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Spanish

Unit F721: Speaking

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

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Section A: Role Play

Task	Indicative Content	Marks [30]	Guidance
1	 Each (1) Total 15 National Park / great place without car Bus summer Sundays / bank holidays early June / to late September from major towns / arrive around 11am return journey / 5.30pm Bus B1 (or from) / transports bikes on arrival / stay in Brecon two of cathedral / regimental museum / canal boats another bus / destinations in Park dogs on bus driver's permission / on lead at all times buy all-day tickets / on any service no time limits / whole network NP day tickets / limited time discounts children, families/ other attractions information online / helpline 		Accept key points from indicative content in any order. Mark for Use of Stimulus, Response to Examiner and Quality of Language, using Grids A, B + C.1 in Appendix 1.

Task	Indicative Content	Marks [30]	Guidance
2	 Each (1) Total 15 Vitality is health studio / feel healthy, live well range of activities / men and women all ages / friendly (supportive) setting two physical activities try something new / yoga, meditation beginners / more experienced levels (relax in) spa baths / (large) indoor pool resident nutritionist / dietary advice clinics for cosmetic dentistry / feet problems moderate charges / pay per session save money / 3- or 6-month season ticket reductions for families / students (not sure?) free (informal) chat / coffee every Wednesday / 12-1 email us / website 		Accept key points from indicative content in any order. Mark for Use of Stimulus, Response to Examiner and Quality of Language, using Grids A, B + C1 in Appendix 1.

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3	 see more with own car / convenience company offers reliable, trouble-free car hire more than 30 years' experience all cars <u>under</u> one-year old full breakdown cover / freephone all times inclusive prices / no hidden surprises comprehensive insurance / <u>most</u> risks any member on booking form / may drive 25 or over / full driving licence free road atlas / satnav extra taxes included / £200 deposit hire by day / <u>cheaper</u> by week collect at depots / deliver to hotel many of reception staff speak other languages price promise / try to match other quotes 		Accept key points from indicative content in any order. Mark for Use of Stimulus, Response to Examiner and Quality of Language, using Grids A, B + C1 in Appendix 1.

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4	 Each (1) Total 15 Blue Waters is a sailing school / long-established gets you on water / swiftly and safely programmes in classroom / on a boat recognised qualifications / all levels leave work and hassle behind / get away from it all relax / enjoy (excitement of) being afloat (learn to) sail yacht at sea / (traditional) boat on canal just socialise with friends weekly courses include meals and drink six nights, accommodation (on board) / all equipment bring suitable shoes / warm clothing for evenings don't forget sunblock / travel insurance (all major) credit cards accepted instalments / 10% discount if paying in full phone and website / for dates (availability) and prices 		Accept key points from indicative content in any order. Mark for Use of Stimulus, Response to Examiner and Quality of Language, using Grids A, B + C1 in Appendix 1.

Section B: Topic Discussion

Task	Answer	Marks	Guidance
		[30]	
			Using Grids D, E.1, C.1 and G in Appendix 1, mark for Ideas, Opinions and Relevance; Fluency, Spontaneity, Responsiveness; Quality of Language (Accuracy); and Pronunciation and Intonation.
			 Grid D guidance All topics must relate to AS topic / sub-topic areas, otherwise max 4. Max 4 if insufficient reference to TL country
			Grid E.1 guidance
			Max 4 for pre-learnt non-spontaneous material
			Grid C.1 guidance
			Even if there is pre-learnt material, award marks at face value.

APPENDIX 1

Examiners allocate marks to candidates' work on a best-fit basis using the following marking grids.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING - ROLE-PLAY

GRID A	USE OF STIMULUS 15 marks AO2	GRID B	RESPONSE TO EXAMINER 10 marks AO1
0–2	Little or no attempt to use the stimulus material. No relevant information or supplies one or two of the points.	0–2	Has some difficulty in understanding and is hesitant in responding to many of the examiner's questions and comments. Shows very little initiative or imagination.
3–5	Some attempt to use the stimulus material. Able to give some basic information. Successfully conveys about a quarter of the points.	3–4	May be hesitant in responding. Responses to the examiner are brief and sometimes inadequate. Shows little initiative or imagination.
6–9	Reasonable attempt to use the stimulus material. Successfully conveys about half of the points.	5–6	Responds satisfactorily to the examiner. Produces some appropriate replies. Shows some initiative and imagination in developing answers but performance is inconsistent.
10–12	Good use of the stimulus material. Successfully conveys about three quarters of the points.	7–8	Responds readily, takes the initiative and is able to keep the momentum going. Shows imagination and gives some well developed answers.
13–15	Full use of the stimulus material. Successfully conveys all or nearly all of the points.	9–10	Responds fluently and fully to the examiner's questions and comments. Shows initiative and imagination throughout. Leads the conversation. A convincing performance.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING - ROLE-PLAY (Continued)

