

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

2012 Assessment Report

Spanish Level 2

91148 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken Spanish texts on familiar matters

91151 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and/or visual Spanish text(s) on familiar matters

COMMENTARY

Candidates who were awarded Achievement or higher read questions carefully, understood what was required and wrote clear, detailed answers in English or Spanish. Generally there were no mixed responses in the two languages. In both listening (91148) and reading (91151) candidates who achieved demonstrated a sound knowledge of the vocabulary and structures expected at NCEA Level 2, and therefore displayed sound comprehension of the texts, although there was still a tendency by a few to translate entire pieces of text. Since the standard requires candidates to extract relevant information, ideas and/or opinions from the texts to answer the questions, just translating does not achieve this and significantly limits the level at which they can achieve.

STANDARD REPORTS

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ACHIEVEMENT

Candidates who were awarded Achievement for this standard demonstrated the required skills and knowledge. They typically:

- demonstrated a general understanding of some parts of the text
- provided some correct information
- included some incorrect information
- attempted most questions.

NOT ACHIEVED

Candidates who were assessed as Not Achieved for this standard lacked some or all of the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement. They typically:

- misinterpreted ideas expressed in the texts
- used prior knowledge to answer questions rather than the information given in the texts
- answered only parts of some questions.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH MERIT

In addition to the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement, candidates who were awarded Achievement with Merit typically:

- made connections between relevant sections of the texts and the questions asked
- provided accurate answers with most of the required information
- wrote answers in clear, comprehensible English or Spanish.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH EXCELLENCE

In addition to the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement with Merit, candidates who were awarded Achievement with Excellence typically:

- assessed the relevance of information before including it in their answers
- showed understanding of a range of text types
- drew sound conclusions from information given in the texts.

OTHER COMMENTS

Many candidates who achieved with Merit and Excellence also made use of the space provided to take notes and draft ideas, a practice which should be encouraged. They also proofread and corrected/refined answers and, where necessary, rewrote sections that were illegible or had many crossings out.

91151 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and/or visual Spanish text(s) on familiar matters

ACHIEVEMENT

Candidates who were awarded Achievement for this standard demonstrated the required skills and knowledge. They typically:

- understood the basic meaning of the texts
- answered questions or parts of questions briefly
- translated large parts of the texts rather than answering the questions
- found it difficult to answer those parts of questions that required inference and creativity.

NOT ACHIEVED

Candidates who were assessed as Not Achieved for this standard lacked some or all of the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement. They typically:

- used prior knowledge to answer questions rather than the information provided in the text
- provided insufficient relevant information
- did not answer in enough detail where required
- left answers blank without making any attempt.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH MERIT

In addition to the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement, candidates who were awarded Achievement with Merit typically:

- wrote clear, concise answers
- provided the details necessary
- provided answers that were logical, legible, and well-structured
- showed they had mastered a wide range of NCEA Level 2 appropriate language.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH EXCELLENCE

In addition to the skills and knowledge required for the award of Achievement with Merit, candidates who were awarded Achievement with Excellence typically:

- extracted the information needed and interpreted it accordingly
- wrote creatively while still using the relevant information provided in the texts
- supported their ideas with relevant information from the texts
- read questions carefully and manipulated the language in their answers to fulfil the criteria.

OTHER COMMENTS

Interpretation or processing was necessary in many answers. Successful candidates confined their responses to answering what was required, rather than offering every piece of information they identified in the texts.