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INTRODUCING EDUQAS GCSE SPANISH

Your Eduqas Spanish GCSE is split into three main themes:

- IDENTITY AND CULTURE
- LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL AREAS OF INTEREST
- CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDY AND EMPLOYMENT

Your four Spanish exams (SPEAKING, LISTENING, READING and WRITING) will cover these three themes equally. Each exam is worth 25% of your final grade. You are not allowed to use a dictionary in any exam.

Now for the confusing bit! Each of these three themes has three sub-themes which are divided into two sections each. These sections are all of equal importance – so don't spend all of your time concentrating on your favourites! Make sure you revise all the topics equally.

IDENTITY AND CULTURE	LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL AREAS OF INTEREST	CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDY AND EMPLOYMENT
YOUTH CULTURE • Self and relationships	HOME AND LOCALITY Local areas of interest	CURRENT STUDY • School/college life
Technology and social media	Transport	School/college studies
LIFESTYLE	SPAIN AND SPANISH-	WORLD OF WORK
• Health and fitness	SPEAKING COUNTRIES	Work experience and
Entertainment and leisure	Local and regional features and characteristicsHolidays and tourism	 Skills and personal qualities
CUSTOMS AND	· ·	
TRADITIONS	GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY	JOBS AND FUTURE PLANS
Food and drink	• Environment	Applying for work/study
Festivals and celebrations	Social issues	Career plans

This revision guide covers all of the themes and sub-themes, as well as giving tips and advice on how to prepare for each exam with plenty of exam-style questions and grammar practice to help you. ¡Buena suerte!

IDENTITY AND CULTURE

YOUTH CULTURE

The sub-theme of **Youth Culture** is divided into two areas. Here are some suggestions of topics to revise:

SELF AND RELATIONSHIPS

- family relationships
- friendships
- physical appearance and self-image
- fashion and trends
- celebrity culture
- problems and pressures of young people
- marriage

TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- different types of technology e.g. tablets, mobiles, smart watches
- · advantages and disadvantages of technology
- advantages and disadvantages of social media –
 e.g. cyberbullying
- impact of social media
- computer games
- future of technology
- how you use technology

TRANSLATION TIPS

ENGLISH TO SPANISH

- Don't translate sentences word for word!
- Check you are correctly translating the tense required.

SPANISH TO ENGLISH

- Don't translate the text word for word you don't need to have the same number of words in your translation as the original text has.
- Don't miss out little but important words e.g. very, often, never.
- Make sure you translate the correct meaning
 of the tense e.g. I play, I played, I will play, I
 would play. Sometimes keywords and phrases –
 like yesterday, in the future, later, usually will
 help you to identify the tense.

SELF AND RELATIONSHIPS

Describe a tu familia. Describe your family.

Tengo una hermana que se llama Sophie. Me llevo bien con ella porque nos gusta la misma música. Es graciosa y nunca me molesta. También tengo un hermano mayor pero vive con su novia. Creo que mis padres son demasiado estrictos y preferiría tener más libertad.

I have a sister called Sophie. I get on well with her because we like the same music. She is fun and she never annoys me. I also have an older brother but he lives with his girlfriend. I think that my parents are too strict and I would prefer to have more freedom.

¿Qué hiciste con tus amigos el fin de semana pasado? What did you do with your friends last weekend?

El viernes pasado fui al cine con mis compañeros de clase. Después de ver la película fuimos a un restaurante italiano y comimos pizza. Lo pasé muy bien. Last Friday I went to the cinema with my school friends. After watching the film we went to an Italian restaurant and we ate pizza. I had a very good time.

¿Te importa la moda? Is fashion important to you?

Claro que sí. Me inspiran los modelos y las celebridades y me encanta comprar ropa. En el futuro me gustaría trabajar en la industria de moda.

Yes of course. I'm inspired by models and celebrities and I love buying clothes. In the future I'd like to work in the fashion industry.

¿Admiras a alguna celebridad? ¿Por qué? Is there a celebrity who you admire? Why?

Admiro a Ed Sheeran porque canta bien y tiene mucho talento. El año pasado asistí a su concierto. Fue increíble. I admire Ed Sheeran because he sings well and is very talented. Last year I went to his concert. It was incredible.

¿Cómo sería tu novio/novia ideal? What would your ideal boyfriend/girlfriend be like?

