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Level 3 Spanish 2018

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Part A: Commentary

Successful candidates showed their understanding of the listening texts by backing-up the inferences and arguments they described with specific evidence from the texts rather than including their personal understanding of the subject matter. Candidates should make sure that they select relevant information from all parts of the texts and include a wide range of supporting arguments in their responses.

Candidates who achieved with Merit and Excellence made good use of the listening boxes and in the reading examination many had a tracking system, such as colour coding or underlining, which helped them ensure they had included all the relevant details from the text to support their answers.

Successful candidates read the questions carefully and planned their answers so they addressed the question directly. They organised their arguments logically and supported them with information from throughout the texts.

Candidates can answer questions in English, te reo Māori, and/or Spanish. Those candidates who chose to respond in Spanish generally provided some valid information from texts and passages and tried to address the questions directly, but tended to summarise information and omit important details. They sometimes failed to make inferences. These answers typically showed understanding of the general meaning of the texts, but omitted specific references. Candidates who offered an exact transcription of the texts and passages in Spanish also failed to show their understanding.

Part B: Report on standards

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Candidates who were awarded **Achievement** commonly:

- demonstrated a general understanding of the passages
- interpreted questions correctly and could give correct, or at least partially correct answers, but were unable to provide enough correct specific detail to support their responses
- provided basic details to justify their answers.

Candidates whose work was assessed as **Not Achieved** commonly:

- failed to understand the main points of the texts or misinterpreted the passages and basic details
- did not address questions properly and merely listed details which were

only partially correct at best

- offered their own opinion instead of basing their answers on the passage
- provided incorrect information
- provided some valid information that failed to encapsulate the gist of the texts.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Merit** commonly:

- selected and linked information, messages and key points from throughout the passage
- developed their answers by adding some correct specific detail to justify their responses
- addressed all parts of each question correctly
- omitted or misinterpreted some of the complex information in the passages and were therefore unable to show thorough understanding.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Excellence** commonly:

- justified fully their ideas with a wide range of specific and detailed evidence from the passage
- developed well-articulated answers that were comprehensive with comparisons, opinions and conclusions that clearly showed knowledge of the implied meanings within the passage
- rearranged evidence from the texts to fit with their answer so that their responses flowed well and directly addressed all parts of the question.

Standard specific comments

Candidates who were more successful tended to make extensive listening notes. Furthermore, they made sure to address the question in a structured manner and incorporated all relevant supporting detail from the passages in a meaningful way instead of merely listing details.

91571: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and/or visual Spanish texts

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement** commonly:

- showed understanding of some or most of the key ideas in the texts
- provided an answer that in general terms was logically consistent with the main idea of the text
- omitted or misunderstood detail when attempting to develop their answers
- failed to draw conclusions or make inferences, or did so based on very superficial understanding of the texts or on their own personal experience
- included words or extracts from the text in Spanish when they did not understand them
- repeated and rephrased the same idea within their answer without adding any extra detail
- based their answer on one part of the texts but did not read or mention the rest, thus failing to show understanding of all the main ideas. This was common in texts 2 and 3 in question two.

Candidates whose work was assessed as **Not Achieved** commonly:

- produced answers which were logically inconsistent with the main ideas of the texts
- produced answers totally based on their own opinions of the topics and omitted any information from the texts. This was particularly evident in texts 2 and 3
- based their answers on the recognition of single lexical items or cognates

- provided some valid information that failed to encapsulate the main ideas of the texts.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Merit** commonly:

- identified the main ideas of the texts and developed these with some or most specific detail extracted from the texts
- attempted to refer to, but misinterpreted some of, the complex information in the text and were therefore unable to show thorough understanding
- failed to connect the information within the texts meaningfully. This was particularly relevant for texts 2 and 3 in question two.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Excellence** commonly:

- understood a range of detail, including complex structures and nuances, and communicated this unambiguously
- made effective use of connectives to explicitly articulate their ideas
- made meaningful connections within the various parts of the texts
- explored the implications, inferences and possible conclusions of the information contained in the texts
- based their conclusions on all possible factors mentioned in the text that were of relevance
- produced responses that evidenced careful and thoughtful planning.

Standard specific comments

Candidates are encouraged to always read the texts fully and use all or most of the information to answer the questions.

The candidate's knowledge on the theme is not tested in this examination. Some candidates produced very coherent responses and made some valid inferences but failed to gain Excellence as they omitted detailed and specific information from texts.

Candidates are reminded that they are never asked for a personal opinion, but

rather to use the information from the texts to justify their answers.

Candidates are advised to always make explicit and clear links with the text. Careful and accurate translation of sentences or short sections is appropriate when used purposefully to support an argument.

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