

# General Certificate of Secondary Education

# Spanish 3692 Specification B

36904/W Module 4 Writing

# Mark Scheme

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#### **Writing MODULE FOUR**

#### WRITING TESTS - FOUNDATION AND HIGHER TIERS

#### MARK SCHEME – PART ONE

#### 1. Principles of marking

- All marking is to be done in accordance with the published Criteria for Assessment.
- The stress is on effective communication. Credit should be given for language successfully conveying the target message without ambiguity.
- There is no need to count the words used to answer each question. The sole criterion is completion of the tasks set.

#### 2. Mechanics of Marking

 All part marks awarded as indicated in the marking schemes must be clearly shown on the candidate scripts. Carefully check marks which may need multiplying and / or dividing to arrive at any weighted totals.

#### 3. MARK ALLOCATION

Foundation	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
Question 1a	2		2
Questions 1b & 1c	4		4
Question 2	8	12	20
Total	14	12	26

Higher	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
Question 1	8	12	20
Question 2	8	12	20
Total	16	24	40

# 3. Foundation Tier Question One

This question will be assessed for Communication only. The marks are allocated in the following way:

#### **Question 1a (List Question):**

Marks	Degree of Communication	
1	1 - 2 words correct, without ambiguity.	
2	3 - 4 words correct, without ambiguity.	

#### Maximum mark - 2

#### **Questions 1b and 1c:**

Each task has a total of 2 marks. The Part 2 Mark Scheme each year will outline in detail how those communication marks should be divided and awarded.

## 4. Question Two

This question is marked out of 8 for Communication and 12 for Quality of Language.

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task.
- You should not take into account the quality of the language used, unless it interferes so much that communication would not take place.

Marks	Degree of Communication	Explanation
0	Nothing of merit: fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.	
1-2	Communicates a <b>little</b> basic information (eg simple facts).	Some brief, simple facts are communicated in relation to one or two of the tasks set.
3-4	<b>Some</b> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (eg description, simple opinion).	Some longer descriptions or simple facts conveyed in relation to several of the tasks set.
5-6	Communicates clearly <b>quite a lot</b> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.	Some extended description in more than one of the tasks set. Simple facts conveyed in relation to all of the tasks set.
7-8	Communicates <b>a lot</b> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.	Full descriptions in relation to all of tasks set.

#### 5. Quality of Language

- Marks will be awarded out of 12 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The resulting total mark out of 24 is divided by 2 to give a total mark out of 12 for Quality of Language.
- If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range/Complexity and for Accuracy.

Marks for Quality of Language are awarded according to the criteria below.

Quality of Language			
Mark	Range & Complexity	Accuracy	
0	Very little effective vocabulary. There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent sense.	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.	
1-2	The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.	
3-4	Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task. Structures are simple, often repetitive and are rarely linked.	Most sentences contain errors, many of a major nature, and verb forms are rarely accurate.	
5-6	Vocabulary and structures are appropriate to the task with a little attempt at variety and there is some successful attempt to link structures together.	There are some major errors and frequent minor ones. Attempts at verb forms and tense formations are often unsuccessful.	
7-8	There is some variety in the use of vocabulary and some successful attempts at a variety of structures including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words. Some personal opinions are successfully expressed. There are successful attempts at using more than one time frame.	There are a number of minor errors and a few major ones, but the piece is more accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are not always correct, but the intended meaning is clearly recognisable.	
9-10	There is a wider range of vocabulary and structure which communicate descriptions and opinions with some precision. Longer sentences, including the use of subordinate clauses are used more regularly and with increasing success.	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor nature although some major errors may occur when complex structures are attempted. Verb forms and tense formations are usually correct.	
11-12	A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	There are hardly any major and a few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.	

In each mark band, the higher of the two marks is awarded if there is strong evidence of the criteria in that band. If the evidence is more limited, the lower mark is awarded.

The following restrictions apply in the award of marks for Range and Complexity and Accuracy:

Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
Communication Mark	Range & Complexity Mark	Accuracy Mark
0	0	0
2	6	6
4	8	8
6	10	10
8	12	12

The prescribed tasks in Question Two at Foundation Tier and Question One at Higher Tier offer an opportunity for the candidate to write in three time frames. Successful use of these opportunities will give the candidate an opportunity to gain access to the higher quality mark bands. Items of communication containing obviously incorrect / ambiguous time frames / tenses will not score for Communication.

- To score 5 marks for Accuracy there must be some attempt to refer to different time frames.
- To score 7 marks the references to different time frames must be clear.
- To score 9 marks verbs and time frames must be generally accurate.