> Tendría un buen trabajo y sería rico/a y generoso/a. En mi opinión, lo más importante es que tenga buen sentido del humor. He/she would have a good job and be rich and generous. In my opinion, the most important thing is that he/she has a good sense of humour.



Try to use a variety of vocabulary and structures.

There's no need (and you won't have enough time) to describe the colour of every member of your family's hair, eyes, etc. The vocabulary you will be using could become really repetitive.

It's easy for this topic to become too descriptive and rely mainly on present tense. Try to include some opinions – what do you think of different family members? How do you get on? Why?

Say what you did/are going to do with your family to show off your use of different tenses.





Remember that both ser and estar mean 'to be' but in different ways.

- **Ser** is used with: physical description, personality and character, nationality, race, gender, professions, what things are made of, dates, days, seasons, time and possessions e.g. **soy** alto/a (I am tall).
- Estar is used with: feelings, moods, emotions, physical conditions or appearances, marital status and location of things and people e.g. estoy cansado/a (I am tired).
- You will have to use both ser and estar a lot in this sub-theme - make sure you use the correct one!

Translate the sentences into English:

- 1. Mi tía es trabajadora, deportista y muy inteligente.
- 2. Cuando era más joven, tenía muchos amigos.
- 3. Desgraciadamente, mi mejor amigo no se lleva muy bien con sus padres.
- 4. ¿Cuáles son las cualidades personales más importantes de un buen amigo?

Have you translated all the information? Does the sentence you have written make sense in English?



SELF AND RELATIONSHIPS



Admito que no me interesa la moda.

I have to admit that I am not interested in fashion.

Prefiero llevar ropa de diseño.

I prefer wearing designer clothes.

La vida de las celebridades me fascina.

I am fascinated by celebrities' lives.

Me gusta seguir la moda, pero adaptándola a mi propio estilo.

I like following fashion, but adapting it to my own style.

adaptaridota a mi propio estito.

As far as I am concerned, fashion is too expensive.

En mi opinión, tener una familia es muy importante.

In my opinion, having a family is very important.

Mi novio/novia ideal sería/haría/tendría ...

Me parece que la moda es demasiado cara.

My ideal girlfriend/boyfriend would

be/would do/would have ...

Discutimos a menudo.

We argue often.

Mi relación con mi hermanastro es tensa.

My relationship with my stepbrother is tense.

Nos entendemos perfectamente.

We understand each other perfectly.

No somos muy unidos.

We are not very close.

Me dejan hacer todo lo que quiero.

They let me do everything I want.

Me llevo fatal con mis hermanos.

I don't get on well with my siblings.

Mi madre me da consejos.

My mum gives me advice.

Tenemos los mismos gustos/intereses.

We have the same likes/interests.

Podemos hablar de todo.

We can talk about anything.

Mis padres siempre se meten en mis asuntos.

My parents always meddle in my business.

No me dejan salir.

They don't let me go out.

Raramente me critican.

They rarely criticise me.

Tengo suerte porque puedo confiar en mis amigos.

I am lucky because I can trust my friends.

Me cuesta resistirme a la presión de grupo.

I find it hard to resist peer pressure.

No quiero ser diferente.

I don't want to be different.

Me parezco a mi hermana.

I look like my sister.

Los jóvenes de hoy tienen muchos problemas.

Young people today have lots of problems.

La sociedad está obsesionada con las celebridades.

Society is obsessed with celebrities.

This revision guide has been designed by examiners and experienced teachers to serve as a preparatory resource for students studying Eduqas GCSE Spanish and to provide them with useful insights into what to expect in their speaking, listening, reading and writing exams. It is suitable for both Foundation and Higher tier candidates.

Containing sample exam-style questions throughout, it offers engaging content relevant to the Eduqas themes and sub-themes and will support all students in getting to grips with the material they need to know in order to pass their GCSE.

Features include:

- detailed, step-by-step information on each exam's format, with useful advice, tips and techniques to help students prepare for every aspect
- guidance on how to navigate the role play, photo card and conversation elements of the speaking exam
- examples of the kinds of rubrics, instructions, prompts and questions that students can expect in the exam in a mix of English and Spanish, as they will be on the day
- translations of keywords and useful phrases for each topic
- a variety of reading and writing tasks, with answers provided at the back of the book
- a review of the key grammar points, including practice exercises as well as a grammar glossary with verb tables

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