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This mark scheme is published to support teachers and students and should be read together with the question paper. It shows the requirements of the exam. The answer column of the mark scheme shows the proposed basis on which Examiners would award marks for this exam. Where appropriate, this column also provides the most likely acceptable alternative responses expected from students. Examiners usually review the mark scheme after they have seen student responses and update the mark scheme if appropriate. In the June series, Examiners were unable to consider the acceptability of alternative responses, as there were no student responses to consider.

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond
 the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1 General Marking Principles

1.1 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
- **(b)** If a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

1.2 For Questions 2 and 3, if the candidate has written an answer in the space provided for that purpose, you should ignore anything written anywhere else, unless:

- (a) there is an indication from the candidate that other material should be considered.
- **(b)** the candidate has continued their answer outside the space provided.
- (c) there is no answer in the space provided.

1.3 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme:

- (a) tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
- (b) BOD = benefit of the doubt and is used to indicate that the Examiner has considered the answer/that part of the answer and judged it to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.

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1.4 No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **RM Assessor**.

Award NR (No Response):

If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or

If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or

If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

1.5 Optional questions: You must mark all questions attempted by the candidate. Where a question has not been attempted then NR must be entered. (For Question 3 only, after marking the question(s) the candidate has answered, NR is populated automatically when you click on 'Complete'.) Where the candidate attempts more than one of the alternatives in Question 3, RM Assessor will automatically only aggregate the candidate's best result.

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Question	Answer	Marks
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Question 1

Candidates are required to list 8 items in Spanish. Read all of the items that the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:

- (i) Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5. Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5. Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded.
- (ii) On Question 1, award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them.
- (iii) If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item (e.g. where a candidate has linked two words as in *cepillo de dentifrica* = 1 tick; however *cepillo y dentifrica* (candidate intends these as two items) = 2 ticks).
- (iv) The pictures provided on the question paper are only suggestions.
- (v) Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear. Ignore any definite / indefinite article, possessive adjective, etc. Ignore any verbs.
- (vi) If spelling is questionable, start by referring to the detailed mark scheme. Refer to the bullet points below if no decision on the spelling you have encountered is recorded there.
 - 'If in doubt, sound it out': if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?
 - Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer, e.g. one letter missing but no other word created.
 - If the first part of the word is correct, small errors in what comes next are less likely to impede communication (unless they suggest another meaning).
 - Where letters are transposed, the word is likely to communicate (unless another word has been created).
- (vii) Once marking proper starts, if there are five clearly acceptable items, award marks wherever these are in the list. This approach may allow questionable versions to be ignored.
- (viii) Refuse all nouns which are repeated and which do not have a separate meaning:
 - pantalones, pantalones cortos: award one mark to each item
 - pantalones pequeños, pantalones azules: award one mark for the first pantalones
- (ix) Reject misspelt words which suggest a word with a quite different meaning. Where nouns are usually plural, accept the singular and vice versa.

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Question	Answer		
1	Estás en la clase de dibujo. Haz una lista en español de 8 cosas que puedes ver.		
	ACCEPT	REFUSE	
	cámara fotográfica	estatua	
	carpeta		
	cuadro		
	cuaderno		
	flor		
	fruta		
	goma		
	lápiz		
	mesa		
	papel		
	pintura		
	póster		
	profesor(a)		
	regla		
	silla		
		Total for Question 1: 5 ma	rks

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Question	Answer	Marks
Question	2	·
Candidates	s are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:	
	nunication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 2.1. lage: award a mark out of 5, according to the instructions in 2.2.	
2	Información sobre mí	15
	2.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication	
	(i) Place the appropriate 'numbered' tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point in the body of the answer.	
	 (ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks: If 1 of the tasks is missing, the maximum communication mark is 9. 	
	If 2 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on). If 2 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on).	
	(iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.	
	 (iv) For COMMUNICATION Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark. Lists without a verb will not score. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning. For language other than verbs, use 'rules' in Question 1: look alike, sound alike, etc. Misplaced adjectives, negatives and adverbs will not usually compromise communication. 	
	 (v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks Ella es alta y delgada y grande y nerviosa. (1 verb, therefore treat as list of 4 items: place one tick over 'grande' 	

