

Written Exam

Total: 220 marks · Duration: 2.5 hours

Section	Question	Choice	Marks	Notes
Section A — 70 marks				
Q1	1(a) Prescribed literature	Choose one of 1(a) or 1(b)	50	Only answer if you have studied <i>El medallón perdido</i> in school. Most students will not have done so.
	1(b) Journalistic text [recommended]		50	The recommended option for almost all students.
	2(a) Short comprehension	Both compulsory	10	Answer questions about the text in English.
Q2	2(b) Short comprehension		10	
Section B — 100 marks				
Q1–4	Reading comprehension	Compulsory	50	Questions 1–4 are all related to the text.
Q5	Opinion piece	Choose 1 of 3 titles	50	Select one of the three given titles. Write the chosen title at the top of the page.
Section C — 50 marks				
Q1	1(a) Dialogue construction [recommended]	Choose one of 1(a) or 1(b)	30	The recommended option; students generally score higher here.
	1(b) Letter / email writing		30	Write a letter or email to a newspaper editor. Points must be developed and expanded upon.
Q2	2(a) Diary entry	Choose one of 2(a) or 2(b)	20	Answer any 4 of the 5 points provided. Skip a line between each point to make it clear all 4 have been addressed.
	2(b) Note		20	

Suggested Timings

Section	Question	Suggested time
Section A — 45 mins		
Q1	Prescribed literature / Journalistic text	30 mins
Q2	Short comprehensions (a & b)	15 mins
Section B — 60 mins		
Q1–4	Reading comprehension	30 mins
Q5	Opinion piece	30 mins
Section C — 35 mins		
Q1	Dialogue construction / Letter writing	20 mins
Q2	Diary entry / Note	15 mins
Note: This allows an extra 10 minutes which should be used to carefully double-check all questions.		