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General Comments

Overall candidates performed very well. Candidates had clearly been well prepared for the examination and responded well to both the task types as well as the topic content. Comments on individual sections and questions on the paper are noted below.

Section A

Questions 1-5

These questions targeted Grades G and F. All candidates entered answered with confidence and achieved the full marks available.

Question 6

This question targeted Grade D. Candidates generally scored very well indeed. They wrote the correct information in the correct spaces in the grid. All answers given were in Spanish as required. Occasional wrong answers were in Q6(iii) where candidates misinterpreted the key prompt in the question **alojamiento** offering a variety of alternative incorrect responses in answer to this question.

Questions 7- 11

This question targeted Grade E and was well answered.

Section B

Questions 12-14

This question targeted Grade C. Most candidates answered all the questions well. Weaker candidates struggled with question 13 and their understanding of **zonas de bosque**.

Questions 15 - 18

These questions targeted Grades B - A*. Candidates demonstrated their clear understanding of both the text and the questions set. However, not all answers written fully answered the questions set as noted below.

- Q15 in order to score the 2 marks available candidates needed to indicate clearly that tourism is **increasing**.
- Q16 Señor Palomares **writes** articles.
- Q17 tourism is **increasing**.
- Q18(i) In Grandmother's days there were **no televisions** rather than she **didn't watch** TV. didn't watch TV.

Overall centres are to be congratulated on their candidates' performances.

Statistics

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Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Lowest mark for award of subject grade (Paper 01 and 02 only)	85	76	67	59	49	39	30	21
Lowest mark for award of grade for Paper 03, Speaking (optional)	51	45	39	33	28	19	13	7

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