modis
de les archières y las novayas porque con estas
arman sur marido y su hizos fluram asarinados
Eco no se explica como un objecto tau pequeiro
como la navaja puestes motes hombres que
"sou toros" la Hadre no quiere dan una navaya
a su unico higo para contan unas La Madre,
que es tambien una mojer freita, hable siempre
de las mavagas En el segundo acto, cuandra la
Hadre y el Novio visitan la case de la Novie
para pediale la mous traemdo regalos, ella dia
que no presde dondar como sus hombres fressu
matados borreas En el último acto, se presientan
los simbolos de la duna y la Madiga.
La Mardiga anticipa la muerte de los jovans a

la duns que simbolese la moette con su cara Blauca, dicudola que los hombres son a munia como son muestos el padre y el hermano del Novio. to le esceua final, vouos la movia que sa a caso de la Madre parque quiere ser matada por la muerte de su avado deprando, que morió en el mismo momento del Novio por une navaje. Ahora veuos una mozer que dia su restimentos abientament, que es madura A le Mashe no importe que en Novia rea of in use do bed an emprop streem a soir en la misma mauera de los austas. Le Madre no quiere matar y la Novia preguta si pueder 200 nar com ellos y la Madre la dia que puede ha areo, pero a ea puerto En la conclusión le done termine con le Mashe, las veceuas y la Novia que hablan de las mavajas, armas pequeñas que motau hombres Juentes.



The essay starts with a brief sentence in which the candidate attempts to explain the significance of the title of the play. It is, however, a very brief introduction that does not directly address the question.

In the first part of the essay, the candidate focuses on the mother's obsession with knives. It is a relevant argument, but evidence used for justification is at times descriptive. The candidate manages nevertheless to briefly analyse the character of the mother an her hatred of knives. Reference to the meeting with the bride in the second act is less sucessful, as there is no mention there of the significance of knives. Similarly, the candidate mentions the characters of the Moon and the Beggar Woman, but without linking it to the question.

The last part of the essay mentions the final encounter of the mother with the bride. It is a very descriptive passage in which the candidate tends to just retell the story. There is also in this section a loss of focus on the question. The significance of knives is only mentioned again in the last paragraph, where the candidate does manage to convey the character's awe and fear of them.

The essay finishes without a conclusion linking or relating to the main arguments or evidence that has been presented.

Language: frequent spelling mistakes (medio, rancorose). There are also frequent basic grammatical mistakes (Present tense: hable, anticipe, se presientan) but some examples of recurrent complex structures and articulate language.

Regarding the marking criteria, this essay was awarderd the following marks for each of the two criteria:

Critical Response: 9

Accuracy and Range: 12



Introductions should always address the question, setting out the candidate's main ideas which then should be developed in the main body of the essay. Generalised, fit-for-all question types of introduction that do not relate to the question should be avoided. Similarly, it is expected that candidates will write clearly drawn conclusions which relate to their main arguments.

This question attracted a small number of candidates, most of which opted for answering question 3(b). A good number of candidates produced good essays where candidates examined in detail Tita's feelings of guilt and Rosaura's desire to keep up appearances. However, many candidates appear to have somewhat misunderstood the guestion and focused on Rosaura's attempts to keep the family tradition alive rather than in her efforts to keep her reputation and marriage respectable. Option b asked candidates to examine the narrative voice of the novel. Some were able to identify Tita's niece as the narrative voice and commented as well on Tita's input through the recipes that open each chapter, but other candidates show limited understanding of what the narrative voice is and gave very descriptive accounts of the novel's main events.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).	B
Write your answer here:	-

Como aqua para checolate" harra La historia de Tiba, una joven suprida y sensible que ha de sufrir las normas y tradiciones de su cultura y espaça. Tita ha estado un múltiple de veres " como aque para chacalate" ad trans wies o de la novela; su humor y estado de animo en estado en punto de ebullición, at igual que el gqua barena. La vinico que Tita quiere es ser feliz con Pédro, el hombre que canos pero su opresiona Hama clena no e lo per oute Pedro la Lorbeja, pero a corde la tradición la hija menor se ha de hacer corgo de su madre masta que esta nulla. Est problema parece solucionarse cuando Hamá Clena nuere de una congestión estomocal, tera las cosas no son así. Tita y pedro aun deben de amarse clandestinanunte parque Pedro exterio casado con Rosaura y Tienen a Esperanta. Esk hecho es un obstet auto para elles ya que el manall de carreño que Tita banto aborecia declavaba que dela actos como estés eran sumamente immorales. Asimismo, el sariñoso y atento Dactor Brown y Tita estaban comprennetidos, este era otra fuerte razón por la que Tita debía tener las apariencias bajo perfil. Tita se senta mal for lo que le estaba haciendo a John pero ella misma sabía que su relación mezacións era impossible, sobretodo cuando cree que estaba

