

Assessment Schedule – 2023

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

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 on page 1.

Question ONE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Says what the Muslim influences on the culture of Spain are and explains why this might be surprising to some people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history of Spain is strongly linked with Christianity. • They had a Catholic king and queen who unified the country. • Missionaries introduced Christianity to America. • These reasons make people surprised Spain was ruled by Muslims. • The Moors called the region Al-Andalus. • Christians, Jews, and Muslims lived in relative harmony. • The capital was Cordoba, which was very advanced. <p>Muslim influences on Spanish culture today include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • architecture – cool patios, shaded gardens, and narrow streets • common foods, such as ingredients found in Christmas sweets • language – many Spanish words have Arabic origin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no doubt that the history of Spain is strongly linked with Christianity. The unification of the country took place with the wedding of Fernando and Isabella, the Catholic Monarchs. • Because of them, Christopher Columbus arrived in America. Over the next 200 years, Catholic missionaries introduced Christianity to the continent. • It is for these reasons that some people are surprised Spain was Muslim for 700 years. • The Moors called the region Al-Andalus after they conquered it. For 400 years, Christians, Jews, and Muslims lived in relative harmony. • The capital of Al-Andalus was Cordoba, one of the most advanced cities of the world and a great economic, political, financial, and cultural centre. • An obvious influence of Muslim culture on Spain is the architecture – cool patios, shaded gardens, and narrow streets. • In Cordoba, the best representation of this is the mezquita, which has architectural art with geometric and 	<p>There is no doubt that the history of Spain is strongly linked with Christianity. The unification of the country took place with the marriage of King Fernando of Aragon and Queen Isabella of Castilla, the Catholic Monarchs. The fact that the King and Queen who unified Spain were Catholic could make people think that Christianity had always been the dominant faith in Spain.</p> <p>Under their power, Christopher Columbus arrived at the coasts of the great continent of America. Over the following 200 years, Catholic missionaries introduced Christianity throughout the continent. The fact that Spain more or less colonised most of the Americas and converted indigenous people to Christianity implies that Spain as a country was staunchly Catholic.</p> <p>For these reasons, some people may be very surprised to learn that what we know as Spain today was Muslim for 700 years.</p> <p>The Moors called the region Al-Andalus after they conquered it. For the following 400 years, it is believed that Christians, Jews, and Muslims lived in relative harmony. This may surprise people, as people often associate Spain with the Christian crusades and</p>

		<p>floral designs inside and colourful mosaics outside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second influence is food. One food that is common today is almonds. Almonds are a main ingredient in many Christmas sweets in Spain. • Another influence is seen in the language. There are 4,000 Spanish words that come from Arabic, including guitar, pillow, and task. 	<p>converting other religions to Christianity, but for a time the three religions lived together relatively peacefully.</p> <p>The capital of Al-Andalus was Cordoba, which was one of the most advanced cities of the world; a great economic, political, financial, and cultural centre.</p> <p>An obvious influence of Muslim culture on Spain is the architecture – cool patios, shaded gardens, and narrow streets. In Cordoba, the best representation of this is the mezquita, which has architectural art with geometric and floral designs inside and colourful mosaics outside. People may be surprised that such an elaborate mosque, built centuries ago, still remains in a country that mostly identifies with Christianity.</p> <p>A second influence is food. For example, almonds are the main ingredient in many Spanish Christmas sweets. Another influence is the language. There are 4,000 Spanish words that come from Arabic, including guitar, pillow, and task, just to name a few. People may be surprised that such everyday Spanish things like common food and language were introduced by Muslim culture.</p> <p>To summarise, the history of modern Spain is so strongly linked with Christianity that it is easy to forget the influence that the Moors have had over the everyday culture of Spain.</p>
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Question TWO	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Discusses Juan’s advice for teenagers who want to become professional gamers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be a team player. • You need to be hardworking, dedicated, and focussed. • You need to train a lot. Juan trains for 5 hours on his own and 4–5 hours in a team. • Juan’s parents supported him. • When he was at school, Juan focussed on classes in the morning, gaming in the afternoon, and a mix of gaming and studying at night (depending on exams). • There is a lot of pressure, it’s important to stay positive. • You need to take care of your physical well-being to help your mindset. This includes eating well, exercising, and spending time outside. • Juan warns against falling asleep gaming and then continuing to game as soon as you wake up. • Always stretch your hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan believes he is dedicated, hardworking, and focussed. He enjoys focussing on a task for hours. E-sports require these abilities. • His parents supported him. You have to train a lot. Juan trains for 5 hours on his own and 4–5 hours in a team. • He would not have been able to get to this level without the support of his parents. • When he was at school, Juan focussed on classes in the morning, gaming in the afternoon, and a mix of gaming and studying at night, depending on when his exams were. His parents believed that as long as he studied and passed his exams, he could do what he wanted with video games. • Psychologically, it is a very hard job due to the amount of pressure. You have to maintain a positive mentality when becoming a professional gamer. • It is important to take care of yourself physically to help with your mindset. • Juan makes sure to eat well and spend time outside every day, particularly in the morning when he runs or walks the dog. • It can be easy to fall asleep at night after playing for many hours and tempting to play more as soon as you wake up, but it is very important to take breaks. • Always stretch your hands so you don’t damage them from overuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>League of Legends</i> is a team game with the objective of conquering your rival’s base. You need to be a team player and have good strategy. • Juan believes he has always been dedicated, hardworking, and focussed. From a young age he has enjoyed focussing on a task for hours. E-sports requires these abilities. • While you’re at school, you must manage your time well. When he was at school, Juan focussed on classes in the morning, gaming in the afternoon, and a mix of gaming and studying at night, depending on when his exams were. His parents believed that as long as he studied and passed his exams, he could do what he wanted with video games. • Make sure you have the support of your parents. • Don’t lose focus on your studies. • Psychologically, it is a very hard job due to the amount of pressure. You have to maintain a positive mentality when becoming a professional gamer. There will always be people who want to see you lose. • It is important to have ways to cope with the stress and pressure you will be under, as there will always be people who do not want you to succeed. • Despite not being a traditional (physical) sport, it’s still important to look after yourself physically by exercising and eating well, as this directly affects your mental state.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juan makes sure to eat well and spend time outside every day, particularly in the morning when he runs or walks the dog.• It can be easy to spend all of your time inside gaming, so it is necessary to make time to go outside.• E-sports is sometimes perceived as a solely mental pursuit, but it is still important to take care of your body, so you can perform at your peak.
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Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Explains what makes Perú a desirable travel destination for tourists, according to the broadcast.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perú won three tourism awards in 2023. • It has good food, a lot of culture, history, and nature. • Cusco, Lima, and Machu Picchu offer a range of tourist experiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole country offers a diverse range of experiences due to its rich history, culture, architecture, and gastronomy. • Perú has won top tourism awards, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - best culinary destination – Lima has iconic cerviche - best cultural destination – you can go to Cusco to learn how local people dye coloured dresses - best tourism attraction – the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perú offers a huge variety of high-quality experiences and has won awards for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - best culinary destination - best cultural destination - best tourist destination. • The diverse geography and rich terrain influences the gastronomy, culture, and history. • In one place a tourist can enjoy a range of experiences, rather than having to travel to multiple countries for the same variety. For example, Machu Picchu is a huge tourist attraction (it hosts 1.5 million visitors annually) with incredible history, architecture, nature, and culture. It also shows off the amazing architectural construction skills of the Incas, proof of their wise civilisation.