• Ella es alta. Es delgada. Tiene el pelo moreno. (3 verbs therefore each piece of information can score a separate

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communication mark)

(third item in list) and another tick over 'nerviosa' (fourth item in list))

Question		Answer	
2	(vi) Only reward each piece of information once, e.g. es fantástica cannot score both as description and reason for liking; es fantástica y sus clases son fantásticas can both be rewarded as fantástica(s) describes different nouns; ella me ayuda a hacer mis deberes and me ayuda todos los días can both be rewarded as they each contain a different extra detail (a hacer mis deberes and todos los días).		
	(vii) Do r	not penalise factual errors.	
	(viii)Wha	at the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper – this is fine.	
	Tick Accept		
	√ 1	¿Cómo te llamas? y ¿cómo eres? REWARD: a mention of the candidate's name and any statement relating to him/herself (either a physical description or a description of personality traits)	
	√2	¿Cuántas personas hay en tu familia? REWARD: any statement relating to how many people there are in the candidate's family	
	√3	Normalmente, ¿qué haces para ayudar a tu familia en casa? ¿Te gusta ayudar? REWARD: any statement relating to what the candidate does to help at home REWARD: any statement relating to whether or not the candidate likes helping out	
	√4	¿Qué quieres hacer con tu familia este fin de semana? REWARD: any statement relating to what the candidate wants to do with family this weekend	

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Question	n Answer		Mark
2	2.2:	Award a mark out of 5 for Language	
		ard a mark out of 5 for Language*, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see <i>Note on using mark</i> emes with Grade descriptors (Appendix 1)).	
	Gra	de descriptors for Language (Question 2)	
	5	Straightforward vocabulary and structure. The style of writing is basic, but reasonably coherent. Use of a limited range of verbs, generally successful. More accuracy than inaccuracy.	
	4	Basic vocabulary and structure. Some awareness of verb usage, but inconsistent. The writing is sufficiently accurate for meaning to be conveyed.	
	3	Very basic vocabulary and structure. Little awareness of verb usage (e.g. infinitives regularly used instead of finite verbs). Despite regular errors, the writing often conveys some meaning.	
	2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.	
	1	Disjointed words or short phrases, one or two of them accurate enough to be comprehensible.	
	0	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.	
	*Co	nsider the whole answer when awarding mark for language	
		Total for Communication: 10 marks Total for Language: 5 marks Total for Question 2: 15 marks	5

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Question	Answer	Marks
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Question 3

Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

• Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 3.1.

• Language: award a mark out of 8 for Verbs, according to the instructions in 3.2.

award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the instructions in 3.3.

For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.

3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication

- (i) There are 5 relevant communication points per question, each worth a maximum of 2 marks.
- (ii) For each relevant communication point, use the appropriate numbered tick and place up to 2 of these ticks as close as possible to each relevant communication point (in the body of the answer).

2 ticks	Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated.
1 tick	Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete.
0 ticks	Nothing of worth communicated.

- (iii) Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark for communication. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning.
- (iv) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.

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Question	Answer	Marks
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3.2: Award a mark out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs

When awarding ticks for Verbs, please refer back to the question in order to establish which tense is appropriate for the response. **For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.**

- (i) Place a tick above the **first** occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).
- (ii) Place the tick so that it does not obscure the accent/tilde.
- (iii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.

Conversion table for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3)

Number of ticks	Mark
18+	8
16, 17	7
14, 15	6
12, 13	5
10, 11	4
8, 9	3
6, 7	2
4, 5	1
0, 1, 2, 3	0

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Question Answer Marks

How to award ticks for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3):

- (a) Subject (noun or pronoun) + any finite verb
 - both subject and verb must be correct for the verb to score a tick
 - verb must be in the appropriate tense to score a tick
 - accents on verbs must be correct in order for a tick to be awarded
 - do not tick verbs contained in the 'letter etiquette': appropriate beginnings and endings to letters are considered for reward under Other linguistic features.

