

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

2013 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 achieved read questions carefully, understood what was required and wrote clearly, while demonstrating sound knowledge of the vocabulary and structures that one might expect for Curriculum Level 7.

Candidates this year generally summarised relevant information in order to answer questions appropriately rather than translating large sections of text.

Many candidates used the space provided to take notes and draft ideas, especially in the listening standard (91148).

STANDARD REPORTS

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ACHIEVEMENT

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

- understood the basic meaning of the texts and were able to answer questions briefly
- provided one or two aspects of the answer required
- decoded small groups of words and cognates
- found it problematic to answer 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:

- did not select information that answered the question
- understood insufficient vocabulary
- often tried to translate word by word and wrote things that did not make sense
- left answers blank or tried to guess the answer from their own knowledge
- found numbers difficult to understand
- answered questions based upon their own knowledge rather than what was stated in the text.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH MERIT

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

- selected information necessary to address the question
- were able to add some detail
- seemed to understand the question well but did not always express the answer clearly.

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:

- displayed knowledge of a wide variety of vocabulary
- selected all the information necessary to answer the question fully
- usually took more notes in the listening notes boxes
- were able to extract the information needed and interpret it accordingly, thus describing, explaining and making the necessary connections needed for Excellence
- were creative in their answers while still using the relevant information provided in the texts.

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 and were able to answer questions briefly
- translated parts of the texts rather than answering the questions
- had trouble answering 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, especially evidenced in the Costa Rica passage
- were unable to provide enough 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:

- were able to write clear, concise answers and provide the details necessary to demonstrate a clear understanding of the texts.
- had mastered a wide range of Level 7 appropriate language and their answers were logical, legible, well-structured and provided full information.

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:

- were able to extract the information needed and interpret it accordingly, thus describing, explaining and making the necessary connections needed for Excellence
- were creative in their answers 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.