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NEW SOUTH WALES

2012 HSC Spanish Beginners 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

Their father's birthday and what to buy for him.

Question 2

Sample answer:

She changes her mind because she is told that apples are not of good quality.

Question 3

Sample answer:

To advise passengers of the changed departure time for the train.

Question 4

Sample answer:

20, RAMI, 9584276, French and Italian, restaurant/food service.

Question 5

Sample answer:

B

Question 6***Sample answer:***

The association provides English classes, helps with finding work and provides social activities.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

Roco is proud of his band's success because they have become very popular despite their humble beginnings and their music teacher telling them they had no talent.

Question 8***Sample answer:***

They are arguing because they are basically incompatible. Lucia is fed up with Ricardo always being late and their having had to change their plans. He tries to make peace by offering an alternative but she rejects it. He in turn complains that she is not willing to compromise.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

Pablo is envious of the way Victor decided to quit work to travel around the world freely and without commitments. Pablo is sick of being stuck in his job and wishes he could be as decisive as Victor.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

Nestor will not call Monica because she is not a satisfactory applicant. She practises the violin at home during the day and he works at night. She is not prepared to contribute to the housework. She can't pay the bond and is not ready to move in for another three months, while they need someone straight away.

Section II — Reading

Question 11 (a)

Sample answer:

People interested in poetry.

Question 11 (b)

Sample answer:

They will go to the beach.

Question 11 (c)

Sample answer:

They should bring their favourite poetry books and poems they have written themselves.

Question 12

Sample answer:

- A 5
- B 4
- C 6
- D 2

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

They are neighbours and have become friends over the years. Margot has relied on Luisa for ongoing help and support.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

The title, *At Last the Sun is Shining*, refers to the weather: it has stopped raining and the sun is peeping through the clouds. It also refers metaphorically to the improvements in Margot's life.

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

She is persuaded to go to the reunion dinner because Carla and Juan tell her that her best friends and favourite teacher will be attending. She is further persuaded that she can ignore the people there that she doesn't like.

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

Her experiences at school have taught her the value of teamwork and to respect differences in others. She also learned to cope with rules and regulations. From her teacher, she learned the importance of loving what one does in life.

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

She promised to write to her friend to describe her new life.

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

She has moved to Veracruz to go to university and to gain some independence from her family.

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

She was looking forward to getting away from her family but now misses them. She thought that her uni course would be interesting but now she risks failing. She expected to share accommodation with her cousin but is stuck with someone she doesn't like. She had expected to have fun but finds that the student accommodation hours are very restrictive. She is now sad and lonely and misses her family and friends.

Section III — Writing in Spanish

Part A

Question 16

Sample answer:

NA

Question 17

Sample answer:

NA

Section III — Writing in Spanish

Part B

Question 18

Sample answer:

NA