Tick	No tick	Note
Yo soy (✓)		
He hecho (✓)		
Los profesores son (✓) amables	Los professores son amables (no tick)	incorrect subject means tick cannot be awarded for verb

Use of gerund

Tick	No tick	Note
Estoy escribiendo (√)		Continuous forms of estar and gerund are awarded 1 tick
Llevo (✓) dos años estudiando (✓)		Use of gerund other than in continuous form of verb using estar = 2 ticks

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Question	Answ	ver	Marks
With direct and indirect object p	pronouns		
Tick	No tick	Note	
Juan lo vio (✓)			
Reflexive/passive			
Tick	No tick	Note	
Él se levanta (✓)	Él levantase (no tick)		
Ella se ha cortado (✓)			
La puerta estaba (✓) abierta			
Yo me lavo (✓) las manos	Yo me lavo (no tick) el coche	lavar should not be used reflexively in this statement	
Impersonal verbs such as <i>gusta</i>	ar, quedar, faltar, etc.		
Tick	No tick	Note	
Me gusta (✓) leer (✓)			
Me gusto (no tick) leer (✓)			
Me quedan (✓) diez euros			

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Question	Answer	Mar
Impersonal se		·
Tick	No tick	Note
Se puede (✓)		
Se habla español (✓)		
Impersonal		
Tick	No tick	Note
Hay (✓) patatas		
Es (✓) interesante		
With negative		
Tick	No tick	Note
No comen (✓)		
Sequence of tenses		
Tick	No tick	Note
Fui (✓) al cine y me gustó (✓) la película	Fui (✓) al cine y me gustaría <i>(no tick)</i> la película	If sequence is incorrect, both verbs cannot be rewarded

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Single auxiliary with multiple past participles

Tick	No tick	Note		
Hemos cantado (✓) y bailado (✓)		Hemos cantado = tick 1; Hemos bailado = tick 2		

Verb which requires preposition

Tick	No tick	Note
Ayudo (✓) a lavar (✓) el coche		
Ayudo (✓) lavar el coche		preposition is required for <i>lavar</i> to be awarded a tick
Ayudo (✓) con lavar el coche		incorrect use of <i>con</i> means that <i>lavar</i> cannot receive a tick

Verb which requires personal a

Tick	No tick	Note
Veo (✓) a mi amigo	Veo (no tick) mi amigo	personal a is required for veo to be awarded a tick

Correct verb within meaningless statement

Tic	ck	No tick	Note
EI	camino es (√) largo	El camino es (no tick) inteligente	Do not reward correct verb in a meaningless statement

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Question	Answer				
(b) Imperative					
Tick	No tick	Note			
¡Ven! (✓)					
¡Oiga! (✓)					
(c) Interrogative					
Tick	No tick	Note			
¿Vienes? (✓) / Vienes. (✓)		question mark not required for mark	to be awarded		
(¿)Vas (✓) a venir(?) (✓)					
(¿)Cómo estás(?) (✓)					

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Question		Answer	Marks
(d) Infinitive			
Tick	No tick	Note	
Quiero (✓) salir (✓)			
No quiera (no tick) salir (✓)			
Quiero (✓) salire (no tick)			
Voy a (✓) estudiar (✓)			
Empecé a (✓) llorar (✓)			
Empecé (no tick) llorar (√)			
(e) Participle (past or prese	ent)		
Tick	No tick	Note	
Terminado el programa (✓)			
Siendo estudiante (✓)			

(f) Reward only the first occurrence of a verb, e.g.

