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## **2010 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:*

<i>Breed:</i>	Boxer
<i>Description:</i>	Dark brown
<i>Reward:</i>	350 pesos
<i>Telephone:</i>	35 87 97 96

### Question 2

*Sample answer:*

They are arguing about what colour clothes to wear for the formal/graduation party.

### Question 3

*Sample answer:*

She likes being a radio announcer because she loves interviewing famous people, because she chooses the music according to the occasion and also because it allows her to be updated and informed about current issues.

### Question 4

*Sample answer:*

Because Carlos is desperate, as he has lost his mobile phone and he wants Laura to ring him back.

### Question 5 (a)

*Sample answer:*

Many young people would visit this site because it is a fun and interactive game because it is free, because participants will gain confidence before the school formal, and because it will help individuals to stand out from the crowd.

### Question 5 (b)

*Sample answer:*

[www.vamosabailar.com](http://www.vamosabailar.com)

### Question 6

*Sample answer:*

B



### Question 7

**Sample answer:**

He may conclude that he may not be able to fulfil his dream of being a surgeon unless he changes his attitude and focuses more on his studies with some help from a tutor. Otherwise, he would need to be realistic about his abilities and choose a more suitable career.

### Question 8

**Sample answer:**

Cecilia is trying to influence her listeners by:

- Using humour in trying to convince readers that having only one source of information is not enough when travelling. She states: Would you travel with only a pair of socks, hahaha?
- She also undermines the author by instilling a sense of doubt in the listeners through her choice of words, ie *consejos cuestionables*, rhetorical questions such as *Valdra la pena gastar \$35 en ese libro?*, *Tanto dinero* and through the outraged tone when she exclaims *Sólo tiene 18 años*.

## Section II — Reading and Responding

### Part A

#### Question 9 (a)

**Sample answer:**

Tony is writing this email because he is responding to his friend Pedro and also he is updating him about the trip.

#### Question 9 (b)

**Sample answer:**

Amelia's work colleague who was going to help with travelling costs.

#### Question 9 (c)

**Sample answer:**

He believes he was lucky because he did not like Amelia's idea to buy a car so he decided not to go. Therefore he avoided all the problems that Amelia encountered later on.



**Question 10 (a)**

**Sample answer:**

Because she was stressed and she tried to relax in different ways, but nothing worked. Finally she uses the chatroom as a therapy.

**Question 10 (b)**

**Sample answer:**

- Lack of resources
- Lack of time
- Isolation
- Lack of money.

**Question 10 (c)**

**Sample answer:**

Diego's personality is portrayed by:

- using rhetorical questions which show his arrogance, for example *¿Y quién te crees tú que eres para darme consejos a mí?*
- using a sarcastic tone to express his conceit/arrogance, for example *¡Qué taichí ni yoga, por favor!*
- using repetition and exaggeration to enforce his assertiveness, for example *Y sí, sí, sí, si los tengo que reemplazar los reemplazaré mil veces si es necesario ...*
- using metaphors which show his superiority, for example *Yo tengo el mundo a mis pies... a ver si te bajas de la nube...*

**Question 10 (d)**

**Sample answer:**

A

**Question 10 (e)**

**Sample answer:**

Diego would be easily won over by the last comment made by Yolanda. He has already stated that he has everything at his fingertips and wants for nothing. His response would be immediate and agreeable. He emphatically states that he would not be a loser in life which sits very closely with Yolanda's comment of 'I want it I get it'. Both Diego and Yolanda appear to be materialistic and both also believe that everything in life should be for their advantage.

Estrella, on the other hand would reflect on the statement before answering. She appears to be less materialistic than Diego and Yolanda and would place less importance on having everything she wants. She has a deeper approach to her life and although she appreciates technology, she values more her friendships and human contact in general. She would possibly give some philosophical advice on how to view the world.