GRID C.1	QUALITY OF LANGUAGE (ACCURACY) 5 marks AO3
0–1	Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Persistent, serious and elementary errors (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns). Frequent first language interference.
2	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Frequent errors of an elementary kind (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns, adjectival agreements) but evidence of correct use of simple sentence structures. Vocabulary and structures may be quite strongly influenced by the candidate's first language.
3	Shows evidence of fair understanding of grammatical usage. Generally accurate use of simple sentence structures. Some correct use of complex sentence structures. The performance is likely to be patchy and inconsistent.
4	Language generally accurate. Shows a sound grasp of AS and/or A2 structures, as appropriate. Generally correct use of complex structures. Tenses and agreements good, although there may be some inconsistency and errors in more complex areas.
5	Characterised by a high and consistent level of accuracy in use of complex structures, although there may be some errors.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING - TOPIC DISCUSSION

GRID D	IDEAS, OPINIONS AND RELEVANCE 10 marks AO1	GRID E.1	FLUENCY, SPONTANEITY, RESPONSIVENESS 10 marks AO1
0–2	Very few ideas. Ideas not explained or developed. Very limited ability to convey even quite basic information. Very superficial.	0–2	Has some difficulty in understanding. Hesitant, with frequent pauses, in responding to many of the examiner's questions and comments. Fluency confined to pre-learnt material.
3–4	Shows a limited ability to develop or explain ideas and to express opinions. May have some difficulty communicating factual information. Often irrelevant or repetitive.	3–4	May be hesitant in responding. Responses to the examiner are brief and sometimes inadequate. Fluency is often confined to pre-learnt material.
5–6	Shows some ability to develop and explain ideas and to express opinions. Able to convey information. Not always relevant.	5–6	Responds reasonably promptly to the examiner, though with occasional hesitation. Reasonably fluent and spontaneous at times.
7–8	Able to develop and explain ideas and to express points of view, with some justification. Offers relevant information.	7–8	Able to respond readily and take the initiative, with little hesitation. Most of the time is fluent and spontaneous and can keep the momentum going.
9–10	Well-chosen relevant information to develop a range of ideas and to justify points of view.	9–10	Responds promptly and fully. Consistently shows initiative. Leads the conversation. A fluent and spontaneous performance throughout.

UNIT 1 SPEAKING - TOPIC DISCUSSION (Continued)

GRID C.1	QUALITY OF LANGUAGE (ACCURACY) 5 marks AO3	GRID G	PRONUNCIATION AND INTONATION 5 marks AO1
0–1	Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Persistent, serious and elementary errors (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns). Frequent first language interference.	0–1	Comprehensible only with difficulty. Many sounds mispronounced. Heavily influenced by candidate's first language.
2	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Frequent errors of an elementary kind (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns, adjectival agreements) but evidence of correct simple sentence structures. Vocabulary and structures may be quite strongly influenced by the candidate's first language.	2	Pronunciation and intonation may be influenced by candidate's first language, and problems with more difficult sounds sometimes impede communication.
3	Shows evidence of fair understanding of grammatical usage. Generally accurate use of simple sentence structures. Some correct use of complex sentence structures. The performance is likely to be patchy and inconsistent.	3	Pronunciation and intonation acceptable, in spite of a number of errors that rarely impede communication. Some problems with some more difficult sounds.
4	Language generally accurate. Shows a sound grasp of AS and/or A2 structures, as appropriate. Generally correct use of complex structures. Tenses and agreements good, although there may be some inconsistency and errors in more complex areas.	4	Pronunciation and intonation generally accurate, although there may be occasional mispronunciation of more difficult sounds.
5	Characterised by a high and consistent level of accuracy in use of complex structures, although there may be some errors.	5	Sounds authentic nearly all of the time. Only occasional errors of pronunciation and intonation.

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