- Me gusta (✓) la natación. También me gusta (*no tick*) el tenis
- Me gusta (✓) la natación. No me gusta (*no tick*) el tenis

However,

- Yo prefiero (✓) la natación y mi hermano prefiere (✓) el tenis 2 different persons of the verb
- Mi hermano prefiere (✓) la natación y mi hermana prefiere (no tick) el tenis both third person usage
- Esta tarde mi amigo puede (✓) jugar (✓) al fútbol. En mi ciudad se puede (no tick) nadar (✓) puede is in the third person singular in both sentences, so scores the first time but not the second time

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Question	Answer	Marks
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3.3: Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features

- (i) Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (please see Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors (Appendix I)).
- (ii) Use the highlighter marking tool to highlight the first new use of any correct usage. Use the highlighter marking tool to underline a creditable attempt at a structure. This annotation is intended to help you arrive at an appropriate mark. Therefore, the kinds of things you highlight/underline will vary according to the quality of work, e.g. for a mark of 7/8 to be awarded the assumption is that 'spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct' so annotation will focus on the degree of success with more complex language.
- (iii) Consider the extent to which the following are used correctly and appropriately when assessing the candidate's control of structures:
 - Subordinate clauses, including porque and que (relative pronouns). Indirect or reported speech (dijo que, creo que). Time clauses with cuando, mientras que etc. and si (= if)
 - Object pronouns (me ha dicho; me lo dio) and 'strong' pronouns
 - Conjunctions other than y and linking words (e.g. sin embargo, por lo tanto, por eso)
 - Prepositions Time, Place etc.
 - Negatives
 - Adverbs
 - Use of por and para
 - Adjectives, including possessives and demonstratives. Also comparatives and superlatives
 - Expressions of quantity
 - Appropriate use of *politesses* in the letter.

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Question	Answer Answer	
Grade de	scriptors for Other linguistic features (Question 3)	
11–12	 Uses a wide range of structures effectively; produces longer, fluent sentences with ease. Highly accurate at this level, though not necessarily faultless. Makes effective use of a wide range of vocabulary fully appropriate to the task. 	
9–10	 Attempts a range of structures with a good degree of success. More complex language usually error-free^^. Uses a variety of relevant vocabulary at this level. 	
7–8	 In control of simple structures. Varied success with more complex structures. Accuracy is fairly consistent throughout*. Errors may occur when more ambitious language is attempted. Has sufficient vocabulary to add some interest to the writing. 	
5–6	 Attempts more than basic structures. On balance, the work is more accurate than inaccurate. Straightforward vocabulary relevant to the task. 	
3–4	 Reliant on basic structures. Some examples of correct language. Meaning usually conveyed. Basic vocabulary. 	
1–2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.	
0	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.	

^{^^}subordinate clauses, linking words, object pronouns, comparative adjectives/adverbs, strong negatives usually error free. *spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct.

Total for Communication: 10 marks

Total for Verbs: 8 marks

Total for Other linguistic features: 12 marks

Total for Question 3: 30 marks

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Question	Answer				
3(a)	Trabajar como voluntario/a. Escribe un e-mail a tu amigo/amiga español(a) sobre tu experiencia reciente como voluntario/a. 3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above				
	Tick	Accept	Mark		
	√ 1	Describe lo que has hecho como voluntario/a.	2		
		A description of what the candidate did in their role as a volunteer			
	√2	¿Quién te dio la idea de ser voluntario/a?	2		
		A mention of who gave the candidate the idea of volunteering			
	√3	Explica por qué esta experiencia te puede ayudar a encontrar un trabajo en el futuro.	2		
		An explanation of why this experience will help the candidate to find work in future			
	√4	¿Por qué es difícil para los jóvenes tener tiempo para trabajar como voluntario/a?	2		
		An explanation of why it is difficult for young people to have time to volunteer			
	√5	En el futuro, ¿qué otro trabajo como voluntario te gustaría hacer?	2		
		A mention of which other volunteering role that candidate would like to do in future			

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Question			Answer	Marks
3(a)	Communication point	For Verbs, accept:		
	1	Any appropriate past		
	2	Any appropriate past		
	3	Present/Future/Conditional		
	4	Present		
	5	Present/Future/Conditional		
			- see generic guidance above res – see generic guidance above	