The maximum mark for the Foundation Tier paper is 26.

#### **HIGHER TIER**

Both questions are assessed for Communication using the same criteria as at Foundation Tier. Both questions are marked out of 8 for Communication and 12 for Quality of Language.

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task.
- You should not take into account the quality of the language used, unless it interferes so much that communication would not take place.
- Further details of how to award the marks for Communication will be given in the Part 2 Mark Scheme.

Marks	Degree of Communication	Explanation
0	Nothing of merit: fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.	
1-2	Communicates a <b>little</b> basic information (eg simple facts).	Some brief, simple facts are communicated in relation to one or two of the tasks set.
3-4	<b>Some</b> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (eg description, simple opinion).	Some longer descriptions or simple facts conveyed in relation to several of the tasks set.
5-6	Communicates clearly <b>quite a lot</b> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.	Some extended description in more than one of the tasks set. Simple facts conveyed in relation to all of the tasks set.
7-8	Communicates <b>a lot</b> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.	Full descriptions in relation to all of tasks set.

At Higher Tier the mark for Quality of Language are awarded per question, according to the criteria below.

Quality of Language			
Mark	Range & Complexity	Accuracy	
0	Very little effective vocabulary. There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent sense.	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.	
1-2	The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.	
3-4	Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task. Structures are simple, often repetitive and are rarely linked.	Most sentences contain errors, many of a major nature, and verb forms are rarely accurate.	
5-6	Vocabulary and structures are appropriate to the task with a little attempt at variety and there is some successful attempt to link structures together.	There are some major errors and frequent minor ones. Attempts at verb forms and tense formations are often unsuccessful.	
7-8	There is some variety in the use of vocabulary and some successful attempts at a variety of structures including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words. Some personal opinions are successfully expressed. There are successful attempts at using more than one time frame.	There are a number of minor errors and a few major ones, but the piece is more accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are not always correct, but the intended meaning is clearly recognisable.	
9-10	There is a wider range of vocabulary and structure which communicate descriptions and opinions with some precision. Longer sentences, including the use of subordinate clauses are used more regularly and with increasing success.	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor nature although some major errors may occur when complex structures are attempted. Verb forms and tense formations are usually correct.	
11-12	A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	There are hardly any major and a few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.	

In each mark band, the higher of the two marks is awarded if there is strong evidence of the criteria in that band. If the evidence is more limited, the lower mark is awarded.

Marks out of 12 are given for Range and Complexity and Accuracy. For each question the resulting mark out of 24 is divided by 2 to give a total mark of 12 per question for Quality of Language.

The following restrictions apply in the award of marks for Range and Complexity and Accuracy:

Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
Communication Mark	Range & Complexity Mark	Accuracy Mark
0	0	0
2	6	6
4	8	8
6	10	10
8	12	12

- To score 5 marks for Accuracy there must be some attempt to refer to different time frames.
- To score 7 marks the references to different time frames must be clear.
- To score 9 marks verbs and time frames must be generally accurate.

Half marks should be rounded up at the end of each question.

The maximum mark for the Higher Tier paper is 40.

#### Writing – Part 2 Mark Scheme

#### **Foundation Tier**

#### **Question 1**

This question is assessed for Communication only.

In 1 (a) accept all understandable words for beach items. Tick each word you accept.

In 1 (b) & (c) tick each task that is successfully communicated using a complete sentence.

1 (a)	(2 marks)
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Marks	Degree of Communication	
0	no understandable words	
1	1 - 2 understandable words	
2	3 - 4 understandable words	

1 (a)	This question is assessed for Communication only. Indicate each accepted item with a tick in the body of the task. Put the total marks awarded for 1 (a) (out of 2) in the right hand margin.  A list of <b>four</b> things your friend should take to the beach If candidates make more than four attempts, consider the first four only		
	<ul> <li>Accept: <ul> <li>anything that would be appropriate for use on a beach. Single vocabulary items are acceptable – no need for definite or indefinite articles or quantities. <i>Items of food and drink are acceptable</i>.</li> <li>Brand names, e.g. <i>fanta, coca-cola</i>, even if they are identical in English.</li> <li>Wrongly spelt words that would be recognisable to a sympathetic non-English speaking native speaker.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Reject:</li> <li>anything that would not fit into this category.</li> <li>anything in English, other than brand names.</li> <li>anything in languages other than Spanish.</li> </ul>		
2		1	0
	Three or four words one or two words communicated No words communicated No words communicated		No words communicated

ACCEPT	REJECT
items of food and drink	animals
appropriate items of clothing	comer / beber
appropriate items of medication	maleta
bocadillos / bocadillios	
fruta / fruita	
helado (s)	
comida / bebida	comido / bebido / picnico
barbacoa	toalla
traje de baño	BBQ
gaffas	
zappotos	
balón / pelota	fútbol / baloncesto/ voleibol
bikini	
discos compactos / música / CDs	amigos / bebe
bolso / bolsa / dinero / cartera	
teléphono	
aqua	cremé de la solar

#### 1 (b)

1 (b) Indicate each accepted item with a tick in the body of the task at the point where you have decided to accept the item. Put the total marks awarded for 1 (b) (out of 2) in the right hand margin.

