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## Introduction

This syllabus is based on the curriculum principles outlined in *The National Curriculum Framework for All (NCF)* which was translated into law in 2012 and designed using the *Learning Outcomes Framework* that identify what students should know and be able to achieve by the end of their compulsory education.

As a learning outcomes-based syllabus, it addresses the holistic development of all learners and advocates a quality education for all as part of a coherent strategy for lifelong learning. It ensures that all children can obtain the necessary skills and attitudes to be future active citizens and to succeed at work and in society irrespective of socio-economic, cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, gender and sexual status. This syllabus provides equitable opportunities for all learners to achieve educational outcomes at the end of their schooling which will enable them to participate in lifelong and adult learning, reduce the high incidence of early school leaving and ensure that all learners attain key twenty-first century competences.

This programme also embeds learning outcomes related to cross-curricular themes, namely digital literacy; diversity; entrepreneurship creativity and innovation; sustainable development; learning to learn and cooperative learning and literacy. In this way students will be fully equipped with the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values needed to further learning, work, life and citizenship.

### **What is the subject? Give a general definition.**

The study of languages enriches the mind and provides opportunities and challenges of the rapidly changing world. The **Spanish** syllabus covers and gives equal importance to the four main language skills therefore listening, speaking, reading and writing. The main focus lies on the development of communicative language competences and communicative strategies.

### **What does a study of the subject entail?**

This subject is based on eight learning outcomes. All outcomes are distributed amongst the four skills having a number of criteria covering MQF level 2 and 3. Each scholastic year shall cover various criteria from all MQF levels. SEC Spanish as a foreign language entails the development of the ability to communicate in both speaking and writing. It also requires that learners develop the skill to listen to and understand spoken Spanish and to read and understand different text types.

All tasks including texts and other resources are based on familiar topics as indicated in the list of themes as shown in Appendix 3. They include language that is regularly encountered in learners' immediate environments as well as in situations that are likely to be encountered in areas where the target language is spoken.

### **How is the subject related to candidates' lives, to Malta, and/or to the world?**

The teaching and learning of Spanish as a foreign language is “necessary in light of the political, geographical and historical context of the Maltese Islands and the EU’s emphasis on language learning and multilingualism.” (NCF p. 52). Foreign language study entails learning how to truly communicate and connect with others. The study of a foreign language gives the individual a true opportunity when applying for a job in Malta and abroad. It provides broader access to education and information.

Learning a foreign language means that the individual apart from learning the linguistic component, will be also exposed to new cultures. It gives the opportunity to meet new and interesting people and developing lifelong friendships.

The aspirational programme learning outcomes for this subject are:

**At the end of the programme, I can:**

1. develop the ability to use the language effectively for purposes of practical communication: this entails the development of the four basic skills and of a sound linguistic competence;
2. develop the ability to use learning strategies (learning how to learn) and to evaluate one’s own learning: this entails fostering positive attitudes towards study, work and leisure;
3. offer insights into culture and civilisation in order to develop linguistic competencies and to foster respect for others;
4. contribute to the cognitive and affective development of the individual and enhance self-esteem;
5. provide enjoyment and develop interest towards Spanish while stimulating one’s intellectual abilities.

## List of Learning Outcomes

**At the end of the programme, I can:**

- LO 1. talk about a familiar subject provided I can prepare beforehand.
- LO 2. express personal opinions and exchange information on familiar subjects and matters related to everyday life.
- LO 3. react to a situation verbally (accept, refuse, agree, disagree, apologise, thank, propose, confirm etc.)
- LO 4. read straightforward factual texts on familiar subjects, identifying gist and extracting specific information.
- LO 5. understand straightforward factual information about familiar subjects provided speech is clearly articulated in a standard accent.

- LO 6. write on a range of familiar subjects.
- LO 7. communicate in writing to ask for and convey information on familiar subjects in emails, notes, messages, etc.
- LO 8. react to a situation in writing (accept, refuse, apologise, thank, propose, confirm etc.)

