

## Assessment Schedule – 2025

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

#### Evidence

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

**N0** = No response; no relevant evidence.

#### Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0–7	8–13	14–19	20–24

### 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><i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of what the old and young people do during their time together.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They play together, talk, sing, work in the garden, cook, and then eat the food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They spend an hour together twice a week sharing some free time.</li> <li>• During this time, they do different activities such as playing, talking, and cooking.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of how they benefit from this programme.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It helps the elderly have some time to socialise and interact with children. It helps their social and physical skills.</li> <li>• The children develop some empathy and learn songs and games from the elderly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both centres are under the same roof, so that makes it easy to plan. They don't need to arrange transport or additional staff and, even better, it doesn't cost anything.</li> <li>• According to the experts, both the elderly and the children benefit.</li> <li>• The elderly often don't have a family or can feel lonely, so this gives them a chance to socialise, interact with others, and get a change of scenery. It helps their self-esteem and makes them feel useful. For the children, it helps develop their empathy and teaches them to value the elderly. They are always asking if they are coming to visit today.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This programme offers benefits for both the elderly and the children involved.</li> <li>• Often the elderly don't have family so they can become like additional grandparents to the children. This gives both of them some extra family members, alleviating the loneliness and filling a role that some children might not have.</li> <li>• If you are staying in a care home, you might not get out much or have much independence, so this programme gives them a change of scenery, a place of belonging, and some responsibility, helping them feel independent.</li> <li>• Some children may not have much contact with elderly people, so this is an opportunity for them to connect with people in their community.</li> <li>• Both the elderly and the children look forward to their sessions and count down the minutes to the next one; this shows the positive impact it has for all involved.</li> </ul>

<b>Question TWO</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Achievement with Merit</b>	<b>Achievement with Excellence</b>
<p><i>Possible evidence showing understanding of whether it is better to eat bananas when they are green or yellow, with a comparison of the qualities of both.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both are healthy.</li> <li>• Bananas are full of good nutrients.</li> <li>• Bananas are rich in vitamins and minerals.</li> <li>• Green bananas are hard.</li> <li>• Bananas contain vitamin C.</li> <li>• Green bananas have less sugar than yellow bananas.</li> <li>• There is more fibre in green bananas.</li> <li>• Yellow bananas are mature and have more potassium.</li> <li>• Yellow bananas have more sugar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bananas give us energy quickly and are rich in vitamins and minerals.</li> <li>• They don't lose nutrients, they just change form.</li> <li>• Green bananas are firm and have an acidic flavour.</li> <li>• The vitamin C in bananas offers protection against illness.</li> <li>• Yellow bananas have higher levels of potassium, which helps the heart and muscles to function.</li> <li>• Whether you eat green or yellow bananas is a personal choice. Both are healthy and nutritious.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As bananas mature, they change flavour and appearance</li> <li>• Eating them at any stage of maturation has benefits.</li> <li>• Although they are less sweet than mature bananas, the lower sugar levels in green bananas causes fewer spikes in the blood stream.</li> <li>• Green bananas help our bodies feel full faster, and the vitamin C content helps our immune / defence system, meaning we may get sick less often.</li> <li>• Yellow bananas contain more sugar, but this doesn't affect the amount of carbohydrates; rather, it affects how quickly the sugar from bananas enters our bloodstream.</li> <li>• Yellow bananas are a better choice for sports people as the carbohydrates and potassium help them to recuperate faster.</li> <li>• Whether you eat green or yellow bananas is a personal choice and depends on what each person requires. If you want a sweeter taste and digestion benefits, yellow is better, whereas if you want health defence benefits, green are better.</li> </ul>

Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of why Linda made the podcast.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She wasn't well prepared on a recent trip.</li> <li>• She didn't have a visa.</li> <li>• She hadn't organised transport to the hotel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has just got back from a trip, and it was a nightmare.</li> <li>• She didn't know she needed a visa for the country, and had to wait hours for one in the airport.</li> <li>• She hadn't organised transport to her hotel, nor looked up the public transport.</li> <li>• She didn't speak the language, so that made it more difficult.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has just had a nightmare trip because she did not prepare or research before going. She did not know the visa requirements, transportation, or the language. She is giving some tips to help people prepare for their future travels, so they don't repeat her mistakes.</li> </ul>
<p><i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of why it is a good idea to listen to podcasts such as Linda's before travelling.</i></p>	<p>These types of podcasts are important because they give you tips such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare your documents (such as your visa and passport)</li> <li>• reserve accommodation; this is an important aspect</li> <li>• think about your costs and spending money – such as accommodation, transport, and food</li> <li>• pack your case according to what clothes you need and don't forget toiletries, a backpack, and a camera.</li> </ul>	<p>These types of podcasts are important because they give you tips such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make sure you know if you need a visa and have a valid passport, or you might not be able to enter the country</li> <li>• booking a central hotel will help reduce the need for transport</li> <li>• a good hotel can make a big difference, especially if they offer some breakfast or cleaning</li> <li>• research all of the places of interest before going and also how much they cost</li> <li>• this is an exciting part of organising a trip</li> <li>• make sure you pack clothes for the right season; there is no point taking winter clothes if you need summer clothes</li> <li>• travelling is very exciting.</li> </ul>	<p>These types of podcasts are important because they give you tips. Also, if the podcaster has had a bad experience, you can learn from their mistakes to make sure you don't repeat them.</p> <p>Some of these tips are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you don't have the correct documents, you may not be able to get into the country, and you will have wasted all the money you spent on plane tickets and accommodation.</li> <li>• A central hotel will reduce the need for transport and therefore save you more money and time</li> <li>• Likewise, if the hotel offers breakfast and cleaning, this will save you even more time and money.</li> <li>• If you plan your costs and spending money and know how much each activity will cost, you can make the most of your time on holiday and have exciting things to look forward to. Additionally, if you have any unexpected costs or anything goes wrong, you will have your spending clear in your mind and will know how to manage it to cover the surprise costs.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pack your case once you have done all your other research. This will allow you to pack for the right weather and activities.</li><li>• Travelling can be very exciting, but things can go wrong, so it is important to take your time when planning your trip so that you know your budget, what you need, and what activities you will be doing.</li></ul>
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