estaba embarazadu de Pedro. No sólo él, pero Rosaura con su papel de uschina
basis tensa por objetivo hour pasar sentir mal a Fits. Detinitivamente creo que no
tenía derecho parque ella fue la prinura que se solla les namas de monolidad
y se caso con Pedro. Despois de qua se entera de la que bay aptre petrony
Bo Tit and se demote por posper desapercitides man cous
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Dress acombo Vanci alean abbarre
La mana ferrée y cruel de Hamai Cana conduis a una relación dispuncionas
y conflictiva entre ella y Tita. El realismo magico de esta novela nos trace vez
cómo de obsesio nasta estaba Hamá Clena con Tita que hasta después de nuerta
ann la siguica privando de su libertad. Ella vuelve de la nuerte para deus ar
a Fits de deshonrer a la familia per le que Tita aun no se puede sontir del
Lado Cibre. Las tradiciónes de la espação no eran compatibles con toras las
epinienes de Tita per eso es que ella se arma de coraje y valor para deshacerse de elles
evando le grita a Hama Elena que la odia, esta desaporece
En condución, depositivamente Tita no tuvo la libertad de hacer la questa questa
aun después de la nuerte de su madre, pero sus ganes de ses aconseguir
La que querra le ayuda a distacerse de todos sus tornéntos, aunque tenia que
Lacurio bayo per fil, homando precauciones
1 Rosaura tenía la núsion de imponente a coperanza el nús mo trato que supero
Tiba, and ella durinit se regalor notandomente a esta traccición y no iba a permitir
que su sobrina posará por la que ella paso. Así que cen la ignoracia de
Rusaura, pasaba mucho tierupo con Esperanza con tal de su que Rosaura no
signición con esa absurda tradición de arruinal la vida a su hija, privandole
el matrimonio con Álex.



The introduction explains the title of the novel, linking it to the protagonist's emotional state. Although it shows good knowledge of the novel, it is not linked to the question.

The question begins to be addressed by the middle of the second paragraph, after a passage re-telling the first events in the novel. However, once the essay focuses on the question, the idea of what actions the 'Manual de Carreño' forbids and why it is underdeveloped are given.

The next paragraph is more successful, the candidate focuses on Tita's feeling of guilt towards Doctor Brown. Next, there is a good reference to Rosaura's manipulative behaviour, but this is also left underdeveloped. It is not stated how Rosaura 'makes Tita feel bad'.

The last paragraph focuses on Mama Elena's appareance as a ghost and Tita's efforts to overcome her influence. It is a relevant argument, aptly examined, but it lacks detail. It does not mention, for example, in what way Mama Elena appears or her attempts to hurt Pedro.

The last paragraph is an apt conclusion which states how Tita has to still struggle after Mama Elena's death, but it is also left underdeveloped, as it is mentioned she has to take precautious but does not explain which or how.

As for the quality of the language, this is a very accurately written essay, which includes an excellent variety of complex structures together with a sophisticated use of lexis: ' la mano férrea de Mama Elena', ' aún le seguía privando de libertad', nothwithstanding the odd expression; 'tenía que hacerlo bajo perfil'.

This essay was awarded the following marks:

Critical response: 12/20

Accuracy and Range: 19/20

This question attracted only a very small number of candidates but produced some excellent essays. Most candidates chose option (a), which asked candidates to examine the importance of the cockerel in the novel.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b). Write your answer here: Sin lugar de dudos el libra "El Coronal Este libro de Gabriel Garcia Marquez es crítica de un mundo donde solo quien tiene dintro y pos puede sobre vivir y mientras todos los pobres tienen que sobrevivir. Marquez con esta historia no solo crítica la pobreta pero también la ses sociedad, la religión y la política. Por eso en este ensago voy a discutir sobre la represión política, en particular sobre la perfecipitación participación del coronel en la guerra y sus consecuencies, el hijo morto Augustin y las informaciones clandestinas. Parque en un mundo sin libertad ¿ cómo se puede vivir? Terminado La guerra doit el Coronel siempre ha esperado la llegada de su pensión, él pero no sabe que nunca llegara. "¿Nada para el Coronel?" "el Coronel no tiene quien le escriba". Por esto besto el Coronely su mujer tienen que vivir en pobreza, sus cosas está hecha Con palmas y conchas y para sobrevivir tienen que su objectos. El presenta ayuda es observados el le explica que había "> diferentes pero pero presidentes" y cada presidente Tenía diferentes empleados. El tatra la posibilidad de ver su pensión.

