

Year 8 Spanish Common Entrance Revision Guide

Spring Term mocks 2015

Mock Spanish examinations will take place on the following dates;

SPEAKING EXAM (ORAL): This will take place in the week before half term on the following dates;

Miss Ospina's teaching group 8Z: Monday 9th February 2015

Miss Ospina's teaching group 8X: Friday 13th February 2015

There will be a reminder of these dates sent as a school comm. in the week before the orals.

Pupils must ensure that any extra/music lessons are not scheduled during their mock 30 minute slot.

Pupils will be entered for Level 2:

READING AND WRITING PAPER: Directly after half term, Week of 23rd February.

LISTENING EXAM: This will take place on Thursday 26th February at 1.45pm (8X) or Friday 27th February (8Z) in the Spanish lessons.

The 'value' of each paper is the same. Below are some notes on and time needed for each paper:

▣ Reading Comprehension (25% of the exam) and Writing Paper (25 % of the exam) are to be completed in **ONE HOUR**. It is advised that pupils attempt the reading first, spending no more than 30 minutes on it and then spend the rest of the time on the written section. It is very important that you allow time at the end of the written exam to proof read your work.

▣ Listening Comprehension (25 % of the exam) lasts about 25 minutes. A useful exam technique is to read the questions first, so that you do not have to read and listen to the CD at the same time.

▣ Speaking /Oral exam (25% of exam). This lasts about 6 minutes. In the final CE exam this will be recorded and sent off to your chosen secondary school. For practice, these mock orals will also be recorded.

There will be a discussion on two prepared topics.

The oral exam consists of;

Level 2

- There will be a role-play situation and discussion on two prepared topics.
- A bilingual dictionary may be used.

Role-play situation (about 2 minutes – 9 marks)

The teacher will give you a random *situation* based on any area of the syllabus. You will be required to carry out six tasks in the target language which have been given in English. One of the tasks will be unpredictable and you should prepare for this during preparation time.

1. Part A (2 - 4 minutes (approx), 8 marks for Level 2): The candidate will introduce his / her sports celebrity with the teacher intervening after 30 seconds to ask at least four questions during the course of the two minutes.

2. Part B (2 - 4 minutes (approx), 8 marks for level 2): The candidate will be required to speak about one of the following areas:

- House, home, daily routine and chores
- Life and work at school
- Holidays and hobbies

You will have to introduce your topic then after 30 seconds, the teacher will intervene to ask you at least four questions during the course of the two minutes.

CE Topic Overview and Revision References

These are the CE topics which you will need to feel comfortable with by the Summer exams. I have also given page references from the CGP KS3 Spanish Study Guide and workbook which all Year 8 pupils have.

Personal Identity CGP Study Guide pg 9

Buildings, directions in town CGP Study Guide pgs 25, 26 & 27 and CGP workbook pgs 22, 23&24

School life and school subjects CGP Study Guide pgs 19, 20 & 21

Daily routine CGP Study Guide pg 14 and CGP workbook pg 13

Household chores CGP Study Guide pg 15 and CGP workbook pg 14

House and home CGP Study Guide pg 12 and CGP workbook pg 11

The area in which I live CGP Study Guide pg 13 and CGP workbook pg 12

Hobbies and sports CGP Study Guide pg 35 and CGP workbook pgs 31 & 32

Family and pets Descriptions (physical, character) CGP Study Guide pgs 10 & 12

Transport CGP Study Guide pg 40 and CGP workbook pgs 36 & 37

Weather, Holidays and Countries Study Guide pgs 46,47,48,49,50,51 & 52 and CGP workbook pgs 41,42,43,44,45,46.

Expressions of time - Spanish book

Going out and making arrangements CGP Study Guide pg 38 and CGP workbook pgs 34 & 35

Numbers CGP Study Guide pg 1

Times and dates CGP Study Guide pg 2

Being polite CGP Study Guide pg 6

Countries CGP Study Guide pg 50 and CGP workbook pg 45

Nationalities CGP Study Guide pg 51 and CGP workbook pg 46

TOPICS STILL TO BE COVERED:

Visiting a cafe or restaurant
Simple health problems
Understanding tourist information
Shopping (e.g. for food, clothes, presents)
Pocket money
Local environmental

GRAMMAR:

Be aware of;

The Present Tense of regular and irregular verbs. CGP Study Guide pgs 62 & 64 and CGP workbook pgs 56 & 58

The preterite – see back of Spanish book for most common regular / irregular verbs

Small linking words CGP Study Guide pg 72 and CGP workbook pg 66

Asking questions CGP Study Guide pg 54 and CGP workbook pg 48

Adjectival endings (el perro es blanco con negro, tiene los ojos azules) CGP Study Guide pg 58 and CGP workbook pg 52.

Making comparisons CGP pg 66 and CGP workbook pg 53

Talking about the past CGP guide pg 70 and CGP workbook pg 64

Talking about the future CGP guide pg 68 and CGP workbook pg 62

Reflexive verbs

HOW DO I REVISE?

1. A little nearly every day – vary it with your other subjects
2. Ensure that you know your 2 Oral topics really well – keep saying them out loud.
3. Go back over the notes in your exercise books and make your own notes on them.
4. Remember what you have been taught in the ‘Study Skills’ sessions – make mind maps/ list ‘trigger words’/ record yourself/use ‘post it’ notes.
5. Write an 8 to 10 word sentence on the topic you are revising, including as many of the following as you can; a verb, where you are doing it, who with, an adjective, an opinion, what subject you like and an opinion.
6. Vary your revision by using some websites but be careful – some of the vocabulary may not be the same;

- ▣ Languages online.org
- ▣ Oye.org.uk
- ▣ Linguascope
- ▣ Grammargames
- ▣ GCSE Bitesize – the ‘Reading’ section is most useful
- ▣ Finding an APP for your telephone (i.e bravolol.inc)

Most importantly, ensure that you follow the advice of your Spanish teacher.

¡Buena suerte!

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