

Spanish

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit **F721**: Speaking

Mark Scheme for June 2011

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Examiners allocate marks to candidates' work on a best-fit basis using the following marking grids.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING – ROLE PLAY

GRID A	USE OF STIMULUS 15 marks AO2	GRID B	RESPONSE TO EXAMINER 10 marks AO1
13-15	Full use of the stimulus material. Successfully conveys all or nearly all of the points.	9-10	Responds fluently and fully to the examiner's questions and comments. Shows initiative and imagination throughout. Leads the conversation. A convincing performance.
10-12	Good use of the stimulus material. Successfully conveys about three quarters of the points.	7-8	Responds readily, takes the initiative and is able to keep the momentum going. Shows imagination and gives some well developed answers.
6-9	Reasonable attempt to use the stimulus material. Successfully conveys about half of the points.	5-6	Responds satisfactorily to the examiner. Produces some appropriate replies. Shows some initiative and imagination in developing answers but performance is inconsistent.
3-5	Some attempt to use the stimulus material. Able to give some basic information. Successfully conveys about a quarter of the points.	3-4	May be hesitant in responding. Responses to the examiner are brief and sometimes inadequate. Shows little initiative or imagination.
0-2	Little or no attempt to use the stimulus material. No relevant information or supplies one or two of the points.	0-2	Has some difficulty in understanding and is hesitant in responding to many of the examiner's questions and comments. Shows very little initiative or imagination.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING – ROLE PLAY (Continued)

GRID C.1	QUALITY OF LANGUAGE (ACCURACY) 5 marks AO3
5	Characterised by a high and consistent level of accuracy in use of complex structures, although there may be some errors.
4	Language generally accurate. Shows a sound grasp of AS and/or A2 structures, as appropriate. Generally correct use of complex structures. Tenses and agreements good, although there may be some inconsistency and errors in more complex areas.
3	Shows evidence of fair understanding of grammatical usage. Generally accurate use of simple sentence structures. Some correct use of complex sentence structures. The performance is likely to be patchy and inconsistent.
2	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Frequent errors of an elementary kind (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns, adjectival agreements) but evidence of correct use of simple sentence structures. Vocabulary and structures may be quite strongly influenced by the candidate's first language.
0-1	Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Persistent, serious and elementary errors (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns). Frequent first language interference.

UNIT 1: SPEAKING – TOPIC DISCUSSION

GRID D	IDEAS, OPINIONS AND RELEVANCE 10 marks AO1	GRID E.1	FLUENCY, SPONTANEITY, RESPONSIVENESS 10 marks AO1
9-10	Well-chosen relevant information to develop a range of ideas and to justify points of view.	9-10	Responds promptly and fully. Consistently shows initiative. Leads the conversation. A fluent and spontaneous performance throughout.
7-8	Able to develop and explain ideas and to express points of view, with some justification. Offers relevant information.	7-8	Able to respond readily and take the initiative, with little hesitation. Most of the time is fluent and spontaneous and can keep the momentum going.
5-6	Shows some ability to develop and explain ideas and to express opinions. Able to convey information. Not always relevant.	5-6	Responds reasonably promptly to the examiner, though with occasional hesitation. Reasonably fluent and spontaneous at times.
3-4	Shows a limited ability to develop or explain ideas and to express opinions. May have some difficulty communicating factual information. Often irrelevant or repetitive.	3-4	May be hesitant in responding. Responses to the examiner are brief and sometimes inadequate. Fluency is often confined to pre-learnt material.
0-2	Very few ideas. Ideas not explained or developed. Very limited ability to convey even quite basic information. Very superficial.	0-2	Has some difficulty in understanding. Hesitant, with frequent pauses, in responding to many of the examiner's questions and comments. Fluency confined to pre-learnt material.

UNIT 1 SPEAKING – TOPIC DISCUSSION (Continued)

GRID C.1	QUALITY OF LANGUAGE (ACCURACY) 5 marks AO3	GRID G	PRONUNCIATION AND INTONATION 5 marks AO1
5	Characterised by a high and consistent level of accuracy in use of complex structures, although there may be some errors.	5	Sounds authentic nearly all of the time. Only occasional errors of pronunciation and intonation.
4	Language generally accurate. Shows a sound grasp of AS and/or A2 structures, as appropriate. Generally correct use of complex structures. Tenses and agreements good, although there may be some inconsistency and errors in more complex areas.	4	Pronunciation and intonation generally accurate, although there may be occasional mispronunciation of more difficult sounds.
3	Shows evidence of fair understanding of grammatical usage. Generally accurate use of simple sentence structures. Some correct use of complex sentence structures. The performance is likely to be patchy and inconsistent.	3	Pronunciation and intonation acceptable, in spite of a number of errors that rarely impede communication. Some problems with some more difficult sounds.
2	Evidence of gaps in basic grammar. Frequent errors of an elementary kind (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns, adjectival agreements) but evidence of correct simple sentence structures. Vocabulary and structures may be quite strongly influenced by the candidate's first language.	2	Pronunciation and intonation may be influenced by candidate's first language, and problems with more difficult sounds sometimes impede communication.
0-1	Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Persistent, serious and elementary errors (endings, verb forms, gender of common nouns). Frequent first language interference.	0-1	Comprehensible only with difficulty. Many sounds mispronounced. Heavily influenced by candidate's first language.

KEY POINTS

ROLE PLAY A *UPTALK* LANGUAGE COLLEGE

- college started in 1979
- thousands of students have benefited from courses
- quality of teachers / courses
- learn English or another language
- centres across the country
- all levels / beginners to postgraduate
- specialise in languages for commerce and technology
- help with progress in career
- small class sizes – five maximum
- quality and range of resources
- classes held mornings or evenings to suit / learn while you earn
- practise language intensively
- inclusive tour of UK possible / learn while you relax
- details of payments (at least one detail)
- phone number and web site details

ROLE PLAY B WITLEY COURT AND GARDENS

- now ruin following fire
- 100 years ago, great house visited by royals
- picnic in beautiful gardens / by lake
- fun for all – traditional games
- woodland walks – magical world for children to explore
- amazing fountains
- one restored fountain once biggest in Europe
- ornate church nearby
- dogs welcome
- tearoom, shop
- open daily most of the year
- except November to March (Wednesday–Sunday only)
- details of the discounts available
- 10 miles north-west of Worcester on A443
- holiday cottage available details and prices on web site

ROLE PLAY C *JOBSWORTHS*

- *Jobsworths* helps with household tasks
- for people who are busy / not able
- no job too big or too small
- friendly team
- help with (two of) washing, ironing, cooking
- help in garden
- DIY tasks including replacing doors / building cupboards
- reasonable rates
- discounts for pensioners
- 24/7 emergency service for water / gas / electricity
- qualified electricians for repairs / installations
- all major credit cards accepted
- all personnel reliable
- letters of recommendation / photos available on web site
- phone number for appointment

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