



IGCSE (CIE) Spanish 0530

COURSE INTRODUCTION

The GCSE Spanish exam is the first step on the road to demonstrating the capacity for communication in a foreign language, a skill that will prove invaluable to the students' future prospects. GCSE is not only the first meaningful evaluation of linguistic ability, but also crucial for those students aiming to go onto A level, or study at for a degree. GCSE students are expected to have a clear understanding of Spanish language structures. However, they are also required to show that they can actually communicate in Spanish and have some knowledge of the culture and customs Spain and the Spanish-speaking world.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE candidates and any other person interested in following course will be expected to have acquired knowledge and understanding of Spanish grammar and vocabulary. Additional self-study material will be provided during the course, so students are expected to do homework and prepare some topics before each lesson.

GRAMMATICAL REVISION

GCSE candidates will have a revision about important grammatical aspects, in this part, the teacher will check student's grammar weaknesses and self-study material and exercises will be provided to improve those parts.

Grammar key points will be revised are:

- Foundation Tier
- Articles
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Pronouns
- Verbs
- Prepositions
- Conjunctions
- Time

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES (Reading & Listening)

- A. Ignoring words that are not needed for a successful completion of the task set.
- B. Using the visual and verbal context
- C. Making use of grammatical markers and categories
- D. Making use of the social and cultural context
- E. Using common patterns within Spanish
- F. Words which have the same or a similar form in both languages (Spanish/English)
- G. Using common patterns between Spanish and English

STRATEGIES FOR PRODUCTION (Speaking and Writing)

1. Non-Verbal Strategies
2. Verbal Strategies

INTRODUCTION TO IGCSE EXAM PAPER

University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is the world's largest provider of international qualifications. Around 1.5 million students from 150 countries enter Cambridge examinations every year. It is important for students to understand perfectly the dynamics and content of each exam paper. This course familiarizes the students with the exams.

EXAM MARK SCHEME UNDERSTANDING

Each exam paper has a different way to assess the student performance:

- Aim to check the student's vocabulary level
- The language general comprehension
- Proper use of the language on real situations

This is important for the students to understand how are they going to be assessed and which criteria the examiner use to give grades

PAPER 1: LISTENING PRACTICE

Listening Practice

It takes approximately 45 minutes, and has 48 possible marks

Listening Examination is one of the hardest papers for students. During the exam, each part of the exam will be heard twice.

PAPER 2 : READING AND DIRECTED WRITING

Reading and directed writing

It takes 1-½ hours, and has 65 possible marks.

There are a variety of question types on the Reading and Directed Writing Paper. These include objective questions, e.g. multiple-choice, box ticking, matching exercises, grid filling.

Other question types require candidates to write short answers to Spanish.

Candidates will practice on real past papers in order to get the student used to the topics and formats used on the exams.

PAPER 3: SPEAKING

It takes approximately 15 minutes and has 100 marks

The Speaking examination consists of a single interview with three compulsory parts:

- Test 1: Role Plays
- Test 2: Topic Presentation/Conversation
- Test 3: General Conversation

Candidates will prepare for their role-playing based on possible real scenarios, e.g. asking for directions; asking for help to a police or doctor and more, all practices will be based on the most common topics used on the exams

Each Candidate must choose a topic and write an essay about it, later the candidate must present it to the examiner. According to the topic, the examiner will start a conversation so the candidate should be ready to answer a wide range of question We give accessory to the students on their topics and we prepare them for the conversation including possible questions



PAPER 4: CONTINUOUS WRITING

THIS EXAM IS FOR EXTENDED CANDIDATES ONLY

Candidates produce two pieces of continuous writing in order to demonstrate their mastery of Spanish. Each piece must be 130-140 words long.

Practice is an important point for this exam; students will be trained in writing letters and articles that are the most common topics on this exam.

Please note the course contents are intended to be preliminary guide. A Star International Tutoring Limited reserves the right to make any changes after the course has commenced.