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Paper 4 – Foundation Writing Exam-style questions and model answers

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Question 1 – Picture-based task

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Lifestyle and Wellbeing



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Lifestyle and Wellbeing

Write to your friend about your favourite food

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Media and Technology

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Travel and Tourism

a) I like going on holiday.

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b) Every year, I go to Spain.

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c) The beach is very beautiful.

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d) Last summer, the weather was nice and hot.

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e) If I visit Madrid, I want to see a famous monument.

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Suggested answers

Question 1 – Picture-based task

My Personal World



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay tres personas.
2. Hay un padre.
3. Están en la cocina.
4. La familia está contenta.

Lifestyle and Wellbeing



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay un niño.
2. Juega al baloncesto.
3. Hay una silla de ruedas.
4. Su camiseta es roja y blanca.

My Neighbourhood



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay un mercado.
2. Hay tres personas.
3. Hay muchas verduras.
4. El hombre lleva una camisa blanca y negra.

Media and Technology



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay dos personas.
2. Veo dos videoconsolas.
3. El niño está muy contento.
4. El padre está sonriendo.

Studying and My Future



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay mucha gente.
2. Las personas están en una oficina.
3. Trabajan en la oficina.
4. Las mesas son grises y blancas.

Travel and Tourism



Describe the photo. Write 4 short sentences **in Spanish**.

1. Hay una mujer.
2. Baila flamenco.
3. Lleva un vestido rojo.
4. Tiene el pelo negro.

Question 2 – Open response, formal context (40-50 words)

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Mi amigo se llama Bob y tiene dieciséis años. Tiene el pelo negro y los ojos marrones. Me gusta Bob, porque jugamos al fútbol juntos. En mi opinión, es importante hacer las mismas actividades que tus amigos.

La semana próxima, vamos a comer en el café, para mi cumpleaños.

(49 words)

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

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El programa se llama "Los Dos Aburridos" y es una comedia británica.

En mi opinión, es muy divertido y me gustan los personajes. Me gusta ver el programa.

Voy a ver el programa en la televisión mañana por la noche con mis padres y mi hermano.

(46 words)

My Neighbourhood

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La piscina está en el centro de mi ciudad, cerca del castillo.

Me gusta la piscina porque es limpia y el agua no es fría. Me gusta hacer natación en la piscina porque es divertido.

Voy a ir a la piscina la semana próxima con mi amigo.

(48 words)

Media and Technology

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- when you will next use the app

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Tengo una nueva aplicación en mi móvil. Es un juego, que se llama "El perro alegre".

Me gusta la aplicación porque es fácil de jugar. Me encantan los colores y el personaje del perro. ¡Es divertido!

Voy a usar la aplicación esta tarde con mi hermano.

(46 words)

Studying and My Future

Write about work for an online newspaper.

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Trabajo en un café cada sábado por la tarde.

No me gusta trabajar porque es aburrido, pero me gusta ganar dinero.

En el futuro, me gustaría ser profesor y quiero trabajar en una universidad. Pienso que es una carrera difícil, pero interesante.

(42 words)

Travel and Tourism

Write a review of a castle for a website.

You **must** include the following points:

- where the castle is
- your opinion of the castle
- when you will next visit the castle

Write your answer **in Spanish**. You should aim to write between 40 and 50 words.

El castillo está en el norte de España, en la montaña.

En mi opinión, el castillo es aburrido porque es demasiado viejo e histórico. ¡No me gusta la historia!

Voy a visitar el castillo en julio con mis padres, ¡pero no quiero!

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Vivo con mi padre, que se llama Patrick. Tiene cincuenta años, es bastante alto y tiene el pelo negro y los ojos azules.

Me encanta mi padre porque es muy divertido y nos llevamos muy bien.

Ayer por la tarde, vimos la televisión. Vimos nuestro programa favorito, que se llama MasterChef. Luego, cocinamos. Preparamos pasta con verduras y fue bastante difícil pero muy rico.

El verano próximo, vamos a ir a la costa y vamos a hacer camping. Pienso que va a ser agradable.

(84 words)

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

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- your opinion of the food with reasons
- when you ate this food recently
- where you will go to eat this food this winter

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Mi comida favorita es el chocolate.

Me encanta comer chocolate ya que es muy rico. Especialmente, me gusta beber chocolate caliente, pero no me gusta el helado de chocolate, porque es demasiado frío.

Comí pastel de chocolate ayer porque fue el cumpleaños de mi hermano. ¡Fue perfecto!

En invierno, voy a ir al café en mi ciudad para beber chocolate caliente. Voy a ir con mi madre porque le encanta el chocolate caliente y vamos a comer pastel de chocolate también. ¡Qué rico!

(84 words)

**Higher vocabulary*

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Hay un centro comercial grande en las afueras* de mi ciudad.

No me gusta nada el centro comercial porque es demasiado grande y las tiendas son increíblemente caras.

El mes pasado, fui al centro comercial para comprar pantalones nuevos. Compré unos pantalones negros para llevar al colegio, ¡y costaron €100!