## List of Subject Foci

1. Speaking
2. Writing
3. Listening
4. Reading

## Programme Level Descriptors

This syllabus sets out the content and assessment arrangements for the award of Secondary Education Certificate in **SPANISH** at MQF Level 2 or 3. Level 3 is the highest level which can be obtained for this qualification.

Table 1 overleaf refers to the qualification levels on the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) with minor modifications to reflect specific **SPANISH** descriptors. These are generic statements that describe the depth and complexity of each MQF level of study and outline the knowledge, skills and competences required to achieve an award at Level 2 or 3 in **SPANISH**.

Knowledge involves the acquisition of basic, factual and theoretical information. Skills involve the application of the acquired knowledge and understanding to different contexts. Competences indicate sufficiency of knowledge and skills that enable someone to act in a wide variety of situations, such as whether one is competent to exercise skills with or without supervision, autonomy or responsibility.

MQF Level 2	MQF Level 3
<p>Basic factual <b>knowledge</b> of the fields of work or study.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Possess good knowledge of the field of work or study;</li><li>2. Is aware and interprets related information and ideas;</li><li>3. Understands facts and procedures in the application of basic related tasks and instructions;</li><li>4. Selects and uses relevant knowledge to accomplish specific actions for self and others.</li></ol>	<p><b>Knowledge</b> of facts, principles, processes and general concepts in the field of work or study.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Understands the relevancy of theoretical knowledge and information related to the field of work or study;</li><li>2. Assesses, evaluates and interprets facts, establishing basic principles and concepts in the field of work or study;</li><li>3. Understands facts and procedures in the application of more complex tasks and instructions;</li><li>4. Selects and uses relevant knowledge acquired on one's own initiative to accomplish specific actions for self and others.</li></ol>

MQF Level 2	MQF Level 3
<p>Basic cognitive and practical <b>skills</b> required to use relevant information in order to carry out tasks and to solve related routine problems using simple rules and tools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the ability to demonstrate a range of skills by carrying out a range of complex related tasks within the field of work or study;</li> <li>2. Communicates basic related information;</li> <li>3. Ensures related tasks are carried out effectively.</li> </ol>	<p>A range of cognitive and practical <b>skills</b> required to accomplish related tasks and solve related problems by selecting and applying basic methods, tools, materials and information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrates a range of developed skills to carry out more than one complex related task effectively and in unfamiliar and unpredictable contexts;</li> <li>2. Communicates more complex information;</li> <li>3. Solves basic related problems by applying basic methods, tools, materials and information given in a restricted learning environment.</li> </ol>
<p>Work or study under supervision with some autonomy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applies factual knowledge and practical skills to do some structured tasks;</li> <li>2. Ensures one acts pro-actively;</li> <li>3. Carries out related activities under limited supervision and with limited responsibility in a quality controlled context;</li> <li>4. Acquires and applies basic key competences at this level.</li> </ol>	<p>Take responsibility for completion of related tasks in work or study and adapt own behaviour to circumstances in solving problems.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applies knowledge and skills to do some tasks systematically;</li> <li>2. Adapts own behaviour to circumstances in solving related problems by participating pro-actively in structured learning environments;</li> <li>3. Uses own initiative with established responsibility and autonomy, but is supervised in quality controlled learning environments;</li> <li>4. Acquires key competences at this level as a basis for lifelong learning.</li> </ol>



## Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Subject Focus: Spoken production	
Learning Outcome 1:	I can talk about a familiar subject provided I can prepare beforehand.
Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
1.2a I can talk about a prescribed topic, by clearly developing a number of points.	1.3a I can talk about a prescribed topic by presenting ideas in a clear and linear manner.  1.3ai I can talk about a prescribed topic giving details.
1.2b I can give a reason/reasons to explain my opinion about a familiar topic.	1.3b I can justify my views on a familiar topic.
1.2c I can build coherence of most parts of a presentation through sequencing of ideas.	1.3c I can generally ensure coherence through clearly related reference to a familiar topic.
1.2d I can use simple, often correct phrasal structures.	1.3d I can use generally correct language with some complex phrasal structures.
1.2e I can use high-frequency vocabulary.	1.3e I can use common vocabulary with some varied terms and/or expressions.
1.2f I can talk (with limited support) about past and/or future events and/or situations.	1.3f I can use expressions of time related to the past, present and future in a linear sequence of points.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
1.2g I can demonstrate acceptable target-language pronunciation and intonation.	1.3g I can demonstrate generally good target-language pronunciation and intonation.

\* Assessment criteria “f” outlined in Learning Outcome 1 (Spoken - Production) are to be applied also to Learning Outcomes 2 and 3 (Spoken – Interaction).

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Spoken Interaction</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 2:</b>	I can express personal opinions and exchange information on familiar subjects and matters related to everyday life.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
2.2a I can maintain simple conversations.	2.3a I can maintain conversations by asking and answering questions. 2.3ai I can, of my own accord, start a conversation by asking questions.
2.2b I can, with prompts, exchange information by asking and answering questions and making suggestions.	2.3b I can exchange information by suggesting alternatives and explain preferences. 2.3bi I can suggest and compare alternatives.
2.2c I can give my opinion about familiar subjects in everyday situations.	2.3c I can give a reason/s for my opinion/s about familiar subjects.
2.2d I can, with prompts, take part in very short social exchanges.	2.3d I take part in social exchanges carried out in clearly articulated speech.

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Spoken Interaction</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 3:</b>	I can react to a situation verbally (accept, refuse, agree, disagree, apologise, thank, propose, confirm etc.)

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
3.2a I can react to a situation by accepting and/or declining by using simple phrases and/or sentences.	3.3a I can react to a situation by accepting and/or declining and giving a justification.
3.2b I can make a proposal in a simple way by making suggestions and/or asking for a reply.	3.3b I can suggest an alternative proposal, giving reasons.
3.2c I can, with prompts, react and express my opinions related to the situation at hand.	3.3c I can briefly justify my reactions related to the situation at hand.
3.2d I can express my feelings and/or opinions, giving reasons.	3.3d I can justify my thoughts/opinions and/or emotions.
3.2e I can compare things and/or people using simple language.	3.3e I can make comparisons between situations and/or events.
3.2f I can agree or disagree with others using fixed phrases.	
3.2g I can ask for clarification if necessary, by using simple questions and/or basic phrases.	3.3g I can ask for further information as necessary by probing the interlocutor.

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 4</b>	I can read straightforward factual texts on familiar subjects, identifying gist and extracting specific information.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
4.2a I can find specific information in text/s.	4.3a I can find information in longer, detailed text/s on familiar topics.
4.2b I can identify others' views / opinions / preferences in text/s.	4.3b I can distinguish between others' views / opinions / preferences in text/s.
	4.3c I can follow the line of argument in a simple text, identifying different points of view.
4.2d I can answer referential questions on text/s.	
4.2e I can identify the main topics/themes in more detailed text/s.	4.3e I can identify the sub topics/themes in text/s.
4.2f I can follow straightforward instructions and/or directions.	4.3f I can follow detailed instructions and/or directions.
	4.3g I can skim briefly through text/s for information.

\* Texts in reading may include timetables, postcards, adverts, flyers, brochures, correspondence, online content, articles, recipes, instructions/directions, etc.

