

**STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Spanish Junior Certificate Examination 2015**

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**MARKING SCHEME**  
**Total Marks: 320**

**GRADING**

A: 272 - 320 B: 224 - 271  
C: 176 - 223 D: 128 - 175  
E: 80 - 127 F: 32 - 79 N.G. 0 – 31

**Reasonable Accommodations:**

Where a candidate has been granted, and availed of, the aid of a scribe, a tape-recorder or a spell-enabled computer, or has been granted a spelling/grammar exemption, a modified interpretation of this Marking Scheme will apply to the Written Production section of this paper. (See page 10.)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

In reading this marking scheme, the following points should be noted:

- A **forward slash** / before an answer indicates that the answer is synonymous with that which preceded it or is an alternative answer. Answers separated by a forward slash cannot therefore be taken as different answers.
- A **dash** - before an answer indicates that the answer is a separate answer, which may be considered as independent of any other suggested answers to the question.
- **Rounded brackets** ( ) indicate material which is not considered to be essential in order to gain full marks.
- **Square brackets** [ ] show a breakdown of marks within the question or give further clarifications for marks to be awarded for certain answers to that question.
- Underlined words are necessary for full marks.

• **N.B. In all Sections of the examination the answers given on the marking scheme should not be considered as the only possible answers that may be accepted. Answers which are synonymous with or equivalent to those on the published marking scheme are also acceptable. Examiners should mark positively.**

**PART I: LISTENING COMPREHENSION (140 MARKS)**

**A. DIÁLOGOS 9 + 9 + 10 + 9 = 37 marks**

**Question 1 = 9 marks (3 + (2+1) + 3)**

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| a) Football stadium  | 3 marks   |
| b) <b>Two</b> of: go straight on, as far as the bridge, turn left and it is at the end of the street | 2+1 marks |
| c) When the ticket office opens  | 3 marks   |

**Question 2 = 9 marks (3 + 3 + 3)**

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|-----------------|---------|
| a) A barbecue   | 3 marks |
| b) Pork         | 3 marks |
| c) Good weather | 3 marks |

**Question 3 = 10 marks (3 + (2 + 2) +3)**

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|---|-----------|
| a) Fell going down the stairs (at home) | 3 marks   |
| b) <b>Two</b> of: left arm, elbow, back | 2+2 marks |
| c) An x-ray                             | 3 marks   |

**Question 4 = 9 marks (3 + 3 + 3)**

- a) An iPhone 6 3 marks
- b) Early/ beginning of next week 3 marks
- c) Cash 3marks

**B. UNOS ANUNCIOS 10 + 9 + 10 + 10 = 39marks**

**Question 1 = 10 marks (2 + 2) + 3 +3)**

- a) **Two** of: laptops, tablets 2+2 marks
- b) **One** of: 3 years technical support, free printer when you buy a laptop/tablet 3 marks
- c) **One** of: flight simulator, war games, educational games, scientific games 3 marks

**Question 2 = 9 marks (1+1+1) + 3 + 3)**

- a) **Three** of: clear skies,sunny, warm, max temp 27°, min temp 22° 1+1+1 marks
- b) **One** of: drop in temperatures, showers in the mountains 3 marks
- c) Sailing 3 marks

**Question 3 = 10 marks (3 + 3 + (2+2)**

- a) Go to gate B21 immediately 3marks
- b) **Two** of: going to London, one hour delay, due to the bad weather 3 marks
- c) **Two** of: passengers in wheel chairs, passengers with small children 2+2marks

**Question 4 = 10 marks (3 + (2+2) + 3)**

- a) **One** of: third floor of building, beside the beach 3 marks
- b) **Two** of: bicycles, rubber rings, skis 2+2 marks
- c) **One** of: give references/ pay a month's deposit in advance 3 marks

**C. UNA NOTICIA =18 marks (4 + 4) + 2 + (4+4)**

- a) Killed - 79, injured - 95 4+4marks
- b) To donate blood 2 marks
- c) **Two** of: high speed, driver distraction, driver talking on his mobile 4+4 marks

