

## Assessment Schedule – 2025

### Spanish: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual Spanish texts (91571)

#### Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>Demonstrating <b>understanding</b></i> involves making meaning of relevant information and varied perspectives 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 and varied perspectives 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 and varied perspectives, and communicating 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	Evidence	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Is investment in space exploration justified? Use the advantages and disadvantages of space travel discussed in the text to support your answer.</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space exploration has brought about remarkable technological advances, such as mobile phones, GPS, and life-saving medical treatments.</li> <li>• These achievements don't just make astronaut travel possible but also improve the lives of all humanity.</li> <li>• Space exploration can help us find solutions to overpopulation and the energy crisis. A small investment in space could bring long-term benefits that help everyone.</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology developed in space travel has the potential to be used to solve some of the pressing issues on Earth. Therefore, it is beneficial for space travel to continue.</b></p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rockets have a harmful impact on the environment, they generate emissions and contribute to climate change.</li> <li>• <i>It would be advisable to encourage the development of more sustainable technologies so that investment in space does not entail a high environmental cost. Space travel needs to be environmentally friendly to continue.</i></li> <li>• <i>It is crucial to combine investment in space exploration with initiatives that favour the environment.</i></li> <li>• Millions of dollars are invested in space exploration, but those resources could be used to address more pressing problems here on Earth, such as poverty, hunger, and the environmental crisis. <b>Space travel can cause environmental crisis.</b></li> <li>• We should prioritise these immediate problems before continuing to waste resources in space.</li> <li>• <i>Although technological advances have been made, a solution has not yet been found to reduce the carbon footprint of rockets.</i></li> <li>• We cannot continue to waste resources by polluting the planet <b>while we seek to inhabit other places.</b></li> <li>• <i>We need to develop space technologies that are also useful for the environment and can be applied here, such as the production of renewable energy. This will reduce stress on the planet and mean it is less likely we will need to use space as a solution for overpopulation.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Demonstrates understanding by identifying some advantages and disadvantages of space exploration and uses these to say whether or not space exploration is justified.</p>	<p>Demonstrates clear understanding by explaining the main advantages and disadvantages of space exploration and uses these to say whether space exploration is or is not justified. Gives reasons.</p> <p>Includes <i>italic</i>-type evidence.</p>	<p>Demonstrates thorough understanding by explaining and comparing advantages and disadvantages of space exploration, and evaluates these to say whether space exploration is or is not justified overall. Infers meaning.</p> <p>Includes <b>bold</b>-type evidence.</p>

Question TWO	Evidence	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Who will be impacted by this new law and in what ways? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer.</p>	<p>Mexican population at large / Mexico's economy / Mexico's cultural identity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corn plays an important role in Mexican culture, representing an ancient symbol of identity and tradition.</li> <li>• A wide variety of corn types are available in Mexico, many more than in other countries, each with different colours, sizes, and flavours.</li> <li>• Corn is recognised as an essential component of Mexico's cuisine and cultural heritage.</li> <li>• The Mexican government has decided to ban the cultivation of genetically modified corn to protect the country's biodiversity and cultural heritage.</li> <li>• This measure seeks to preserve native varieties that have been cultivated for centuries. Corn is not only a staple food, but also a cultural symbol of great value and pride for Mexicans.</li> <li>• Imposing this law has raised concerns about its economic impact, <b>which will affect the Mexican population at large.</b></li> <li>• In addition, representatives of the corn industry warn that this measure could affect Mexico's trade relations, especially with countries from which it imports genetically modified (GM) corn.</li> <li>• Non-GM corn contributes not only to a healthier diet and the general well-being of the people, but also to the cultural identity of Mexicans.</li> <li>• <b>This law is preserving native varieties of corn and placing Mexican cultural identity ahead of economic gain. However, these costs may end up being passed on to consumers, who cannot afford an increase in necessities.</b></li> </ul> <p>Farmers / producers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This could have a negative impact on farmers and producers, as it is claimed that GM corn crops increase farmers' incomes <i>because they achieve greater resistance to pests.</i></li> <li>• GM crops can bring risks to local biodiversity, which could endanger the different varieties of corn, causing them to become extinct.</li> <li>• <i>This decision encourages respect for traditions in agriculture. Therefore, this is a positive change for farmers of traditional corn varieties and agricultural practices, which also overall benefits Mexico's cultural identity.</i></li> </ul> <p>Consumers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexican producers could face an increase in production costs, which could increase the price of <i>staple foods such as tortillas</i>, affecting consumers, <i>especially those with fewer resources.</i> <b>This means that the increase in cost for farmers will be pushed on to those who cannot afford it.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Demonstrates understanding of some who will be impacted by this new law and identifies some of the ways they will be impacted.</p>	<p>Demonstrates clear understanding by explaining who will be impacted by this new law and the main ways they will be impacted. Gives reasons.</p> <p>Includes <i>italic</i>-type evidence.</p>	<p>Demonstrates thorough understanding by explaining who will be impacted by this new law and discusses the various ways that they will be impacted, taking into account both positives and negatives. Infers meaning.</p> <p>Includes <b>bold</b>-type evidence.</p>

	Question THREE	Evidence	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(a)	According to the text, what can tourists experience and learn from visiting the Emberá-Chamí community?	<p>Tourists can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enjoy the local cuisine</li> <li>• be amazed by their traditional art and music</li> <li>• learn about their beliefs and values.</li> </ul> <p><b>This is an Indigenous community that still lives according to its own laws and customs, and retains its own government and native language, which is increasingly rare. Tourists can experience a way of life very different from their own.</b></p> <p><i>This visit will open their minds, as a better understanding and knowledge of the ways of life of civilisations other than our own fosters respect and makes us realise the diversity of viewpoints that exist in the world.</i></p>	Demonstrates understanding by identifying the main activities available during the visit.	Demonstrates clear understanding by explaining in detail the particularities of the Emberá-Chamí civilisation that tourists can experience. Includes <i>italic</i> -type evidence.	Demonstrates thorough understanding by identifying the implied meanings from this experience. Includes <b>bold</b> -type evidence.
(b)	In what ways can cultural experiences be positive or negative? Justify your answer using detailed information from the text.	<p>These visits can have very positive effects: <i>On the one hand, tourists can experience first-hand cultures and ways of thinking that are different. This generates a source of income for the community and ensures that they can continue to be independent, staying true to their roots without having to live in isolation.</i></p> <p>There are similar examples like visiting Māori villages in New Zealand, where you can see shows and go on guided tours run by Māori. <i>These experiences are not only entertaining but also educational.</i></p> <p><b>In these cases, both the visitors and the Indigenous communities win. However, cultural experiences can be detrimental, as there is a risk of reducing the cultural richness of a community to a few easily visible aspects or stereotypes.</b></p> <p><i>There have been regrettable cultural spectacles, such as ethnographic exhibitions or human zoos, popular in the nineteenth century, where Indigenous tribes were displayed for the enjoyment and wonder of curious visitors.</i></p> <p><b>Cultural experiences can only be positive when organised by the Indigenous communities themselves, as opposed to the colonisers so that they control the narrative, and expose their culture from their point of view.</b> The fundamental difference is that human zoos and the like were organised by Western settlers from their perspective.</p>	Demonstrates understanding by identifying some traits of positive experiences and historical experiences.	Demonstrates clear understanding by explaining in detail the positives and negatives of different cultural experiences. Includes <i>italic</i> -type evidence.	Demonstrates thorough understanding by inferring what the fundamental differences between both types of experiences are. Includes <b>bold</b> -type evidence.