Tausien et hojo moete Augustin es con También la muerte de Augustin es consecuencia de una político corrocta. De hecto fee la llegado de la policie q en una gallera la Coura de su muerte. Para sobrevivir y gavor dinero Agustín esperaba en su gallo que los botollos entre ellos. Aunque parece que la culpa es de Augustín, es la política corrocta de Colombia que permitió tar gatterar y la criminalidad.

Otro aspecto es la censura, y la chaudestinidad de las informaciones todos los períodicos esta consurados nonce se pa y llenos de lineos trajes negras las informaciones. Madie solo la verdad, también et Caronel. Aunque hasía la censura médico todos la participatad de cinto circular las informaciones claudestinamente. Si el Coronel quera saber algo el médico es la respuesta.

Sin War de dudas la política de Colombia fue Causa de muchas saferier sufrimiento y dalor para el Coronel

su esposa, les tomó toda. las posibilidades que todos tendremos que tener: I vivir libremente!



In the introduction, the candidate successfully introduces the theme of political repression by linking it to or aspects of the novel, such as poverty and religion. The paragraph ends with a very suggestive rhetorical question.

The next paragraph develops the idea of the coronel never receiving the pension he has been promised. The points made are clear and the candidate uses appropiate evidence. However, it is not completely relevant to the question as it could be argued that what is being examined is the incompetence of the government, not the political repression.

In the next paragraph, the candidate has regained focus on the question by dealing with the death of Agustín at the hands of the local policeman.

The following paragraph examines how censorhip is strictly reinforced in the village and the attempts of some of the villagers to circumvent it.

The conclusion successfully summarises the impact the political repression has had in the lives of the coronel and his wife.

As for the quality of the language, there is frequent variation of vocabulary and grammatical structures: 'el coronel nunca tendrá la posibilidad de ver su pensión', although they are not always correct: 'Agustín esperaba en su gallo' 'la política corrota'.

This essay was awarded the following marks:

Critical Response: 15/20

Accuracy and Range: 16/20

This question attracted only a very small number of candidates. Both options were popular. However, in Q5 (b) in which it asked how the sisters contribute to Adela's final tragedy, many candidates gave only strictly descriptive accounts of the events in the play.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).

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Write your answer here:

muste del marido de Bernarda, ella deade que ellaz, sus hijas y las servientas de estar de luto durante los proximos treinta a sushijas, Adela, Angustias, azon de que esto les sienta edad a la que una mujer de agul tiempo que casar y tenian el miedo de que si esperaban viejos y nadie hager possa, Angustias se esta chico del pueblo. juntos, va que Angustias no no quiere dejar ir a consejo a su hermana recomienda que no debe Cosos no

Al terror día de la historia que se cuenta, (Sa habla de tres días, pero no se sabe enanto tiempo pasa entra los tres días que se aventam) Adela y el chico tienen relaciones chico y coje la escopeta maxido. Tras tener una conversación con el dispara la escopeta, pero escuchar que sufriese más, decido colgarse a símisma. nces cuando todos entraron en su habitación vieron



This is a good example of an essay where evidence from the work used for justification is often descriptive, lacking a critical response. It starts by giving a brief summary of the play's premise. It then has a relevant point on how women's expectations at the time lied exclusively in getting married. But from that point onwards, the essay is often just re-telling the plot. It is worth pointing out that the essay also demonstrates only a superficial knowledge of the text. For example, the name of the unseen male character, Pepe el Romano, is never mentioned and there are also some inaccuracies.



Candidates must show a critical response to the text. They should avoid simply retelling the plot and make sure their own point of view and ideas towards the text show clearly throughout their answer.

This question attracted only a few answers.

Question 7

This question was not attempted by any candidate

Question 8

This question was attempted by a very small number of candidates.

It was heartening to see that the number of candidates who attempted this question increased considerably from last year's entries. Both options (a) and (b) were popular and, for the most part, candidates gave very strong answers in which they demonstrated an excellent knowledge and understanding of the film. In question (a), which asked about the differences of personality between Alberto and Ernesto, most candidates gave ample evidence drawn from the text in order to back up their arguments. In (b), which asked about how the director uses some documentary techniques, candidates gave detailed answers that demonstrated a good understanding of, and engagement with, both very specific film concepts and the text itself.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).	В
Write your answer here:	

allestion - "Explica como el director usa algunas tecnicas del cine documentos." El attrector, Walter Solles es muy conocido por su buenas tecnicas du cine doinmental en muchos periculas, diso un reportage del fuordian. Ma Diamos do motou de ta es un "road movie" que intenta expirar la experiencia de los protagonistas principalos: Ernesto suevara y Alberto Granado. El director muerra sus experiencios con tecnicas enjuricas que expuican el significado de la injustica social de Latino America.