**D. DESCRIPTIVO = 46 marks (30+ 16)**

**Question 1 = 30 marks (6 +4 + 4 + 4+ (4 +4 +4)**

- a) 7th June 2013 6 marks
- b) Third biggest (sailing ship) in the world 4 marks
- c) The Spanish Ambassador 4 marks
- d) Cultural exchange between Spain and Ireland 4 marks
- e) **Three** of: traditional music and dancing, fireworks, party for family members (of the crew) 4+4+4 marks

**Question 2 = 16marks (2 + 2) + 4 + 4 +(2 + 2)**

- a) Moderate climate all year, little rainfall 2+2 marks
- b) **One** of:ILack of trees, little vegetation, geysers 4 marks
- c) **One** of: go on camel rides, take photos 4 marks
- d) **Two** of: creams, soap, hand gels 2+2 marks

**37+ 39 + 18 + 46 = 140 marks**

## PART II

### Reading Comprehension: 100 Marks

#### Section A: 10 marks

**2 + 2 + 2 + 4 = 10 marks (2 + 2 + 2 + 4)**

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|---|-----------|
| 1. <i>El postre</i>   | 2 marks   |
| 2. <i>La sartén</i>   | 2 marks   |
| 3. <i>Una entrada</i>   | 2 marks   |
| 4. <i>Rodilla</i> : <b>part of the body</b> <i>Cinturón</i> : <b>item of clothing</b> | 1+1 marks |
| <i>Pomelo</i> : <b>food</b> <i>Sillón</i> : <b>furniture</b>                          | 1+1 marks |

#### Section B: 35 marks

**Question 1 = 5 marks (5 x 1m)**

[Any correct answer accepted.]

**Question 2 = 6 marks (2 + 2 + (1+1))**

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| a) Now it is done by bicycle and not on foot or by elephant                      | 2 marks   |
| b) <b>One</b> of: the cyclist must do 120 kms per day, to get to Rome in 21 days | 2 marks   |
| c) <b>Two</b> of: sunglasses, cap, raincoat, bottle of water, oil (for chain)    | 1+1 marks |

**Question 3 = 7marks (2 + 2 + (1+1+1))**

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|---|-------------|
| a) They do not eat enough fruit or vegetables   | 2 marks     |
| b) They have banned sweets, chocolate bars, soft drinks, pastries   | 2 marks     |
| c) <b>Three</b> of: carrots, lentils, cabbage, pumpkins, peas, cod, tuna, strawberries,<br>raspberries, blueberries | 1+1+1 marks |

**Question 4 = 4 marks (2 + (1+1))**

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|---|-----------|
| a) <b>One</b> of: look for things under the bed, get into the house without waking others                     | 2 marks   |
| b) <b>Two</b> of: city maps, information about the nearest stops, waiting time until the next<br>train or bus | 1+1 marks |

**Question 5 = 7 marks (2 + (2 + 2) +1)**

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| a) <b>One</b> of: Spain is second in plastic recycling in Europe, Germany is first in Europe | 2 marks   |
| b) <b>Two</b> of: tins/cans, cardboard, used batteries, used clothes                         | 2+2 marks |
| c) Returning (glass) bottles (to the shop) for a fifteen cent (deposit)                      | 1 mark    |

**Question 6 = 6 marks (2 + 2 + 2)**

**Three** of the following: (If candidate writes the wrong number beside the rule, do not penalise.)

1. Always close all doors and windows.
2. Do not talk about your holiday plans on the social networks.
3. Ask a friend or neighbour to collect your post once in a while.
4. Leave a light on or the radio switched so the house looks occupied.
5. Never forget to switch on the alarm every time you leave the house.
6. If you see the door open or a broken window do not go in, call 112.

