

Assessment Schedule – 2020

Spanish: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of Spanish texts on areas of most immediate relevance (90911)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>Demonstrating understanding</i> involves making meaning of relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions in the texts.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show an understanding of the general meaning (gist) of the texts.</p>	<p><i>Demonstrating clear understanding</i> involves selecting relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions from the texts and communicating them unambiguously.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show a clear understanding of the content of the texts. Information is selected and connected to provide responses supported by relevant detailed examples from the texts.</p>	<p><i>Demonstrating thorough understanding</i> involves expanding on relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions, with supporting detail, to show understanding of the meanings or conclusions implied within the texts.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show a comprehensive understanding of the content and underlying meaning of the texts, including nuance and meanings not obviously stated in the texts.</p>

Evidence

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
Shows very little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Shows little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates some understanding and communicates some of the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates understanding and communicates the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates some of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates most of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates some of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to justify conclusions.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates most of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to fully justify conclusions.

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 13	14 – 18	19 – 24

Sample Evidence

What follows is not a complete list of all acceptable responses, nor is it an indication of the exact wording required.

Assessment judgments are based on the level of understanding shown, rather than knowledge of individual lexical items.

Quoting or direct translation alone are not sufficient evidence that the candidate understands the meaning of the text **clearly** or **thoroughly**.

The overall grade for a question must be judged after considering how much of the text as a whole has been understood, and to what depth. Refer to the Evidence statements above.

Question ONE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>(a) <i>Demonstrates understanding of which family would enjoy holidaying in Cancún.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancún is near the Caribbean Sea in the southeast of Mexico. • The Rodríguez family likes to stay by the beach in hotels. • In Playa del Carmen you can walk on the beach, practise water sports and go to clubs and cafes at night. • In Tulum you can go shopping and buy presents, clothes and piñatas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rodríguez family has three children, twin girls aged 11 and a 9-year-old boy. They like the beach as well as comfortable hotels. • Cancún is in the Caribbean and to the south and it has touristic towns such as Playa del Carmen and Tulum where they can find a great variety of hotels. • The family can walk on the beaches, and they can practise water sports during the day. They also like the night life and there are lots of clubs and cafes in Playa del Carmen. • Another advantage of Cancún is Tulum, which is another small town where there are many shops and street markets for them to spend their money buying presents, clothes and piñatas for the children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rodríguez family have three children, twin girls aged 11 and a 9-year-old boy. They like / need comfortable hotels to be able to have fun and relax at the same time. • Cancún is in the Caribbean, and to the south it has tourist towns such as Playa del Carmen and Tulum where they can find a great variety of hotels suitable for young and old, and that are family friendly. • The family can walk on the long white sandy beaches and the children and / or adults can practise all sorts of water sports, which can keep everybody occupied during the day while having fun. There is a lot of night life and lots of clubs and cafes in Playa del Carmen, which they will enjoy. • Another advantage of Cancún is the town of Tulum 20 km further on. There are many shops and street markets for them to spend their money on presents, clothes and piñatas for the children, which are very popular.