La primera tecnica enfunica del une documental usada es el cine 070, qui representa y recrea el vierre real y lo que ocumo realmente en latinoamenia. Cini eto el el ulo de genti verdadera, sin actores, y el director have eno, poura montrour la outenticidad y las aspectos mogatile reales de la pelicula. Por ejemplo, el une 970 es usado cuando Ernesto y Alberto llegouron a en Perú, y encontrouron a un niño ejue as muestro LOS respectos diferentes de la injunta sou ou. El niño no era un actor, era una persona normal au vive se en peró. El uo del cine ofo, nos ayuda suprenour el punto de vista de las indigenes que no tenuna ni tierra ni poder. El miño muento a las protagonieros "el muro de las incas y el nuro de incapaus."

La regunda tecnica estigrica es el mo de la camoura en mouno. Woulter falles mé vand la camoura en mano poura muentamos eque enumbration de viere, como o fuimos con euro. Por esternos En la escena centes olde la mina, hacia el absierto de Atacama podemo ver kancosaccopa excludatentor has movimientos de comocra que recreian el viete, mando Podemos ver a gento indigenos que no tiene foutidades POUTO VIVIE 4 alouto am mono oponque on a combarter en metoria con Emero y Alberto. Alleterapla, Un hombre experis que a no trainaspersancia annipación educar a su hito. El ujo de la comora en mono es my epicar y autentico porque mueltra lo que piensan los habitantos del país.

En concumón, have a final de la perior la airector ha mado Colores Que repreximation la allest obscurration de y la desperacción de que than managemental Ernano tenía que sentir, para la indigena quatantan en ta sprozería. El us del blanco y negro nos muesta la tristeza de Emisto y las ganas de empezar una revolución. Si comparamos el unicio y el finos de la pesicula, podemos ver que los colores que Sould uso representation feuridad, the clock social y allow should social.



This essay starts with a brief introduction in which the candidate quotes an article from The Guardian that the director is known for using documentary tecniques in his films. It is an apt comment but it is not backed up with proper evidence. We are not given examples or any information about the article itself. The remaining of the introduction loses the focus of the question on documentary techniques.

The candidate has rightly identified one of the most popular documentary techniques - cien ojo - and gives a good example of it when discussing the scenes with the guide boy in Peru. However, the definition of 'cine ojo' is underdeveloped as is also the effect it has in the overall meaning of the film.

The second paragraph discusses the use of a hand-held camera. As in the previous paragraph, the technique is rightly identified but the evidence shown does not always manage to justify the points made. It is not clear, for example, what scene the candidate is referring to in the desert of Atacama. Similarly, the statement that the hand-held camera shows what the characters are thinking is unconvincing.

Finally, the candidate discusses the use of white and black images in the film, but they do not link them to any specific documentary technique.

Overall, this essay has shown the candidate can give a critical response to the text but the evidence provided is often made without proper justification or with some confusion.

The quality of language is excellent, with consistent variation of vocabulary and grammatical structures.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response: 12

Accuracy and Range: 17

'Pan's Labrynth' proved to be, as it did last year, one of the most popular choices in the Specification. Due to the high number of candidates, performance varied greatly but many managed to write excellent essays, showing a good understanding and knowledge of the film. Both options were equally popular. In option (a), which asked the candidates to examine the influence the character of Mercedes has for Ofelia, a few candiates focused too heavily on the character of Mercedes alone, examining her bravery and silent struggle against Capitán Vidal, thus losing focus of the question. In option (b), which asked the candidates to examine the theme of disobedience through Ofelia, some candidates made good links to Ofelia's many instances of her rebellious behaviour to the bigger political context of the film and the struggle of the Maguis in their fight against Fascism.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).
Write your answer here:
En la película, Mercedes es una personje quiere es una figura de
En la película, Mercedes es una personaje quiere es una figura de mas maternidad de Ofelia; sus relación es una similar que uno de ma
madre y de hija. Se mustra cuando Opelia pregenta a Menedes a
center a ella, y Menedes sectors cante un se Canción de domos,
n'représenta Menedes a una personige may carina a Ofelia.
relación es especialmente importante durante el embraco de
Camen y in enjemetal paque Camen no prede ayuda Oflia
tanto muho, así que el papel del madre es en el pasonje de
Mercedes. Romo Je revelago cuando Alexades Camen se mon muerte, y
el mano de Menedes es en Oflia a su juneral - & este simbola que
sons la persona que curder a Ojelia ojicialmente ambio por Mandes
Carmen a Mercedes en este humanto escena. Además, tos ambos son tunto para su odiar a Vidal : los
des us le geste él mede, y este forma una relición may importante entre lo
drs. Par ejemple, Ofetia es doubetiente a Videl (me ella se dree que Videl:
"no es (sn) palse", que es en a que Mo Camen que quiere), y Mercale
es también, pre ejemple en el final de la película cuando ella se dice
que el hijo de Viddi" us conoce (su) nombre". Este heche mustra que

