

# 2009 HSC Spanish Continuers

## Sample Answers — Written Examination

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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 and Responding

#### Question 1

*Sample answer:*

Because, her brother is taking too long in the bathroom, she will be late for her exam and she may not have hot water to have a shower.

#### Question 2

*Sample answer:*

(C)

#### Question 3

*Sample answer:*

- Boys as well as girls need to look after their skin
- There are beauty products created exclusively for men
- There are many men in the world already buying beauty products

**Question 4*****Sample answer:***

Free access to internet in all rooms  
25% discount if you are prepared to help in the kitchen  
Free transfer from the station

**Question 5*****Sample answer:***

- 1) Carlos already receives an allowance each month.
- 2) Carlos already has lots of shirts
- 3) He still owes his mum some money
- 4) Carlos needs to learn the value of things

**Question 6*****Sample answer:***

(D)

**Question 7*****Sample answer:***

At the beginning of the interview the audience might think that Pepe is arrogant and conceited because he believes he deserves his success and everything money can offer. However, as the interview progresses the audience sees another side to his personality; as a more generous and humble person given that he gives substantial financial help to disadvantaged people and prefers not to advertise his good deeds.

**Question 8*****Sample answer:***

He was able to overcome difficulties such as being wheelchair bound, studying without his previous peer group and not having a social life.

In spite of his physical and emotional hurdles, he overcame feelings of frustration, anger and depression. He worked hard at becoming independent and re-taking control of his life by going back to school and finishing his degree.

He is optimistic about the future, making plans to establish his own business and to continue to participate in self help groups.

He is inspirational because in spite of all his negative experiences, he has managed to be successful and a prize winner.

## **Section II — Reading and Responding**

### **Part A**

#### **Question 9 (a)**

*Sample answer:*

He works in a supermarket where he carries heavy boxes to be put on shelves, sweeps floors and cleans toilets

#### **Question 9 (b)**

*Sample answer:*

Because jobs are hard to find, he has entered into a new mobile contract and he owes his brother money.

#### **Question 9 (c)**

*Sample answer:*

The job is not what he expected: he thought that he would be in customer service and use his maths, but he has been doing menial tasks and heavy work. He is so tired that he doesn't eat and has no time to study. He works overtime but is not paid for the extra hours despite being promised payment. Finally he was not supposed to work on weekends but now he has to work every Saturday.

**Question 10 (a)*****Sample answer:***

She feels useless/bad and she needs to vent her feelings because she lost her job, she had lower than expected marks in her exams, her boyfriend left her.

**Question 10 (b)*****Sample answer:***

He is a coward because he did not break up with her face to face, he is tight with money because he asks for his presents back and he is also unfaithful because he was going out with somebody else whilst he was still going out with her.

OR

He is a con artist, saying things he obviously did not mean.

**Question 10 (c)*****Sample answer:***

Elenita's emotional state is conveyed by:

The use of repetition. “Lo odio! Lo odio! Lo odio!” to emphasise how angry she is with Jorge. The use of simile. “Como...balde de agua fría” to convey the feelings of shock in relation to Jorge's breaking up with her without any warning. The use of metaphor/hyperbole: “Hecha un mar de lágrimas” to express her sadness at Jorge's insensitivity towards her. The use of adjectives and exclamation marks: to reinforce her brittle state of mind and her disbelief at his actions.

Note to markers: To gain full marks students should be able to analyse in depth the emotional state of Elenita and show how she uses language to convey her feelings regardless of the number or language techniques mentioned.

**Question 10 (d)*****Sample answer:***

In the first blog, Elenita's world has collapsed and her outlook in her life is very negative and she feels hopeless. She only wants to cry and she feels useless and defenceless (self-pity). In her last entry, her outlook in life compared with the first entry has changed completely for the better and she is now very positive and optimistic and has future plans. She is happy, confident and she puts her past experiences into perspective. Her future also looks bright, she is in love, her job is fulfilling and her parents are amazed with her change of attitude.