

2009 HSC Spanish Beginners

Sample Answers

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening

Question 1 (a)

Sample answer:

The concert starts at 10.

Question 1 (b)

Sample answer:

They need to be early to get a parking spot.

Question 2

Sample answer:

To inform students of a change of venue because of the rain.

Question 3***Sample answer:***

Pepe is leaving this job and Sara wants to thank him for his help.

Question 4***Sample answer:***

1990

Tick English lessons

Monday

Question 5***Sample answer:***

The customer considers herself lucky because she has been able to buy the cake she wanted she does not have to bake one and she got a discount.

Question 6***Sample answer:***

1st Ring dentist

2nd Set the video recorder

3rd Pick up brother (given)

4th Buy milk

Question 7***Sample answer:***

(D)

Question 8***Sample answer:***

- It is a year of unpaid community service
- It is compulsory for all school leavers
- They spend a year in another region
- They share communal living.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

Luisa is a person who prefers a city life as, she is worried about the discomfort of insects and heat. She is not willing to pull her weight, eg she will not cook. She is not tolerant of people talking about things she is not interested in, such as football. Overall she is hard to please as she rejects every suggestion Carlos makes.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

Mr Lopez tries to be helpful but is not able to solve the problem to Mrs Davis's satisfaction. She complains that the room is noisy but when he offers her a quiet internal room she complains that she would lose her view. He then offers her a room with a view on the fifth floor but she is frightened of using the lift. He then offers to change her room to one on the ground floor but this will be noisy and will not have a view. He ultimately loses his temper because she keeps complaining.

Section II — Reading

Question 11

Sample answer:

Its purpose is to inform people about the lost puppy and to give contact details.

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

She would be surprised because she normally receives emails from Teresa.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Teresa is happy because, as a result of the floods, she is having a good time, living with her cousin; she's having an extra week off school, and she's getting a new and better computer.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

He is being interviewed because he has just won Singer of the Year and is in town to give a concert.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

He feels proud because although he has only released one CD he has beaten singers who are already famous.

Question 13 (c)

Sample answer:

He says he wants to keep his life private yet when asked about his girlfriend he goes into details about their break up. He says he is not yet famous however at the end he talks about signing autographs like all famous people. He says he is simple and shy yet he wants to promote his career and become world famous.

Question 14 (a)***Sample answer:***

The title is referring to an incident in which a group of students who had got lost in the jungle were found by a ‘lost’ tribe of indigenous people. By finding the students, the previously unknown tribe were themselves discovered or found by the rest of the world.

Question 14 (b)***Sample answer:***

It is amazing because the tribe lived in an area that had been thoroughly explored by many people over the years and never been seen until they chose to reveal themselves. It is also amazing that they had managed to survive so long in such an inhospitable, fire prone environment.

Question 15 (a)***Sample answer:***

Eduardo, a 20 year old carpenter, is a patient, optimistic, naïve and non-academic person. He is patient because he is willing to wait for Marta while she finishes her studies. He is optimistic because he expects to spend the rest of his life with Marta. He is naïve because he did not realise that for her he was just a childhood friend. He is non-academic, he chose not to go to university but rather to become a carpenter instead.

Question 15 (b)***Sample answer:***

It is obvious from reading Marta’s text that they are not destined to be together even if that is Eduardo’s dream. Marta makes it clear that for her he is just a neighbour and a childhood friend, she sees their lives going in different directions and even from an early age she did not want to be with him all the time. Moreover she obviously never thought of him as a boyfriend and was herself interested in other boys.