

Assessment Report

New Zealand Scholarship Spanish 2020

Standard 93007

Part A: Commentary

The level of language in this year's examination was high and candidates were able to express themselves well. Candidates should make sure they understand the requirements of the question and concentrate on giving relevant responses. A number of candidates, while answering the questions, failed to give details and/or specific examples. Candidates should read the questions and plan responses carefully. This planning allows candidates to respond to all parts of the questions in a logical way.

Part B: Report on performance standard

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with **Outstanding Performance** commonly:

- displayed accurate and idiomatic command of Spanish, and employed appropriate register of language
- expressed mature ideas that reflected a high order thinking
- explained the arguments in the texts and linked them with broader views on those topics, as well as expressing insightful opinions
- manipulated text in a logical manner and summarised information resulting in confident and polished writing and speaking
- made connections between prior knowledge and the topic presented.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship** commonly:

- displayed accurate and mostly idiomatic command of Spanish
- explained the arguments in the texts, incorporating further information and thoughtful personal opinions
- organised their ideas clearly and in a thoroughly convincing manner.

Other candidates

Candidates who were **not** awarded Scholarship commonly:

- limited their answers to their own thoughts, without referring or connecting to the stimulus material
- did not answer the question or provide a valid argument, (as per Question 1, in which some candidates talked about their own experience of owning a pet rather than extrapolating what this meant to society and others)
- stated their opinion without qualifying it with relevant ideas and examples, (as per Question 2, in which candidates said that writing could be very beneficial but only gave the reason already stated in the text)

- concentrated on one single issue for the whole answer, (as per Question 3, in which candidates did not make connections to issues raised in Questions 1 and 2, but instead, concentrated on why it is important to look after yourself)
- showed limited proficiency or accuracy in the language used.

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