No me gustaría visitar el centro comercial en el futuro, pero tengo que ir a la tienda de zapatos la semana próxima porque tengo que comprar una zapatillas de deporte nuevas.

(81 words)

**Higher vocabulary*

Media and Technology

Write to your friend about a singer

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- who the singer is
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Mi cantante favorito es una persona no binaria, que se llama Sasha Guay. Sasha es un cantante mexicano, y sus canciones son muy divertidas. ¡Soy un gran aficionado!

Ayer, escuché una canción vieja de Sasha Guay en mi móvil - fue extraordinaria y muy interesante. Sasha cantó sobre el medio ambiente, un tema increíblemente importante y necesario.

La semana próxima, voy a escuchar la canción nueva de Sasha, sobre los riesgos de los móviles y los problemas con las redes sociales.

(81 words)

Studying and My Future

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Llevo pantalones negros, una camisa blanca y una corbata azul al colegio.

No me gusta nada mi uniforme escolar, pero me gusta mi colegio. Es bastante grande y los edificios son modernos. También, me encanta el campo de fútbol grande, porque me gusta jugar al fútbol con mis amigos.

Ayer, jugué con mis amigos y aprendimos muchas cosas interesantes. Tuve matemáticas, ciencias y deporte, mi asignatura favorita.

El año próximo, voy a estudiar deporte, español e inglés ¡y va a ser maravilloso!
(82 words)

Travel and Tourism

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Hay muchos hoteles cerca de mi casa, porque hay muchos turistas aquí.

En mi ciudad, hay un hotel grande y ¡es extraordinario! Me encanta este hotel porque hay una piscina en el jardín.

El año pasado, fui a España y me quedé en un hotel pequeño en Madrid. ¡Fue terrible ya que no fue limpio!

En agosto, voy a ir a Londres y voy a quedarme en un hotel grande con mis padres y mi hermana. ¡Espero que va a ser mejor!

(82 words)

Question 4 – Translation into Spanish

NB For each translation, other words might be acceptable (e.g. ‘andar’ as a translation of “walk”), but I have only included words that are on the Foundation prescribed vocab list in the suggested answers here.

My Personal World

- a) I have one brother and two sisters. **Tengo un hermano y dos hermanas.**
- b) They are funny and kind. **Son divertidos y simpáticos.**
- c) I love my dog. **Me encanta mi perro.**
- d) Last weekend, I went to the cinema with my family. **El fin de semana pasado, fui al cine con mi familia.**
- e) If I have time, I help my parents in our house. **Cuando tengo tiempo, ayudo a mis padres en nuestra casa.**

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

- a) I do a lot of sport. **Hago mucho deporte.**
- b) My friend eats lots of fruit every day. **Mi amigo/a come mucha fruta cada día/ todos los días.**
- c) I think it is important to be active. **Pienso/creo que es importante ser activo. / ...ser activo es importante.**
- d) I walk to school, to be in shape. **Voy a pie/ camino | al colegio/ al instituto/ a la escuela | para estar en forma.**
- e) Yesterday evening, I watched a film on television. **Ayer por la tarde, vi una película en la televisión.**

My Neighbourhood

- a) I live in a small village. **Vivo en un pueblo pequeño.**
- b) There is a park and some shops. **Hay un parque y unas tiendas.**
- c) My neighbourhood is very clean and calm. **Mi barrio es muy limpio y tranquilo.**
- d) When I go into town, I take the bus. **Cuando voy a la ciudad/ al pueblo, cojo/tomo el bus/autobús.**
- e) Last summer, I visited a museum and a castle. **El verano pasado, visité un museo y un castillo.**

Media and Technology

- a) I like playing video games. **Me gusta jugar a los videojuegos.**
- b) My favourite app is very useful. **Mi aplicación favorita es muy útil.**
- c) I use my mobile phone every day to send messages. **Uso mi móvil todos los días/cada día para mandar mensajes.**
- d) Yesterday, I bought a new jumper online. **Ayer, compré un jersey nuevo en línea.**
- e) I think that the internet can be dangerous. **Pienso/creo que (el) Internet puede ser peligroso.**

Studying and My Future

- a) I study Spanish at school. **Estudio español en el colegio/el instituto/la escuela.**
- b) My favourite subject is history. **Mi asignatura favorita es la historia.**
- c) My brother wants to be a police officer. **Mi hermano quiere ser policía.**
- d) If I work hard, I can go to university. **Si trabajo duro, puedo ir a la universidad.**
- e) Last week, I participated in a drama club. **La semana pasada, participé en un club de teatro.**

Travel and Tourism

- a) I like going on holiday. **Me gusta ir de vacaciones.**
- b) Every year, I go to Spain. **Todos los años/cada año, voy a España.**
- c) The beach is very beautiful. **La playa es muy bonita/bella.**
- d) Last summer, the weather was nice and hot. **El verano pasado, hizo buen tiempo y calor.**
- e) If I visit Madrid, I want to see a famous monument. **Si voy a Madrid, quiero ver un monumento famoso.**