

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

2013 Assessment Report

Spanish Level 3

91568 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken Spanish texts

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

COMMENTARY

Candidates were able to produce a wide range of appropriate answers in response to two different types of listening passages for comprehension. Most candidates gave original answers without translating from the texts directly. They were able to show understanding of the ideas presented in the texts. However, inaccurate detail, generalised ideas on the topic but not relevant to the text, and/or frequent overstatement lowered the quality of an answer.

In response to the written texts, and the open nature of the questions, candidates provided valid and in some cases extensive information.

STANDARD REPORTS

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ACHIEVEMENT

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

- attempted most sections of the questions
- provided basic information from the text that was valid but may not have always understood the full requirements of the question(s)
- demonstrated some knowledge of language at this level to understand the text in general but did not draw inference.

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:

- attempted only some questions or only part of a question
- showed evidence of lack of aural comprehension
- demonstrated very little lexical knowledge of Spanish
- did not carefully read the questions
- misunderstood the text(s) and were confused about their content
- did not enter their comments in the right section
- expressed much inaccurate and/or unrelated information.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH MERIT

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

- carefully read and understood the requirements of the questions
- expressed accurate comments related to the text to show understanding
- provided some specific detail from the whole text to support their explanation
- related to key information in the text while keeping to the topic.

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:

- showed thorough lexical knowledge and close understanding of the text, of nuance and intended or implied meaning
- were very accurate in their responses
- expressed themselves well in clear language without repetition
- related their comments to the text to show evidence of their understanding in depth
- gave well-developed explanations with fine detail from the text
- provided sound reasoning to support their comments.

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ACHIEVEMENT

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

- provided some valid information for each question
- understood the gist of the text and made some meaning of it
- attempted most questions with some relevant answers
- answered the questions directly but did not attempt to explain or select relevant information on a consistent basis
- attempted to give opinions when needed but not justified with reference to the text.

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:

- showed very limited understanding of the text and answers were limited to individual words / expressions
- misunderstood the message of the text
- translated directly from the text but did not answer the question
- gave information that was not in the text but based on their own prior knowledge.

ACHIEVEMENT WITH MERIT

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

- understood the questions and responded clearly to them
- developed their ideas and opinions with reference to the information provided by the text
- selected relevant information from the text and explained their answers
- wrote answers that were coherent and comprehensible
- inferred some meaning from texts
- were able to draw information from the whole text to answer a particular question.

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:

- demonstrated thorough understanding of the texts and the questions related to them
- were able to select and expand their answers with supporting detail of idea, opinions, information from the text which showed understanding of nuance and meaning
- justified their answers by both direct and implied information of the text
- articulated their answers well.