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Listening</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 5:</b>	I can understand straightforward factual information about familiar subjects provided speech is clearly articulated in a standard accent.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
5.2a I can identify general information in simple texts provided speech is slowly articulated.	5.3a I can identify the general information of short texts delivered at standard speed.
	5.3b I can follow in outline clearly articulated conversations/talks by other speakers on familiar topics.
5.2c I can identify others' views/opinions/ preferences in text/s.	5.3c I can distinguish between others' views/opinions/preferences in text/s.
5.2d I can identify phrases and connected sentences provided speech is slowly articulated.	5.3d I can identify straightforward factual information provided speech is clearly articulated in a standard accent.
5.2e I can identify basic specific details in simple texts provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.	5.3e I can identify specific details in short texts delivered at standard speed.
5.2f I can follow straightforward instructions and/or directions.	5.3f I can follow detailed instructions and/or directions.

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Writing – Production</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 6:</b>	I can write on a range of familiar subjects.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
6.2a I can write a short, simple text by using some connected sentences. e.g. 'because', 'then'.	6.3a I can write short cohesive text/texts or paragraph/paragraphs in a linear sequence using a series of connected sentences.
6.2b I can express my opinion giving one reason.	6.3b I can justify my opinion giving more than one reason.
6.2c I can use a limited range of vocabulary specific to the context.	6.3c I can make use of a good range of vocabulary specific to the context.
6.2d I can write simple sentences by spelling most high frequency words and common words.	6.3d I can spell high frequency words and most words.
6.2e I can make use of simple language structures with some control of agreement.	6.3e I can generally make use of language structures with good control of agreement.
6.2f I can make use of basic punctuation. e.g. Comma, exclamation marks.	6.3f I can make use of punctuation which is accurate enough for a text to be followed most of the time.
6.2g I can use grammatical structures with limitations in accuracy.	6.3g I can use generally accurate grammatical structures, which may be complex to some degree.

<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Writing – Interaction</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 7:</b>	I can communicate in writing to ask for and convey information on familiar subjects in emails, notes, messages, etc.

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
7.2a I can express my feelings and/or opinions, giving one reason.	7.3a I can justify my thoughts/opinions and/or emotions, giving more than one reason.
7.2b I can describe briefly an experience/event.	7.3b I can develop relatively brief descriptions/situations moving through a logical sequence of events.
7.2c I can ask for and/or pass on information in written form using connected sentences.	7.3c I can ask and/or answer questions in order to clarify something or to give information in writing.
7.2d I can use vocabulary which is generally appropriate to the task, with some attempt at variety.	7.3d I can use a variety of mostly appropriate vocabulary.
	7.3e I can make use of very limited formal register in my writing.



<b>Subject Focus:</b>	<b>Writing – Interaction</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 8:</b>	I can react to a situation in writing (accept, refuse, apologise, thank, propose, confirm etc.)

Assessment Criteria (MQF 2)	Assessment Criteria (MQF 3)
8.2a I can make a proposal in a simple way by making suggestions and/or asking for a reply.	8.3a I can suggest an alternative proposal, giving more than one reason.
8.2b I can give a reason for accepting/refusing.	8.3b I can justify my acceptance/refusal.
	8.3c I can express gratitude and/or apology by briefly explaining my thoughts and feelings.
8.2d I can make simple requests for clarification.	8.3d I can check and confirm information.
8.2e I can give/ask for information of immediate relevance with some detail.	8.3e I can give/ask for information about experiences, feelings and/or events with reasonable precision.
	8.3f I can explain and/or describe experiences, feelings and/or events in some detail.
8.2g I can convey basic information about a familiar experience in the past.	8.3g I can recount and/or report information about a past event/situation.

\* Assessment criteria “c”, “e”, “f” and “g” outlined in Learning Outcome 6 (Writing – Production) refer to writing communicative texts are to be applied also to Learning Outcomes 7 and 8 (Writing – Interaction)

# Scheme of Assessment

## School candidates

School candidates shall be assessed by means of two Controlled tests.

The four language skills carry equal weighting, i.e. 25% per skill. The assessment is divided as follows:

**Controlled Paper (i):** 80% of the total marks (20% per language skill); comprising of two parts: an oral exam and a two-hour exam focussing on Listening, Reading and Writing. All eight Learning Outcomes are addressed in the controlled paper.