Meredes y Ojelia Son ambos muy Similar, que enjora como brena su relación es, y la importancia de el. Además, Merceses es más simpazetras a Ojelia que Carmen Sobre In wents de hadas y in mundo de factasia. Para Par ejample, Comen se dice a Ofelia que ella es: "demasiado Viejo para un mentos de hadas, on ob en el empiezo de la política pelítica, despues que: magra no existe, anando Videl ve de la mandagoria baja el carro de Connen. De otro lado, Menedes no obstante a ofetas mundo de jantasía de Ojelia, y hablu sobre las hadas con ella, Este es importante pagne se revola que Mercedes es may canocido que Ofelia una inaginación, Sin embargo Camer, Su propa the moder, es demanado seria y tros demariado was newson sobre Vidal que ella olvida que Sh hija es totamente muy joven y ha creado su propra mendo de escapar para los horores del de son de vida en la época porgressa. Marchier, Mercedes og representan una perperta intella de autemidad pour Ofelia: ella es una mijer personaje muy conocida y protectiva a Ofelia, y es una mijor muy fuerte, como Ofelia, Ella es presente (umbos & a literat y netaforialmente) a para elle O Jelia cuando Camen us está, y es presente jisiculmente y amound emocionalmente para ella moss que Connen, pero especialmente despues su monir.



This is a very good example of an essay with a strong critical response but less successful use of language. In spite of the many errors in grammar and vocabulary, the points made are understood and communication is not seriously impaired.

The essay starts examing the character of Mercedes as a surrogate mother for Ofelia. Justification is provided with well chosen and relevant evidence, particularly when discussing the scene of the Ofelia's mother's funeral.

Next, the candidate examines the silent link established between the two characters by their silent resistance and animosity towards Vidal. Once again, the argument is backed up with appropriate evidence from the film.

The next paragraph discusses the differences between Mercedes and Carmen. It is a paragraph rich in analysis and personal critical responses, consistently justified with evidence.

The final paragraph is an apt conclusion that perfectly summarises Mercede's role and importance for Ofelia.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response 17

Accuracy and Range 9

As last year, this question attracted a good number of candidates, although option (b) was hardly attempted. Most candidates preferred to answer option (a) which asked them to examine the teaching methods of Don Gregorio. Many answers successfully examined Don Gregorio's kindness and respect for his pupils together with his unconventional methods and his passion for teaching.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).	a

Write your answer here:

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This is an excellent example of a strong response.

After a brief introduction explaining where the film takes place and who Don Gregorio is, the first paragraph examines the teaching methods of the time in order to then contrast them very effectively with Don Gregorio's own. It is explained how teachers at the time frequently used violence towards their pupils; Don Gregorio uses respect instead. The argument is further evidenced by mentioning the scene of Moncho's first day at school.

Next, the candidate explains that many of the lessons of Don Gregori have as an objective to stimulate the pupils' autonomy, their own process of learning and curiosity for the world.

In the next paragraph, the candidate focuses on Don Gregorio's way of keeping discipline, examing in detail the scene where the children are unruly and how the old teacher deals with the situation.

In the last paragraph, the candidate once again links Don Gregorio's efforts to the wider political and social context of the time.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response: 20

Accuracy and Range: 20

As last year, this question attracted a small number of candidates. For interest it should be pointed out that this film remains unavailable on DVD in the UK, although it can be purchased as a region 1 DVD from the United States. Candidates attempted both questions in almost equal numbers. There was a tendency in both options to do a re-telling of the story rather than offering a critical response. For example, in option (a), which asked to examine the evolution of the character of Enrique, candidates tended to narrate the main events concerning him and Carlitos rather than analysing his personality and how it changes during the course of the film.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).
Write your answer here:
En esta película de Patricia Riggen que trata del tema
del inmigración ilegal, la historia de la reónion entre
Carlitos y su madre, Rosario, es el motor del de la
trana
Debido a la necesidad económica, muchos A méxicanos
dejeu sus familias para que puedan encontrar una
Vida mejor y ayudar a sus familias Rosario ha corrido
el riesgo de cruzar la frontera para este razon. Por miembros de las desgracia los familias sufren evándo no puedan
desgracia los familias sufren evándo no puedan
ganor suficiente dinero o ser documentados, y deben Desperar una reúnion con sus seres queridos. Del comenzio de la película somos testigos del ta
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dokor y tristeza que sufren madre y hijo Carlitos, que
vive con madre sustituto, su abrela, dice 'cuatro
años es demasiado. Rosario, tombien, se preginta
si ha hecho una equivocación '¿Que trenea de
maravillosa esta vida Para los dos garas- la
directora muestra compasión
Para enfatizar la intimidad de su relación