Nb. Do not obscure what the candidate has written.

- (i) If you have brothers or sisters
- (ii) what sort of music you like

#### Accept:

- numbers in figures
- wrong possessives
- infinitives qualified by a personal / possessive / pronoun / adjective in the first person e.g. yo tener..., mi tener...
- first person plural for first person singular

#### Reject:

- answers where BOTH wrong person AND wrong tense or infinitive appear
- answers where no Spanish at all is written
- answers including English words other than proper names
- verbs in wrong person
- verbs in wrong time frame
- answers not containing a verb

2	1	0
Both tasks communicated	One task communicated	Neither task communicated

# Spanish examples (a selection for your guidance)

# 1 (b) (i)

ACCEPT	REJECT
Ignore <u>and bracket</u> additional material wherever it appears unless it contradicts or invalidates the	Answers in which additional material contradicts or invalidates the answer
answer	
Tongo for tengo	Cuánto for tengo
un hermana / una hermano	Soy un hermano
Hay en mi familia	Tiene/tienes for tengo
	Hay without en mi familia / Es

#### 1 (b) (ii)

ACCEPT	REJECT
Ignore and bracket additional material wherever	Answers in which additional maerial contradicts
it appears unless it contradicts or invalidates the	or invalidates the answer
answer	
me gusta(n) music types in English	te gusta
me gusto	me gustó / me gustaba / me gustaría
música pop / pop música / rock música etc	mi preferida for yo prefiero
rock (and roll) / rocanrol (without música)	
escucho / escuchamos for me gusta	escuchar in any other person
yo escuchar	

1 (c)

Indicate each accepted item with a tick in the body of the task at the point where you have decided to accept the item. Put the total marks awarded for 1 (c) (out of 2) in the right hand margin. Then add up the total marks for **Question 1** (out of 6) and write this in the oval provided.

- (i) which subjects you study (mention 2)
- (ii) one thing you do (after school)

#### Accept:

- wrong object pronouns
- verbs in the infinitive provided they are governed by a first person pronoun, possessive etc.
- accept either a list of subjects for (c) (i) or a total number of subjects
- answers for (c) (ii) which do not include después del colegio etc.

#### Reject:

- verbs in the infinitive **not** governed by a first person pronoun, possessive etc.
- verbs in wrong person
- verbs in wrong time frame
- answers which only give one school subject in (c) (i)
- answers which do not contain a verb

2	1	0
Both tasks communicated	One task communicated	Neither task communicated

# Spanish examples (a selection for your guidance)

# 1 (c) (i)

ACCEPT	REJECT
Ignore and bracket additional material wherever	Answers in which additional material contradicts
it appears unless it contradicts or invalidates the	or invalidates the answer.
answer.	
Answer which include a verb and <b>two</b> subjects	Answers which do not contain a verb or only
	contain one subject
historio / información	España
estudio OR me gusta etc	

# 1 (c) (ii)

ACCEPT	REJECT
Ignore and bracket additional material wherever	Answers in which additional material contradicts
it appears unless it contradicts or invalidates the	or invalidates the answer.
answer.	
me gusta (ii) provided it is followed by another	where you go instead of what you do
verb	
voy al polideportivo	<i>me gusta</i> + place or activity.
yo ir el cine	El eschcha
tengo que + activity	<i>Ir a la piscine</i> (French)
	Reject answers in any tense other than the present

#### Foundation Tier Question 2/ Higher Tier Question 1

(8 marks - Communication) (12 marks - Quality of Language)

#### DO NOT CONSIDER ANY SENTENCE WITH ENGLISH OR NON-SPANISH WORDS.

As per the descriptors in the Part 1 Mark Scheme, a mark between 0 and 8 will be awarded for Degree of Communication and a further 12 marks for Quality of Language.

There are 6 tasks. Any relevant information on these tasks will be rewarded.