**Controlled Paper (ii):** 20% of the total marks (5% per language skill); comprising of two parts: an oral exam and a one-hour exam focussing on Listening, Reading and Writing. All eight Learning Outcomes are addressed in the controlled paper.

The parameters for the structure of the Controlled paper are outlined in 'Appendix 1 and 2: Controlled Assessment'.

Candidates may take notes throughout all readings, in all coursework and controlled listening tasks.

# Appendices

## Appendix 1: CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT (I)

Skill	Levels 2-3
	<b>40% Level 2 + 60% Level 3</b>
<b>SPEAKING</b> <b>25 marks</b>	Duration: <b>5-7 minutes</b> 5 minutes preparation time for tasks 1, 2, 3 Number of exercises: <b>3</b>  Task 1 (5 marks) <b>Self-presentation.</b> Candidates to choose 4 questions/prompts from a set of questions/prompts. NO interaction needed; however, prompting may be required. (1 min)  Task 2 (10 marks) <b>Personal experience with picture prompt OR Picture comparison.</b> Five prompting questions (past, present and future). Clear Rubric and prompts according to level. (2 min)  Task 3 (10 marks) <b>Role play,</b> which may include ‘planning something together’ <b>OR</b> <b>Discussing/answering questions</b> about a topic with or without visual aids. (2-3 min)  3 papers: Examiners’ sheet, Candidates’ paper, Corridor sheet.  Each of the 3 parts may include visuals  Themes for speaking to be drawn from syllabus list of themes.
<b>LISTENING</b> <b>25 marks</b>	Duration: <b>40 minutes</b> Number of words in all texts: <b>550-700</b> Number of texts **: <b>3-4</b> Number of items: <b>20-25</b>  ½, 1, 2 marks may be used Person/s conducting the recording may be a native speaker.
<b>READING</b> <b>25 marks</b>	Duration: <b>40 minutes</b> Number of tasks: <b>3-4</b> Number of words in all texts: <b>550-700</b> May contain visuals

	<p>Number of items: <b>20-25</b></p> <p>½, 1, 2 marks may be used</p> <p>In each task there may be more than one text.</p>
<p><b>READING and LISTENING question typologies</b></p>	<p>Type of questions for READING and LISTENING <b>may</b> include the following close-ended items (one item is equivalent to one answer):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multiple choice questions with 3 options to choose from;</li> <li>2. Matching;</li> <li>3. Sequencing;</li> <li>4. Choosing the correct sentences which contain information present in the text/picture. Distractors should total one less than the number of correct sentences required.</li> <li>5. Single words or phrases in answers.</li> <li>6. Fill in grid.</li> <li>7. True/False and referential answer to justify. Justification can be in multiple choice or one-word answer (1 item). <b>Applies to READING ONLY.</b></li> </ol> <p>Multiple question typologies <b>may</b> be used in one task. An example can be provided for each of the typologies in the exam. Tasks <b>may</b> contain distractors.</p>
<p><b>WRITING 25 marks</b></p>	<p>Duration: <b>40 minutes</b></p> <p>Task 1 – <b>40-60</b> (rubric to provide 3 points) *</p> <p>Task 2 – <b>100-130</b> (rubric to provide 4 points)*</p> <p>Total range of words: <b>140-190</b></p> <p>Number of tasks: <b>2</b></p> <p>Both tasks should be communicative (sms, letter, chat/dialogue, email, write/reply to an invitation, review, instructions/directions, announcement, advert etc.)</p> <p>* Unless rubric states otherwise, candidates may opt to follow or to develop their own points as long as task is addressed.</p> <p><b>1 title only for each task</b></p>

**READING/LISTENING Controlled papers distribution – TYPE 1**

Level 2-3

Total marks 25

Number of items: 20-25

Number of tasks: 3

Task 1 –Level 2 40% (10)

Task 2 –Level 3 30% (7)