usa técnicas estilisticas, como las escenas paralelas cortas Por eso, parece que viven uno a lado del otro aunque estan separados. Riggen usa los articulos de vida diaria para conecta madre y hijo, por ejemplo el calendrio y la olla, que aubas usan Tambier, Riggen conecta Rosario y Carlitos a través la luna, símbolo de tiempo y mujeros Para consolarse, Carlitos ve la luna cuándo se siente triste, porque pueden verla juntos. Rosario tiene miedo instintivo Cuándo Cashtos escape a la frontera - ella ve la lina La escera primera escena transmite el peligro del viaje a los EEUU y vemos la cicatriz de Rosario. Tambien vemos que ella trabaja una Jarnada larga que comienza antes del almanacen. Vive en un garaje, sutre el prejuicio y es maltrado por Mrs McKensie, su jete. Alicia le preginta parque no su vida ha cerrado. Manda lo que gana a Carlitos para darle una vida mejor Su sacrificios Vida es una de Sacrificios y parece que está castiganda. There que Brugose explica que a Conditos que Rosacio there que taber una buena razon (*) Riggen destaca la diferência entre las vidas de Carlitos y 30 amigo, Chito. A pesar de las dudas que sufra Caslitas duvante Su viaje, el amor que existe entre madre y hyo es fuerte. El amor propulsa a Carlitos a est encontrar

su madre, como es endente en las canciones con hos Tignes del Norte Es apto, al final del película, que se revnen por la cabina telejónica, la cosa que se conectaban durante su separación. La resuelta hijo sucede ea reunirlos.



In this essay, the candidate has given a strong critical response to the question backed with appropriate evidence from the text.

The introduction states clearly how the reunion between mother and son constitutes the start of the plot.

The first paragraph sucessfully describes the feelings both have due to their enforced separation. Particulary perceptive is the way the candidate describes how the film establishes the strong emotional link between the two characters by using parallel editing,

The next paragraphs describe the sacrifices Carlito's mother is making in order to send some money home. It ends by describing their final reunion in the telephone booth. It is this part of the essay that is somewhat underdeveloped. For example, the significance of the telephone booth is not explained, which is established in the film from the beginning. There is also a reference to 'Tigres del Norte', but it is not properly explained.

Nevertheless, this is a very perceptive essay, with a strong critical response.

As for the quality of the language, there is a consistent variation of vocabulary and grammatical structures, although at times there may be some errors in more complex structures 'eg: 'dejen sus familias para que puedan enconrar'.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response: 16

Accuracy and Range: 16

This question was answered by a small number of candidates. Most of them opted for Q(a), in which they were asked to examine the importance of Rosa in Ramón's life. Most candidates gave a good account of the evolution of the character, focusing on her evolution from trying to convince Ramón not to take his life to helping him die in the end.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).
Write your answer here:
La petiula "Mar Adento" de Alejandro Amenaibar relato a la historia de Ramón Sampedro, un tetropolífico que sufrecen un accidente fortal cuando la amistral
era mas jarén. En este película hour tenas que expoteran tes relaciones
entre les curacteres y Ranón especialmente. Une de los relaciones es
entre una caracter que se llama Rosa y les la protagonisto, Raván.
La andencia se preden ver et visjo de sus el visje de la vide de l'avon
La audencia se proeden ver et visjo de sus el visje de la vide de l'avon una amittad antes y després l'avon tierem son telement plates arrips con llosa.
En el principo Cerca el principo de la película introduce Posa. En una escena institundo podemos ver Posa institundo Pamén en su casa mientas ello
105 podenos ver Rosa sistitudo Ramon en su casa mientras ello
ent en coma losa es una mijer may Pora es una prade unica que y
there dos hijos alla les mu extremadente amorosa, y terito. Sin embargo, en
este escena Rosa es triste parque Ranón quiera mueste. Ranón pienes
que La villa es un directio uno es una obligación! Pora tiene un
printo de vista diferente y tiene michos pregintas pura Parión. Ella quiera
personetir Navión a continuar sei en su vida pero Ramón mante no cambia
En agahiones sobre lavor muerte. En este escera Rosa representa managamentes
differentes en la socieded y muestra les problemas para l'amon parque tiene una

El tema de entruousis des gente con condiciones terminales un registo pre enste hayendia.