<p>(b) <i>Demonstrates understanding of which family would enjoy holidaying in Oaxaca.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaxaca has a lot of history, architecture and cultural traditions. • Mitla in the north of Oaxaca has in its historic centre one of the oldest theatres in the region. • The Palacios family like art, and there are many museums and art galleries there. • They can look at a beautiful collection of exotic plants at the botanic gardens. • They can eat gigantic tortillas with cheese and meat, and they can also buy coffee, chocolate and Mexican shirts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Palacios family are a quiet family with two teenagers, 17 and 19 years old, who love travelling and going to a different place every time. They love to discover new cultures and are fascinated by old traditions. • Oaxaca has a lot of history, architecture and cultural traditions that would be perfect for this family. • Mitla, north of Oaxaca, has, in its historic centre, one of the oldest theatres in the region, where you can listen to traditional Mexican music. • The family like art, and Mitla has many museums and art galleries with paintings by famous artists. • They also like going to gardens. In the city of Oaxaca, they can look at a beautiful collection of exotic plants at the botanic gardens. • The traditional food in the area is gigantic tortillas with cheese and meat. They can also buy the best coffee in Mexico, chocolate and traditional clothing, such as Mexican shirts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Palacios family are a quiet family with two teenagers, 17 and 19 years old, who love travelling and going to a different place every time. They love to discover new cultures, and are fascinated by old traditions, so a touristic place by the beach would not suit them. • Mitla, north of Oaxaca, has, in its historic centre, one of the oldest theatres in the region, where you can listen to traditional Mexican music. The family are fascinated by old traditions, so this would be a great experience for them. • They also like going to gardens. In the city of Oaxaca, they can visit the botanical gardens where they may see new exotic plants they have never seen before. • The traditional food in the area is gigantic tortillas with cheese and meat. In Oaxaca, they can also buy the best coffee in Mexico, chocolate and traditional handmade clothing, such as Mexican shirts. The Palacios family mention that they love food so this is perfect as they can try traditional food and buy good-quality products such as coffee. • It is clearly the best choice, as they could experience activities related to their favourite hobbies.
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Question TWO	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>(a) <i>Demonstrate understanding of Juan's new school in Salamanca.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new school is called San Fernando and it is a co-ed school. • Juan must wear a uniform because it is a private school. • Now he wears a shirt, pants and shoes with socks. • In his new school, lessons start at 8 a.m. and they finish at 2 p.m. • The teachers are also more serious, and they give him a lot of homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is called San Fernando and it's a co-ed school. It's very different to the college where Juan used to go. • At the school they study some subjects in English and the rest in Spanish. • Now he wears a uniform; shirt, pants and shoes with socks in summer, which he does not seem to like. • In his new school lessons start at 8 a.m. and they finish at 2 p.m., and he says he is always very hungry. • The teachers are also more serious, and they give him a lot of homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Fernando is a private school and they study some subjects in English and the rest in Spanish, which must be difficult. The school seems very demanding and academic as Juan does not have time for anything other than school. • In the college where he used to study, they didn't have to wear a uniform and were able to use casual clothing, which means it was possibly more relaxed. • He now has to wear a uniform; a shirt, pants and shoes with socks in summer, which he does not seem to like. It must be really hot and uncomfortable in summer. • In his new school lessons start at 8 a.m. and they finish at 2 p.m. They don't have a break for lunch, and he says he is always very hungry.