The point at which the task has been successfully completed will be indicated within the body of the text by a tick, with e.g. 1, 2, 3 in the left hand margin. To assist you further in assessing the work, please also use the following annotations within the body of the text:

D = development

O = opinion

J = justification.

N.B. The ticks and annotations will help you to arrive at a fair Communication mark, but it does not automatically follow that six ticks will score all 8 Communication marks. The final decision on a communication mark must be based on matching the candidate's overall performance against the descriptors.

#### **Additional notes**

- Infinitives NOT preceded by a subject/object/possessive pronoun in the correct perason invalidate the communication of an item.
- Any item including English words cannot communicate.
- Two elements may be combined in one sentence with one verb

Task 1 Where you went one day (during the last Christmas holidays).	
Accept	Reject
<ul> <li>Any complete sentences or parts of complete sentences which fulfil the requirements of the task.</li> <li>Accept first person singular or plural</li> <li>Unaccentend preterites e.g. visite</li> <li>Countries</li> <li>Fui de compras as a location</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb</li> <li>Activities unless destination is given as well.</li> <li>Any item which could not be done in one day</li> <li>Fui de for fui a (España) visté</li> </ul>

Task 2	What you did there.		
	Accept		Reject
complete serequirement  Accept first  Comé for a	lete sentences or parts of sentences which fulfil the nts of the task. st person singular or plural comí nould be appropriate to task 1	•	Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb  Mi amiga compré etc

Task 3	Your opinion of the day.	
	Accept	Reject
complete se requiremen  • Past time so use of eithe imperfect to	ete sentences or parts of entences which fulfil the ets of the task. cale may be accomplished by er preterite, perfect or ense. sent tense for an opinion.	<ul> <li>Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb, even if qualified by correct subject /possessive pronoun or time reference.</li> <li>Answers not containing verb</li> </ul>

Task 4	Where you are going (to spend (the Summer holidays next year).	
	Accept	Reject
complete so requiremen  Future time future (voy conditional  Allow quie  Accept Con	ete sentences or parts of entences which fulfil the ets of the task. e frame as either immediate a) or simple future or , but see below ro / me gustaría enwall etc in English /visito as future intention	<ul> <li>Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb, even if qualified by correct subject /possessive pronoun or time reference.</li> <li>Me gusta for future time frame</li> <li>Countries in English</li> <li>London, (but accept all other English town / cities in English)</li> <li>Voy a Español for voy a España</li> </ul>

Task 5 With whom you normally p	Sk 5 With whom you normally prefer to spend your holidays and why.	
Accept	Reject	
<ul> <li>Only present tense acceptable here</li> <li><i>Me gusta</i></li> <li>Use of <i>preferir</i> is not essential</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Answers only dealing with part of the task</li> <li>Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb, even if qualified by correct subject /possessive pronoun or time reference.</li> <li>Me gustaría, me gustó</li> </ul>	

Task 6	Ask about the weather (in Tenerife) during the Christmas holidays.		
Accept		Reject	
<ul> <li>Any complete requireme</li> <li>¿Qué es e</li> <li>¿Qué tiem</li> <li>Clima</li> </ul>	juestion + <u>and</u> time blete sentences or parts of sentences which fulfil the ints of the task. It iempo en diciembre. ipo hacer en diciembre diciembre / enero	<ul> <li>Ambiguous statements because of wrong person or tense of verb, even if qualified by correct subject /possessive pronoun or time reference.</li> <li>Anything which is not obviously a question.</li> <li>Climo</li> </ul>	

# **Quality of Language**

Quality of Language marks are awarded as per the Quality of Language criteria grid below.

	Quality of Language			
Mark	Range & Complexity	Accuracy		
0	Very little effective vocabulary.	There is little, if any, evidence of		
	There are occasional recognisable	understanding of the most basic		
	words but they make little coherent	linguistic structures.		
	sense.			
1-2	The vocabulary and structures used	There is only limited understanding		
	are simple, often repetitive, limited	of the most basic linguistic		
	in range and may contain many	structures and most sentences		
	cognates.	contain major errors.		
3-4	Vocabulary is appropriate to the	Most sentences contain errors,		
	basic needs of the task. Structures	many of a major nature, and verb		
	are simple, often repetitive and are	forms are rarely accurate.		
	rarely linked.			
5-6	Vocabulary and structures are	There are some major errors and		
	appropriate to the task with a little	frequent minor ones. Attempts at		
	attempt at variety and there is some	verb forms and tense formations		
	successful attempt to link structures	are often unsuccessful.		
	together.			
7-8	There is some variety in the use of	There are a number of minor errors		
	vocabulary and some successful	and a few major ones, but the piece		
	attempts at a variety of structures	is more accurate than inaccurate.		
	including attempts at longer	Verb forms and tense formations		
	sentences using appropriate linking	are not always correct, but the		
	words. Some personal opinions. are	intended meaning is clearly		
	successfully expressed. There are	recognisable.		
	successful attempts at using more			
	than one time frame.			
9-10	There is a wider range of	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor		
	vocabulary and structure which	nature although some major errors		
	communicate descriptions and	may occur when complex		
	opinions with some precision.	structures are attempted. Verb		
	Longer sentences, including the use	forms and tense formations are		
	of subordinate clauses are used	usually correct.		
	more regularly and with increasing			
	success.			
11-12	A wide range of vocabulary and	There are hardly any major and a		
	structures appropriate to the topic is	few minor errors even in more		
	effectively used. Longer, more	complex structures. The overall		
	complex sentences are handled	impression is of accuracy and verb		
	with confidence producing a fluent	forms and tense formations are		
	piece of coherent language.	secure.		

