

Commentary Sample 1

Question 6

For this question students will select one writing task from a choice of three. They will be expected to write a continuous response, of about 150 words, in Spanish. Marks will be awarded for Communication and Content (10 marks), Knowledge and Application of Language (5 marks) and Accuracy (5 marks).

Students aiming at grade F will be expected to write short texts that relate to familiar contexts. They can express simple opinions. They use simple sentences. The main points are usually conveyed but there are mistakes in spelling and grammar.

Write about 150 words in Spanish.

Escribe unas 150 palabras en español.

Las vacaciones

Escribe una carta a tu amigo/a

Menciona:

.adonde fuiste y por qué

.lo que hiciste

.lo que te gustó y no te gustó

.lo que vas a hacer el próximo año

Las vacaiones

Por mi vacaiones mi madre, mi padre y yo fue España por dos semanas. En Español mi hermana, papa y mi familia fue a restaurant uno noche.

Mi hermana Jade y yo fue a la playa por 14 días, dos horas al dia. Mis padres y familia gustar personal tiempo. A la noche nosotros fue como a grande restaurants. Mi hotel es grande, el dormitorio es grande mi hermana y yo tiene un dormitorio por us.

En PortaNova España el personas es muy simpatico, personas habla español y inglesa. El hotel nombre 'Porta Azul' el hotel was bien, tiene internet, deportes, la piscina y bien como. Yo adoro el hotel! Mi familia fue dos tiempos Junio, Julio y Octubre. Porque mi familia vivir en España mucho personas quiere fue on vacaciones con mi familia. Mis amigas y yo gusta Español!

Communication and Content 4/10

Communication

In general this piece is comprehensible however the answers given are ambiguous and the information required is not always clearly communicated. For example:

-mis padres y familia gustar personal tiempo.

-nosotros fue como a grandes resturants.

-tiene internet, deportes, la piscina y bien como

There are instances of repeated and irrelevant material.

Taking into account the overall content of this piece this candidate is awarded 3 for Communication.

Content

The candidate has given a partially relevant response to the stimulus but there are omissions.

The candidate

- indicates where he went on holiday. *Por mi vacaciones mi madre y padre fue España.* He doesn't answer the second part of the question.

-gives a response of what he did during the holiday:

mi hermana Jade y yo fue a la playa por 14 días, dos horas a día.

mi hermana , papa y mi familia fue a restaurante

-explains what he likes but does not mention what he does not like.

Yo adoro el hotel!

mis amigas y yo gustar Español

-he does not answer the last bullet point about what he would like to do next year.

Taking into account the overall content this candidate is awarded a 4 for Content.

Considering the two marks above this candidate is on the borderline between 3 and 4 and he is awarded a 4 for Communication and content.

Knowledge and Application of language 1/5

This candidate's structures and vocabulary are very limited and often repetitive. This candidate uses very basic language. He manages to express simple opinions by saying, *el hotel was bien, tiene internet, deportes, la piscina y bien como. Yo adoro el hotel!*

This candidate makes mistake even in the most basic use of tenses.

Accuracy 1/5

There are many frequent and basic errors and this piece is not easy to read. There is no evidence of correct verb formation, gender and agreement. There are many spelling mistakes. The candidate is clearly not in control of the language that he attempts to use and as a result, he lapses into English on some occasions: *mi hermana y yo tiene un dormitorio por us. el hotel was bien.*

Total 6/20

To improve his mark this candidate needs to

-read carefully and address all aspects of the task to gain better marks in content.

-write simple sentences answering each of the bullet points.

- not write irrelevant or repetitive material.

-take more care with the spelling of the words. This candidate even makes a mistake when he reproduces vocabulary given to him in the stimulus, *Por mi vacaciones.* He regularly confuses *Español* with *España.*

-improve the accuracy of his subject/verb, gender and number agreements.