Task 3 –Level 3 30% (8)

**OR**

**READING/LISTENING Controlled papers distribution – TYPE 2**

Level 2-3

Total marks 25

Number of items: 20-25

Number of tasks: 4

Task 1 –Level 2 20% (5)

Task 2 –Level 2 20% (5)

Task 3 –Level 3 30% (7)

Task 4 –Level 3 30% (8)

## Appendix 2: CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT (II)

Skill	Levels 2-3
	<b>40% Level 2 + 60% Level 3</b>
<b>SPEAKING</b> <b>10 marks</b>	Duration: <b>2-3 minutes</b> 2 minutes preparation time for task 4 Number of exercises: <b>1</b>  3 papers: Examiners' sheet, Candidates' paper, Corridor sheet.  May include visuals  Themes for speaking to be drawn from syllabus list of themes.  Tasks 1-3 will be the same as the Controlled Paper (i). Controlled Paper (ii) will have an added Task in their Controlled Spoken Assessment:  <b>Task 4 (10 marks)</b>  Task 4 will be one from the below but will not be the same type already set for the main paper:  <b>Personal experience with picture prompt OR Picture comparison.</b> Five prompting questions (past and present). Clear Rubric and prompts according to level. <b>OR Role play</b> , which may include 'planning something together'  <b>OR Discussing/answering questions</b> about a topic with or without visual aids. (2-3 min)
<b>LISTENING</b> <b>10 marks</b>	Duration: <b>20 minutes</b> Number of words: <b>275-350</b>  Number of texts** : <b>2</b> (10marks) Number of items: <b>10-14</b> Extra Task 1 – 4 marks each Extra Task 2 – 6 marks each Same exercise bank as reading ½, 1, 2 marks may be used  Person/s conducting the recording may be a native speaker.
<b>READING</b> <b>10 marks</b>	Duration: <b>20 minutes</b> Number of tasks: <b>2</b> (10marks)

	<p>Number of items: <b>10-14</b>          Number of words in all texts: <b>275-350</b></p> <p>At least one with visuals</p> <p>Extra Task 1 – 4 marks each          Extra Task 2 – 6 marks each</p> <p>½, 1, 2 marks may be used</p> <p>In each task there may be more than one text.</p>
<p><b>READING and LISTENING question typologies</b></p>	<p>Type of questions for <b>READING</b> and <b>LISTENING</b> <b>may</b> include the following close-ended items (one item is equivalent to one answer):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multiple choice questions with 3 options to choose from;</li> <li>2. Matching;</li> <li>3. Sequencing;</li> <li>4. Choosing the correct sentences which contain information present in the text/picture. Distractors should total one less than the number of correct sentences required.</li> <li>5. Single words or phrases in answers.</li> <li>6. Fill in grid.</li> <li>7. *True/False and referential answer to justify. Justification can be in multiple choice or one-word answer (1 item) <b>applies to READING ONLY</b></li> </ol> <p>Multiple question typologies <b>may</b> be used in one task.          An example can be provided for each of the typologies in the exam.          Tasks <b>may</b> contain distractors.</p>
<p><b>WRITING 10 marks</b></p>	<p>Duration: <b>20 minutes</b>          Task 3 Number of words: <b>90-120 words</b>          Number of tasks: <b>1</b></p> <p>Task should be communicative (letter, chat, email, write/reply to an invitation, review, instructions/directions, announcement, advert)          1 title only for each task</p>

### Appendix 3: Themes

Sociocultural knowledge is to be embedded in teaching and learning. Candidates will **not** be assessed on cultural content knowledge.