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Question	Answer				M
3(b)	Salir a cenar. Escribe un artículo sobre este tema. 3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above				
	Tick	Accept	Mark		
	√ 1	¿Qué es lo que más te gusta de salir a cenar?	2		
		A mention of what the candidate most likes about eating out			
	√2	¿En qué tipo de restaurantes comes normalmente?	2		
		A mention of the type of restaurant that the candidate usually goes to			
	√3	Describe la última vez que cenaste fuera de casa.	2		
		A description of the last time that the candidate ate out			
	√4	¿Cuándo fue la primera vez que probaste comida de otro país?	2		
		A mention of when the candidate last tried food from another country			
	√5	Explica por qué comer en casa puede ser mejor que salir a un restaurante.	2		
		An explanation of why eating at home can be better than eating at a restaurant			

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Question			Answer	Marks
3(b)	Communication point	For Verbs, accept:		
	1	Present		
	2	Present		
	3	Any appropriate past		
	4	Any appropriate past		
	5	Present		
			erbs – see generic guidance above features – see generic guidance above	

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Question		Answer		Marks
3(c)	"Después de un largo vuelo, llegué al hotel y abrí la maleta. ¡No era mi maleta!" 3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication – see generic guidance above			30
	Tick	Accept	Mark	
	√ 1	¿Con quién viajabas?	2	
		A mention of who the candidate was travelling with		
	√2	¿Qué había en esa maleta?	2	
		A description of what was in the suitcase		
	√3	¿Cómo reaccionaste en ese momento?	2	
		An description of how the candidate reacted at that moment		
	√4	¿Cómo se solucionó el problema?	2	
		A description of what the candidate did to resolve the problem		
	√5	Al volver a casa, ¿qué consejo diste a tu amigo/a para evitar esta situación?	2	
		A mention of the advice that the candidate gave his/her friend to avoid the same thing happening to them		

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Question			Answer	Marks
3(c)	Communication point	For Verbs, accept:		
	1	Any appropriate past		
	2	Any appropriate past		
	3	Any appropriate past		
	4	Any appropriate past		
	5	Any appropriate past		
			<u>ferbs – see generic guidance above</u> features – see generic guidance above	

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Appendix I

Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

Note on irrelevant material in Question 3

In the case of an answer which is completely irrelevant to the chosen question (3(a) or 3(b) or 3(c)), a mark of 0 is given for Communication and for Language.

In cases where the chosen question was clearly attempted but communication of the set tasks was not achieved (e.g. due to inadequate language control), a score of 0 is given for Communication. Language marks (for Verbs and Other Linguistic Features) are based on any phrases that do communicate meaning.

Irrelevant material that has been included in an otherwise relevant answer does not score for Communication or for Verbs. Communication marks and Verb marks are awarded for the relevant parts of the answer only. The mark for Other Linguistic Features is based on the whole answer.

See separate document for more detailed guidance on irrelevant material.

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Appendix II: Communication

Rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning

Communication

- an attempt at a verb is required for any communication mark to be awarded
- for QUESTION 2, candidates score 1 or 0 marks for each piece of relevant information they communicate. For a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of a mark for communication, the verb must meet or go beyond the criteria outlined in B.
- for QUESTION 3, candidates score 2, 1 or 0 marks for communicating each task. For the criteria the verb must fulfil in order for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 2 marks for communication, see A below. For the criteria the verb must fulfil for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 1 mark for communication, see B below.
- where a verb fits the criteria for C, the mark for communication is 0
- although some allowances are made for faulty verbs when awarding COMMUNICATION marks (see below), in order for a verb to score a LANGUAGE tick, it must be correct
- 'ticks' for communication are to be placed just above the end of the qualifying sentence/phrase

A QUESTION 3 ONLY: where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS AND THE TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE, 2 communication marks are awarded in the following cases.