The following restrictions apply in the award of marks for Range & Complexity and Accuracy.

Communication Mark	Max. Range & Complexity	Max. Accuracy Mark
	Mark	
0	0	0
1 - 2	6	6
3 - 4	8	8
5 - 6	10	10
7 - 8	12	12

Marks are given out of 12 for Range and Complexity and out of 12 for Accuracy and these are added together. The resulting mark out of 24 is divided by 2 to give a total mark out of 12 for Quality of Language. (Half marks are rounded up).

#### **Higher Tier Question 2**

(8 marks – Communication) (12 marks – Quality of Language)

As per the descriptors in the Part 1 Mark Scheme, a mark between 0 and 8 will be awarded for Degree of Communication and a further 12 marks for Quality of Language.

There are 6 tasks. Any relevant information on these tasks will be rewarded.

The point at which the task has been successfully completed will be indicated within the body of the text by a tick, with e.g. 1, 2, 3 in the left hand margin. To assist you further in assessing the work, please also use the following annotations within the body of the text:

D = development

O = opinion

J = justification.

N.B. The ticks and annotations will help you to arrive at a fair communication mark, but it does not automatically follow that six ticks will score all 8 communication marks. The final decision on a communication mark must be based on matching the candidate's overall performance against the descriptors.

Task 1	Describe a tu mejor amigo/amiga.	
Accept		Reject
complete s	lete sentences or parts of sentences which fulfil the ents of the task. of family or pets if mentioned end	<ul> <li>Descriptions which are not about a best friend</li> <li>Only mention of a name</li> <li>(NFP thereafter if candidates describe some other person)</li> </ul>

Task 2	Explica por qué te llevas bien con él/ella.	
Accept		Reject
complete s requiremen	lete sentences or parts of entences which fulfil the hts of the task. plicit reasons	<ul> <li>(NFP thereafter if candidates describe some other person)</li> <li>gustamos / gusto</li> </ul>

Task 3 Explica <u>cuándo</u> y <u>cómo</u> conociste a tu amigo/amiga por primera vez.		
Accept	Reject	
<ul> <li>Answers which include both parts of the item</li> <li>Conocé for conoci</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information that does not involve friend.</li> <li>Answers in anything other than past time frame</li> <li>Answers which include only one part of the item.</li> </ul>	

Los planes de tu amigo/amiga a para el futuro.	
Reject	
s of anyone other than friend. vers in anything other than future frame lidate's plans including friend	

Task 5	Tu opinión de sus planes	
Accept		Reject
Opinions may be in present or future time frame, and about any plans (friends or own)		

Task 6	¿Por qué piensas así?		
Accept		Reject	
as justifica	hat can reasonably be regarded tion for views expressed in 5. n may be in any time frame	Anything which does not justify view expressed in 5.	

# **Quality of Language**

### Questions 1 & 2

As per the descriptors in the Part 1 Mark Scheme, award a mark of between 0-12 for each question for Quality of Language.

	Quality of Language		
Mark	Range & Complexity	Accuracy	
0	Very little effective vocabulary.  There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.	
	sense.	iniguistic structures.	
1-2	The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.	
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11-12	A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	There are hardly any major and a few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.	

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	Mark	
0	0	0
1 -2	6	6
3 - 4	8	8
5 - 6	10	10
7 - 8	12	12

Marks are given out of 12 for Range and Complexity and out of 12 for Accuracy and these are added together. The resulting mark out of 24 is then divided by 2 to give a final mark out of 12 for Quality of Language.

Half marks are rounded up at at the end of each question.