1. Greetings
2. Myself and Others
  - a. Myself
  - b. Family
  - c. Pets
  - d. Friends
  - e. People
3. Leisure, hobbies and interests
4. Time and Calendar
  - a. Days of the week
  - b. Weather and Seasons
  - c. Months
  - d. Time
  - e. Feasts and celebrations
5. Places (my environment)
  - a. Home
  - b. School
  - c. Towns and villages
  - d. Natural environment
6. Environmental awareness
7. Travel
  - a. Daily commute
  - b. Transport
  - c. Holiday
  - d. Destinations
8. Food and drink
9. Healthy living/lifestyle
  - a. Physical exercise
  - b. At the doctor
  - c. Parts of the body



**10. Use of Media and Technology**

**11. Shops and Shopping**

- a. Dealing with money
- b. Weights, measures, sizes

**12. Work and Job related matters**

**Appendix 4: Subject Content**

Candidates will be expected to know the following functions, grammatical concepts and vocabulary in standard Castilian Spanish:

**1. The alphabet**

- Orthography
- Punctuation
- Accentuation

**2. Gender and Number of Nouns**

- Basic patterns for forming plural nouns

**3. Articles**

- Definite and indefinite (singular): el, la, un, una
- Definite and indefinite (plural): los, las, unos, unas

**4. Pronouns**

- Subject Personal pronouns, formal and informal modes of address: tú, usted, vosotros, ustedes...
- Direct/Indirect object pronouns and their positions: me, te, lo, le, les...
- Indefinite pronouns: algo, nada, alguien, nadie, alguno, ninguno ...
- Relative pronouns: que, el/la/los/las/lo que, el/la cual, los/las cuales, quien/es...
- Demonstrative pronouns: este/a/os/as, ese/a/os/as, aquel/la/los/las, esto, eso, aquello.
- Possessive Pronouns: mío, mía, suyo, suya...
- Interrogative pronouns and phrases: qué, cuál...
- Reflexive pronouns: me, te, se...

## 5. Adjectives

- Agreement of adjectives in number and gender
- Possessive adjectives: mi/s, tu/s, tuyo/a/os/as, nuestro/a/os/as...
- Demonstrative adjectives: este, ese, aquel...
- Formation of adjectives of nationality
- Position of adjectives in relation to nouns: bueno, malo, grande, pequeño, nuevo, viejo...
- Colours

## 6. Adverbs

- Of time, place, mode, quantity...
- Ending with -mente
- Basic ones like: cerca de, lejos de, al final de, junto a, ahí, enfrente, aquí...

## 7. Comparison of adjective and adverb

- Regular comparison
- Superlative of adjective: el/la/los/las más/menos
- Use of 'menor' and 'mayor'
- Comparisons of equality: tan/tanto/tal como, igual que, lo mismo que, igual/igualmente...

## 8. Verbs

- Equivalents of 'to be': ser, estar, haber and tener. Tener when in idiomatic expressions: tener 16 años, tener frío/ cuidado/sueño/ hambre/ sed/ miedo/ ganas... Hacer when in idiomatic expressions: hace frío/calor/sol/viento...
- Present Indicative
  - Regular verbs
  - Irregular verbs (querer, hacer, tener, poner, salir, decir, dar...)
- Present Continuous (estar in the present + gerund)
- The past tenses:
  - Préterito Perfecto,
  - Préterito Indefinido
  - Préterito Imperfecto
- Future tense

- Simple future
  - Ir + a + infinitive verb
- vi. Imperative
- Affirmative in the singular for 'tú' and 'usted' only
- vii. Reflexive verbs: levantarse, sentarse, despertarse, lavarse, enfermarse, divertirse, afeitarse, ducharse, vestirse...
- viii. Impersonal se: se habla español...
- ix. Use of verbs to describe likes, dislikes and reactions: gustar, parecer, molestar, encantar, interesar...
- x. expressions of obligation: deber, tener que, hay que + infinitive
- xi. expressing acceptance and/or refusal: me gustaría, querría...

## 9. Prepositions

- por/para, a, ante, bajo, con, contra, de, desde, durante, en, entre, hacia, hasta, sin, sobre...

## 10. Conjunctions and connectors

- pero, sin embargo, aunque, por una parte, y-e, o-u, si no, sino...

