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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

Spanish S107: Spanish Language IB

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S107 Spanish Language I

Candidates should answer the following question:

Question 1

Translate the following passage into Spanish

“So you knew The Black Mandarin?”

“I never met him personally but I have heard of him.”

“He was a novelistic character and I can’t help admiring him. With more men of his caliber, perhaps Spain might not have lost the Philippines to the United States when it did.”

“Psss... I don’t know about that. Perhaps with more men of his caliber Spain might have lost the Philippines to the natives. Perhaps, without the United States, he might have ended by owning the whole country. He practically ruled there ... and that with enemies on both sides of the fence.”

“Yes, he was a strong character and at that time the most influential man there. He knew mankind entirely too well.”

“He had money and he knew the price of men. In his dealings with Spanish authorities he said that if he wanted to convince a man, he set down a pile of gold and then he added more gold to it, and as the pile grew taller the man grew weaker, until the pile collapsed and the man fell, too. He was a philosopher and a cynic also.”

“Yes, every man had a price there, but once he failed. True, it was not precisely a matter of politics but rather a personal question, and that was the first time that he did not get what he had set out to win. It was also the first time that he could not get revenge... But perhaps you have not heard of that incident?”

“I have a vague recollection.”

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