Sibración muy complicada: Después Sus corrersación, Pora y Paron sensen anigos y tienen una amistad many frente en la pelianea.

Ranon y Rosa tienen un pasión grande y la música Rosa tiene un tabajo en la radio así que Panón ses prede escuchem a la mísica de Rosa. En una escena en la Pelitine, Rosa puse un canción & thema to my then the grant was the sun to amjo Ranon. Este es sur simbolico parque muestra la mora consistad mera de entre estas cameteras. Rosa es may importante en la viola de Remon parque ella es siempre tilre anor pun elle (Ranon). Rosa le gueta ayuda Ranón y on familia con les treas donctions y con apoyo en general durante la pelianta. El cimor de Rosa es tan fireste que la amistadente ellos continuas continua durante la pelíquia. Es my Mrs gre eller son agradowies. Paron y Rosa tieren respeto y amor con la persona obos. Rosa tiere to le un opinion Para Rosa hay un gautici que es 11 el ornor es un armei muy frote:

Es claso que losa para Roman Rosa Es claro que hay una injortancia de Rosa en la vida de Roman cerca la escena final cuando hay la fles mueste de Ramón. Este como es une de lois esceras som mejores en la Mar Adento parque Rosa ayuda Ramon en on moeste. Augus Rosa quiera Panon a vivir o su vida, ella tiere anno por Rumón y sas que a debido a mostrar su amor, Rosa ayuda Ranón en su muerte. Representa da la amistral fuerte entre Rosa y Navon ex la importancia de Rosa en la vida de Rossan. El tera de novise en la pellicula, y entanasia especialmente, es muy

inpotente propre the prode crow consiencia pom en relación de las problemes de tetraplígicos tener coro Ranón y otros personas de que gla quere mori. Pero Después vembocho años, Ramón tiene la libertad gy a mori yn que Rosa myndra agunda. Ella es la persona única que prede dan esta libertada a Ramón. El director usa se trosa ternicas com las tenes els moris. All humor y amor a debide a explorar cómo la amatrid entre Ramón y Rosa crece durante la períoda. Annagre hay diferencias de personancidad y aplanas cara la anatrid entre esta anatrid entre esta anatrid entre esta anatrid entre esta constitud esta caracter de Ramón. Es pasible que Rosa es termo el caracter más importante entre de Ramón.



The introduction establishes the relationship between Ramón and Rosa. The next paragraph focuses on Rosa. The candidate provides relevant information about the character and then analyses her significance to Ramón. It is stated how, at this point, Rosa symbolises the prejudices Ramón has to face in his fight for the right to die.

The next paragraph examines their changing relationship and their common love for music. It is mentioned how Rosa apologises to Ramón through a song and how she starts falling in love with him. The candidate comments on Rosa´s selfess and giving personality.

Finally, the last two paragraphs focus on Rosa´s involvement in Ramón's death. It is examined how Rosa helps Ramón out of love and respect.

Throughout this essay, the candidate has shown a critical response to the question. The arguments made are valid and linked with valid conclusions.

As for the language, there is some variation in vocabulary and grammatical structures, but errors are frequent and occasionally hinder clarity of communication: 'un tetrapléjico que han sufrecen'.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response 18

Accuracy and Range 12

This question was not attempted by any candidate.

Question 15

As last year, this has been, together with question 10 (Pan's Labyrinth) one of the most popular questions in the specification. As a result, performance varied greatly, with marks being awarded across the whole spectrum. This year candidates had the choice of examining the use of the title song 'Volver' in the film or explaining how the theme of solidarity between women is explored. Most opted for the second option.

Some candidates wrote descriptive essays consisting of a re-telling of some of the events in the film. There was even some confusion with the word 'solidarity', which some erroneously interpreted as 'soledad' (loneliness) thus unfortunately rendering their essays mostly irrelevant. However, many gave answers of a particularly high standard.

In the box, state whether you are answering part (a) or part (b).



Write your answer here:

En la Pelicula Volver, la canción juega un papel clave para no solo expresioner las emocionas de los Personajes pero para al largo

Aunque Se podnia deair que la letra y el nitro del carrior creen un atrosfero emocionante alegre, Creo que las interciones de Almadoran muestrar como el pasado afecta la de la personajes actualmente La Carción Volver muestra como los personajes ruelven al pasado fisicamente en y en la mente, cantando, piensa de su vida y disfuta de todo lo que paso. La canción Raimunda & signe Volvierdo recuerdos de la bauma que

y como el abuso sexual se quede en su cabeza, como un barco que está lleno de pierdas y no puede mover, esto esta mismo sencación que en dos lo Cual We Raimunda puede adelenzaise en su Vida pero la trauma Siempre seguira seguira Seguira más son ella. Sin embargo por un aspecto positivo, se podria decir que la canción Volver muestra como el director vuelve a sus laizes en está peticula Mubajando oba vez con Penelope Cruz y visitando a sus lecuerdos de informi a en la Mancha en particular el no en donde Paco se entierra que muestra sus recuerdos de jugar en el vio en la Mancha con les mujeres del pueblo.