## 11. Numerals

- Cardinal numbers: cero up until mil
- Ordinal numbers: primero/a/os/as up until décimo/a/os/as

## 12. Time

- Expressions of time and day in both present and past tense: es la una, son las dos, llevar/hacer, que/desde/desde hace

Candidates should be familiar and have good knowledge of the following themes:

## 13. Greetings

- Greetings and farewells according to the time of day
- Use of formal and informal greetings
- Use of greetings specific to the means of communication used (email, letter, telephone...)

**14. Myself and Others** (Myself, Family, Pets, friends and People)

- Introduce oneself and others (stating age, gender, nationality, country of origin, giving one's telephone number)
- State their likes/dislikes and those of others
- Describe oneself and others (physically, character wise and personality)
- Identify personal relations (friend, boy/girlfriend, stranger, acquaintance)
- Talk about their social activities and interactions
- Deal with different forms of correspondence
- Obtain and understand similar information from other people (including jobs and professions)
- Describe pets

**15. Leisure, hobbies and interests** (Free time and entertainment)

- Say when they are free and how they like to spend their free time
- Talk about activities they pursue, their hobbies and interests
- Express their views/interest regarding music, sports, cinema, online entertainment, reading, youth groups

**16. Time and Calendar** (Days of the week, weather and seasons, months, time, feasts and celebrations)

- Describe the daily routine at home and at school
- Describe events in the present and in the past (in relation to feasts and celebrations)
- Ask and tell the time
- Tell the weather and describe weather conditions
- State the days of the week, months of the year and the seasons

**17. Places** (my environment: Home, School, Towns and Villages, Natural Environment)

- Describe one's house/flat (rooms and furniture)
- Describe a town/ village
- Ask and give directions
- Describe the school environment and its surroundings
- Refer to educational matters (subjects, activities)
- Describe the natural environment (sea, mountains and countryside)

### **18. Environmental awareness**

- Understand and express awareness about basic environmental issues (such as pollution and animal protection)
- Describe measures that can be taken to protect the environment

### **19. Travel** (daily commute, transport, holiday destinations)

- Use basic vocabulary related to different means of transport (road, rail, sea, air)
- Use basic vocabulary and expressions related to holidays (hotels, airports, train/ bus stations, luggage, travel documents)
- Book/cancel reservations
- Describe and discuss holiday destinations

### **20. Food and drink**

- Order food and beverages in restaurants and cafes
- Express likes and dislikes in relation to food and drink
- Interact with others in supermarket, restaurant...
- Use basic vocabulary related to quantities, weights and measures

### **21. Healthy living/lifestyle** (physical exercise, at the doctor, parts of the body)

- Express or enquire about physical wellbeing (hunger, thirst, pain or illness)
- Consult a doctor, ask for an appointment and discuss personal health matters
- Discuss healthy lifestyles (fitness, bad habits/addictions...)
- Use basic vocabulary related to body parts

### **22. Use of Media and Technology**

- Use basic vocabulary related to various technological devices (mobile, laptop, computer, camera)
- Express preferences and state the reason for their choice indicating the reason and the frequency with which they are used
- Discuss social networks and their advantages and disadvantages

### **23. Shops and Shopping**

- Use vocabulary related to different shop outlets

- Be able to ask for colours, sizes, quantities and shapes and answer such queries
- Be able to ask and tell the price

#### **24. Work and Job-related matters**

- Use vocabulary related to jobs and professions
- Discuss and describe a summer job or a future job
- Ask others about their present or future jobs

### **Appendix 5: Glossary**

#### **LO 2**

2.2a I can, maintain simple conversations.

\*with prompts in level 2 means that conversation carries on with the help of the interlocutor.

#### **LO 3**

3.2a I can react to a situation by accepting and/or declining by using simple phrases and/or sentences.

\*with prompts in level 2 refers to: is able to continue conversation with the help of the interlocutor.