(i)	For 2 communication marks: accept a Present where a Future context is apparent		
	El año que viene voy a España = 2 for communication (but see also B (i) for further information)	(voy receives a tick for verb)	
(ii)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use of a Future when a Conditional would be correct and vice versa		

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(iii)	For 2 communication marks: accept a 'phonetic version' of the	correct time frame		
	He passado las vacaciones = 2 for communication E pasado las vacaciones = 2 for communication Mi madre necessita mi ayuda = 2 for communication Nececito ir a la tienda = 2 for communication He apprendido mucho = 2 for communication Mi tía tienne un club = 2 for communication He organisado una fiesta = 2 for communication Boy a ir al centro = 2 for communication	(Empezó a juego = 1 for communication – juego is not phonetic) Yo quierro jugar al fútbol = 0 for communication (doublé 'r' is not a phonetic rendering of single 'r') Yo prefiero llavar los platos = 0 for communication (double 'll' is not a phonetic rendering of single 'l')		
(iv)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use of any past tense when a past is required, even when a different past tense would be grammatically correct or appropriate			
	Allow Perfect, Imperfect, Pluperfect or Preterite. Ignore inconsistency in the use of the Imperfect and Preterite if it occurs.			
(v)	Errors of accent: award 2 communication marks (eg estuve alli cases	= 2; tambien fue = 2; es fantastico = 2), except in the following		
	For 2 communication marks, insist on the accent on verbs which require it	Yo comi = 1 for communication (as an attempted preterite tense) Esperabamos = 1 for communication (as an attempted imperfect tense)		
	For 2 communication marks, tolerate a grave accent for an acute accent	Yo comi = 2 for communication		

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(vi)	In complex sentences, reward communication based on the vertical rules (it is the information in the subordinate clause which fulfile	———————————————————————————————————————			
	Mi amigo dijo que tenía dolor de cabeza = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs can receive a tick)	However, <i>Mi amigo dijo que tiene dolor de cabeza</i> = 1 for communication (see B (vii)) (in addition first verb can receive a tick)			
	Mi amigo dico (verena tenso) que tenía deler de caheza = 2 for	Mi amigo dijo guo ól dolor do caboza = 0 for communication (no			

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Mi amigo dice (wrong tense) *que tenía dolor de cabeza* = 2 for Mi amigo dijo que él dolor de cabeza = 0 for communication (no communication (in addition second verb can receive a tick) verb in subordinate clause) (first verb can receive a tick) Creía que estaba enfermo = 2 for communicataion (in addition both However: verbs receive a tick) Creía que llueve = 1 for communication (see B (vii)) Creía que tenía enfermo = 0 for communication (see B (vii)) (In addition, in both cases, first verb can receive a tick) Use of a verb in the 'indicative' where a subjunctive would be expected: award 2 communication marks

(vii)

No creo que haya muchas personas allí = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick)

No creo que hay muchas personas allí = 2 for communication (plus first verb receives a tick)

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B <u>QUESTIONS 2 AND 3</u>: where <u>THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS</u> but is flawed in the following ways, the message is partially conveyed, and 1 communication mark will be awarded:

(i)	The candidate has produced a correct spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark		
	He vender el libro = 1 for communication		
	La gente están contenta = 1 for communication	No ticks are scored for these verbs	
	Yo trabaje durante las vacaciones = 1 for communication		
	Yo voy pasaré = 1 for communication		
	Task: what do you want to eat for lunch? Candidate writes: Quiero comeré la fruta = 1 for communication	Quiero = tick for verb	
	Task: what will you do next year? Candidate writes: El año pasado voy a España = 1 for communication	voy a verb is not rewarded as there is no future context (eg El año que viene) and there is discordance/confusion between the verb and the time indicator that the candidate has used	
	El año <u>pasado</u> voy a viajar en España = 1 for communication	voy a viajar scores 2 ticks for verbs (voy a, viajar) as the task requires a future and, despite the use of pasado, there is no doubt about the tense of the verb and the tense of the verb agrees with the tense that is required	
	El año <u>que viene</u> yo iba a España = 1 for communication	iba verb does not receive a tick	
	El año que viene me gusto jugar al tenis = 1 for communication	me gusto verb does not receive a tick	
	El año que viene yo vaya al centro = 1 for communication (ir is an appropriate verb, vaya is a form of the verb ir (subjunctive))	El año que viene yo vaye al centro = 0 for communication (vaye is not any part of the verb <i>ir</i>)	