**5 + 6 + 7 + 4 + 7 + 6 = 35 marks**

### Section C: 30 Marks

#### Question 1 = 6 marks (2 + 2 + 2)

- a) Offer a mobile library service to the people in country villages/towns once every 2 weeks for free 2 marks
- b) **One** of: Check the available books, order the books online 2 marks
- c) Because you can get a 20 cent fine per day 2 marks

#### Question 2 = 8 marks (2 + (2+2) + 2)

- a) By donating your old toys 2 marks
- b) **Two** of: toys in good condition, with no electronic components, educational, board games, building blocks, puzzles, balls, costumes, dolls, teddies 2+2 marks
- c) A child will receive a toy 2 marks

#### Question 3 = 16 marks (1+1) + (2 + 2) + (2+2) + ( 2 + 2) + (1+1)

- a) **Two** of: oars, life jackets, wet suits, snack bag 1+1 marks
- b) **Two** of: swim suit, t-shirt, towel, change of clothes 2+2 marks
- c) **Two** of: a 12 km long, hill walking route, where you can see wild animals, on a guided visit 2+2 marks
- d) **Two** of: to be 1m 30cm tall, wear long trousers, comfortable shoes 2+2 marks
- e) **Two** of: showers, changing rooms, reception, car park, a picnic area, tables and chairs 1+1 marks

6+ 8 + 16 = 30 marks

### Section D: 25 Marks

#### Question 1 = 12 marks (1 + 1) + 2 + (1 + 1) + (2+2) + 2)

- a) **Two** of: a scientist who is studying bears, in the mountains, who lives in a wooden house/cabin in the forest 1+1 marks
- b) **One** of: He doesn't like animation films, the film is a bit silly and boring 2 marks
- c) **Two** of: Honey roast duck, spring rolls, (sweet and sour) pork. 1+1 marks
- d) Go to the bowling alley to meet her Irish friend Amy 2+2 marks
- e) Pay (the bill) 2 marks

#### Question 2 = 13 marks (2 + 2) + (1+1+1) + (1+1+1) + (2 + 1)

- a) **Two** of: the Roman circus, games, gladiator fights, theatre/plays 2+2 marks
- b) **Three** of: built in 1<sup>st</sup> Century, brings water to Tarragona, it is 200 m long, still intact 1+1+1 marks
- c) **Three** of: boat trips, hunting, fishing, bird watching, traditional cultivation of rice 1+1+1 marks
- d) **Two** of: grapes, hazel nuts, almonds, mushrooms 2+1 marks

12 + 13 = 25 marks

**PART III**  
**Written Expression: 80 Marks**  
*Reasonable Accommodations: Please see accompanying notes.*

**Section A: 10 Marks**  
**2 marks x 5 = 10 marks**

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| a) <i>La décima</i>                   | 2 marks |
| b) <i>el doce</i>                     | 2 marks |
| c) <i>treinta y cinco</i>             | 2 marks |
| d) <i>son las dos y cuarto</i>        | 2 marks |
| e) <i>El año mil novecientos seis</i> | 2 marks |

*Award 1 mark if everything is correct except for one spelling error.*

**Section B: 30 Marks**  
**6 marks x 5 = 30 marks**

The following is a guide to marks for each point:-

Correct communication of message

Fair – good Spanish **5 – 6 marks**

Adequate communication of message

Some errors. Mostly comprehensible. **3 – 4 marks**

Part of sentence comprehensible **1 - 2 marks**

No communication of message **0 marks**

**Section C: 40 Marks**  
**(6 x 6) + 4 = 40 marks**

Communication clear and accurate / point developed / good range of vocabulary / verbs and tenses correct: **for 6 marks, candidates should expand content with a good range of vocabulary, idiomatic phrases and correct use of tenses and verbs.**

Six points @ 6 marks each + 4 marks for layout (Introduction and Ending) of letter.

Each point may be awarded up to a maximum of 6 marks. The following is a guideline only. **(Ignore minor inaccuracies.)**

**5 – 6 marks**

Reasonably comprehensible to Spanish monoglot/ point not fully developed/ verbs or tenses often wrong, but some communication reasonably comprehensible/ quite a limited range of vocabulary.

**3 – 4 marks**

Basic communication/ part of content comprehensible/ basic language content/ verbs or tenses mostly wrong/ some communication.

**1 – 2 marks**

Incomprehensible **0 marks**

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