7 Además de representar el pasado, la careión tambien refleja et caracter de Raimunda. Su manera de cantor con banta emveion en Pienta de banka gente no solo muestra su personalidad Uero de vida pero también su esquerza como una persona después de naber sufrido tanto. Cantando con tanta emocian en una escena con tanto Color regleja el aspecto positivo de Rainunda y como tendra energia en cualqueir lugar que vaya sea un pueblo en la Marcha o una aiudad en el centro. El director Usando la Marcha y Madrid, ensera el Por con segurcia

contraste de las vidas, en to con lo cual en los dos Rainunda Vruelle a sus buizes de sen Frente y sobrevivir no importa lo que sea la situación X

La letta de la conción de Volver here virenos a volver a de la muerte y por lo banto el Comación uso este carción para representar el personaje de l'rene. La rezda del uso de la Canción y liene en la misma escerce refleja como uno puede volver a la vida y volver Siendo un madre que juega un papel clave en la familia. Volven a la vida es una representación de la vida real en la Marcha en donde la gente cree en la bene supersticion y cue en las Fantasmas que rueuren a la vida después de haber munto y por la tanto la tema de la nueste es tan importanto y con Almodóvar usando este carrición, el nuestre la cultura en donde vitio donde hay una diferente vista al muerte que lo simboliza como un parte natural on the la vide , tout ban importante como estar vivo.

* esto refleja cuando mujeres turitron que ser fronte y Sobrevitir conmenos devectos en la epoca de Franco.

Para terminar, area que en divertor tun famoso y inteligente como Alnodovar, no simplemente utilizó una canción porque le gustaba o poque iba bien con la escena, pero porque expresa variors significades debyo de la letta principal con aspectos vinentodos al pasado de caractas diferentes y también leners pasando divante el largo de Volver. Asi que el uso de una caraion, que, analizado puede que demostrar vanious mensayes y cuentos todos afectento el cuento on maneras diferentes, muestra, en miopinion, como Almodovau se separa all mismo, de los obos directors, por lo tanto esta en su proprio niver de uno de los nejores en els mundo.



This essay is an excellent example of a strong critical response.

In the introduction, the candidate explains how the director uses the song to express the emotions of the characters and how it links it to the film's main themes.

The first paragraph focuses on what the song means for the main character, Raimunda, a metaphorical return to the ghosts of her past. It is a very perceptive paragraph that explores the idea of the character being trapped by events in her childhood.

The next section very successfully argues how Raimunda's performance of the song reflects her strong, vital personality.

The next section analyses the lyrics of the song and its link to the character of Irene and the theme of death (and returning from the dead) in the film.

The conclusion neatly summarises all these points by concluding how the song informs and is informed by many of the themes and meanings of the film.

As for the quality of language, there are some errors, but they never hinder clarity of communication. There is also a confident use of terminology appropriate for critical response to cinematic work.

This essay was awarded:

Critical Response: 18

Accuracy and Range: 17

Paper Summary

Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice:

- In the translation most candidates were challenged by the simpler aspects, most notably gender and adjective endings.
- Candidates need to maintain 100% concentration through the whole translation, re-reading and checking the basic elements in order to ensure that marks are not lost for simple errors.
- The best essays had a clear structure with a good introduction containing clear signposts to direct the reader. The better signposts included reference to the essay title.
- Maintaining relevance is essential. Candidates can achieve this well by using the signposting mentioned above.
- Consistency of approach would be a key element to ensure success in the essay. Many candidates started well with the pattern of stating a point, providing evidence, analysing the link to the question and finally giving a personal view of what they had learnt about the issue in question.
- Consistency also applies to the conclusion. A clear and meaningful conclusion is necessary, in order to bring the essay full circle and to be able to award the top marks.
- The very best essays included an interesting range of personal reflection in which candidates explored the lessons learnt about life in Spanish society at the time when the film/work was set. When they were able to show their wider knowledge of society in terms of attitudes, beliefs, and the impact of politics and religion. This level of detail made their essays an educational and thought-provoking piece of writing, and as a result allowed the candidates to access to the top mark bands.

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