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(ii)	The candidate has produced a phonetic spelling of an ina communication mark	ppropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1
	Task: what did you enjoy doing on holiday? Candidate writes: Me gustta el tenis = 1 for communication (phonetic version of the incorrect tense (me gusta) of an appropriate verb)	Me gutsa (el tenis) (gutsa is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb gusta)
	Task: what happened at school today? Candidate writes: Apprendo mucho = 1 for communication (phonetic version of an incorrect part/tense (aprendo) of an appropriate verb)	Apriendo mucho = 0 for communication (apriendo is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb aprender)
(iii)	Use of ser when estar would be correct and vice versa: av	ward 1 communication mark
	Soy en acuerdo con el proyecto = 1 Soy esperando tu carta = 1 Era con su hijo = 1 Mis hermanas son en la casa = 1 Estaba una experiencia maravillosa = 1 Estoy un buen estudiante = 1 Tu carta está interesante = 1 Estará una buena idea = 1	
(iv)	Mis-use of haber, hacer, tener and serlestar in idiomatic p	hrases/simple descriptions: award 1 communication mark
	Era/Estaba miedo = 1 Era/Estaba sed = 1 Era/Estaba hambre = 1 Era/Estaba cinco años = 1 Estaba muy frío en mi casa = 1 ¿Está playas cerca de tu ciudad? = 1	(no tick for verb) However: Ella es el pelo negro = 0 Tenía cansado = 0 Tenía enfermo = 0

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(v)	The following commonly seen inappropriate usage	s: award 1 communication mark		
	Accept for 1 mark Miré un accidente for Vi un accidente Yo gusta la música for Me gusta la música Escuché un ruido for Oí un ruido En Madrid hay calor for En Madrid hace calor	Refuse Tenía un tiempo muy bueno for Lo pasé bien He mirado para mi chaqueta for He buscado mi chaqueta		
(vi)	The following commonly seen mis-usages: award 1	l communication mark		
	Me gusto mi casa Me prefiero los gatos Me vivo en el centro Me llamo es (Ana)	Me Ilama es (Ana) = 0 as nothing of worth is communicated Me Ilama (Ana) when the candidate is trying to give his/her own name = 0		
(vii)	In complex sentences, consider the verb in the subordinate clause when awarding the mark for communication and reward according to the normal rules (see also A(vi))			
	Mi amigo dijo que tiene dolor de cabeza = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, <i>tiene dolor de cabeza</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark (in addition, first verb receives a tick)		
	Creía que llueve = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, <i>que llueve</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark according to the usual rules) (in addition, first verb receives a tick)		

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C QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: award 0 communication marks in the following cases:

(i)	No attempt at a (real) verb = 0 for communication		
	yo pie al instituto = 0 for communication		
	yo caminata mi perro = 0 for communication		
	Ilove = 0 for communication		
	yo prefier ir al colegio = 0 for communication		
(ii)	The verb attempted delivers a message different from the desired one = 0 for communication		
	mi padre tiene profesor for mi padre es profesor = 0 for communication		
	Ilora for Ilueve = 0 for communication		
(iii)	The attempt at the verb is not a part/form of an appropriate verb or a phonetic rendition thereof = 0 for	communication	
	El año que viene yo viajer en el centro = 0 for communication (viajer is not any part of the verb viajar)		
	Yo buscé mis gafas = 0 for communication (buscé is not any part of the verb buscar)		
	Me gutsa (el tenis) = 0 for Communication (gutsa is not any part of the verb gustar)		

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