<p>(b) <i>Demonstrates understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of Juan's new life in Salamanca.</i></p>	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan is now in Salamanca, which is a bigger city, and he and his family have moved to a flat in the centre of town. • His parents are very happy and earn more money. <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the new school the Spanish teacher has said he needs to read a book a week. • He cannot play outside, talk to his friends, or play with his video games. • His new school does not have a soccer field and he is sad because he cannot play soccer. • He used to wear shorts and a t-shirt in summer. 	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan is now in Salamanca, which is a bigger city, and his family has moved to a flat in the centre of town near the pharmacy where his father works. • His parents are very happy as both their jobs are better than in the village and they are earning more money. <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His parents must work longer hours. • He likes his old school timetable, as they were able to go home for lunch at 1 p.m., rest a bit and return to school at 3 p.m. to play sports. • In the new school the Spanish teacher has said that he needs to read a book a week, and he complains that he has no time for anything else. • In the village where he used to live, they didn't have to wear a uniform. • He normally has lunch when he gets home at 2.30 p.m. 	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His parents are very happy as their jobs are better than in the village, and they are earning more money, which means they can afford more things and a private education for Juan. <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His parents must work longer hours and, therefore, he sees them less during the week. • He likes his old school timetable more than the new one, as they were able to go home for lunch at 1 p.m., rest a bit and return to school at 3 p.m. to play sports, which he loves. • In the new school, the Spanish teacher has said he needs to read a book a week. He gets a lot more homework and complains he has no time for anything else like chatting with friends, playing in the street or playing video games. This is a disadvantage from Juan's perspective, but may be good for his academic progress. • He normally has lunch when he gets home at 2.30 p.m., which is late, considering he started school at 8.00 a.m. • It seems there is not a big focus on sport, which is a disadvantage for Juan as he can't play soccer due to there being no field.
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Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>(a) <i>Demonstrates understanding of how each person feels about Christmas.</i></p>	<p>Person 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likes being with family. They get to share presents with family members. <p>Person 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrates on 31 December. Says it's fun if there are children in the house. <p>Person 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says Christmas is horrible. Too many people shopping in the supermarket and malls. <p>Person 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a fun party. Has lots of food and presents. 	<p>Person 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They like to be with family and to share good times (together). This person likes to buy gifts for all members of the family. Person 1 likes to receive presents in return. <p>Person 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three Wise Men come on 6 of January. Celebrates New Year's Eve on 31 December. It's fun and they usually go out until seven in the morning and, afterwards, they eat churros and drink hot chocolate for breakfast. <p>Person 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two weeks before Christmas, the malls are full of people so it's impossible to go shopping in the supermarket. <p>Person 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sees Christmas as a fun fiesta, with a lot of food and presents. A very special moment with family. It is a positive experience. 	<p>Person 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although, it is true that some people say this person spends too much money on presents, they really like to make their parents and brother happy by buying them something good. Person 1 says getting presents isn't all that bad, either! <p>Person 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three Wise Men come on 6 of January, but the problem is that the next day the children have to go back to school, so they don't have time to play! <p>Person 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says it is horrible, there are too many people in the supermarket and malls before Christmas. Complains about the prices being more expensive. <p>Person 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a very special moment, in which Person 4 can be with the people they love and has positive thoughts.

<p>(b) <i>Demonstrates understanding of why Christmas is an enjoyable celebration for some people and not for others.</i></p>	<p>Christmas is enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a time to be with family. • People get presents. • It is important for children. • Christmas is the most important day of the year. • It is a special time. 	<p>Christmas is enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a time to be with family and share good times together. • People get to give and receive presents. • It is cold and dark in Spain, so it is good to have an important celebration on 25 December. • Christmas is fun if there are children in the house because they look forward to and get excited about 6 January, when the Three Wise Men come. • In spite of many people seeing Christmas as a fun fiesta, with a lot of food and presents, it is so much more for some people. • Some see it as a very special moment, in which we are with the people that we love and we have positive thoughts. 	<p>Christmas is enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People see it as a very special moment, in which they are with the people they love and have positive thoughts. • People get to give and receive presents. They like buying presents for their family as they like to make them happy. They are also happy to receive presents. • It is cold and dark in Spain, so it's good to have an important celebration on 25 December. Christmas is something for people to look forward to during the cold dark months of winter. • In spite of many people seeing Christmas as a fun fiesta, with a lot of food and presents, it is much more for some people. This may be true for people who believe in the Christian faith and are celebrating the birth of Christ, which is an important part of Christianity.
	<p>Christmas is not enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's hard to go shopping. 	<p>Christmas is not enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person 2 doesn't like the food that much; there is too much meat, and too many sweets. The food isn't healthy. • One person doesn't even want to talk about Christmas. • It is hard to go shopping because the malls are full of people and it is impossible to go shopping in the supermarket. The products are more expensive. • You have to listen to Christmas carols, which Person 3 says are horrible. 	<p>Christmas is not enjoyable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person 2 doesn't like the food that much; there is too much meat and too many sweets. The food isn't healthy. In spite of this, this person eats churros and drinks hot chocolate for breakfast. • Person 3 doesn't even want to talk about Christmas because they are so fed up with it. • The products are more expensive because everyone is busy buying so the shops can put the prices up.