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Teacher's Introduction

Purpose:

This pack contains three full practice papers for the Edexcel Foundation writing exam. When a new specification is launched, initially, teachers may find it difficult to source quality practice papers beyond those provided by the exam board, thereby making it difficult to accurately assess their students. Besides, there is always a risk that students can find the papers provided online by the exam board. The ZigZag practice papers allow teachers to give their students extra practice without taking this risk.

The author has taken every step to ensure the structure of these papers mirrors that of the Edexcel paper, and has used their extensive experience to produce varied and unique content. These papers cover all six thematic contexts:

1. My personal world
2. Lifestyle and wellbeing
3. My neighbourhood
4. Media and technology
5. Studying and my future
6. Travel and tourism

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

How to use this resource:

We recommend setting each paper under exam conditions to give an accurate picture of students' ability at a given point. Papers can be used as teacher-assessed tasks (with the teacher marking the paper and feeding back to the students) or as self-/peer-assessment tasks (with each student or their partner assessing their work).

We are not providing a full mark scheme here as it can easily be obtained from the exam board's website, but the author has provided an explanation of the mark scheme and how to achieve the top marks for each task. They have also provided some self-/peer-assessment grids, which can be photocopied and given to students to assess their own or their partner's work.

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Structure of the Paper and Mark Scheme

The Edexcel Foundation writing paper comprises four tasks:

1. The photo description

Students write four short sentences in Spanish. There are 18 marks available for this task. It is marked based on two criteria: AO2 (response to stimulus) and AO3 (linguistic knowledge and accuracy). For each sentence, students can score between 0 and 3 marks. For 3 marks, the message is clearly communicated; for 2 marks, the message is partially communicated; for 1 mark, the message is not clearly communicated; for 0 marks, there is no rewardable communication.

2. The 40–50-word task

Students choose between two questions. There are 14 marks available for this task. It is marked based on two criteria: AO2 (response to stimulus) and AO3 (linguistic knowledge and accuracy). To score in the top band for AO2, students need to address all three bullet points, develop their ideas clearly. To score in the top band for AO3, students must use varied vocabulary, complex grammatical structures, some connectives and use mostly accurate language. Some errors are tolerated.

3. The 80–90-word task

Students choose between two questions. Note this is a crossover task (it is both AO2 and AO3). There are 18 marks available for this task. It is marked based on two criteria: AO2 (response to stimulus) and AO3 (linguistic knowledge and accuracy). To score in the top band for AO2, students need to address all three bullet points, develop their ideas frequently and write in a mostly clear manner. To score in the top band for AO3, students need to vary their vocabulary and grammatical structures. They must use longer sentences with connectives. They must generally be successful at referring to future events, and the language they use must be mostly accurate, although some errors are tolerated.

4. The translation task

Students translate five short, unlinked sentences into Spanish. There are 18 marks available for this task. It is marked based on two criteria: AO2 (response to stimulus) and AO3 (linguistic knowledge and accuracy). To score in the top band for AO2, students must ensure that the meaning of the original sentences is accurately translated. Some errors are tolerated, although occasional lack of clarity may occur. To score in the top band for AO3, the vocabulary and grammatical structures used by students must be mostly accurate, although some errors are tolerated.

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Self- and Peer-assessment Grid

Use the grids below to self- or peer-assess your written responses. Please note the

1. Photo description task:

Have you...	What the mark scheme says vs	What i
	communicate relevant information?	write only about what
	communicated the information clearly?	keep it simple and cor
	used complete sentences or clauses (with a verb)?	include a subject and

2. 40–50-word task:

Have you...	What the mark scheme says	What i
	addressed all three BP?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> write at least one what you have w the BP BP2 must contain the future time fr
	developed your ideas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give extra details for example, you a negative opinio
	responded to the task in a mostly coherent and sensible manner?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> write in a way tha use only language if you translate it make sense?
	used a variety of vocabulary and structures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> check that you ar you can replace
	used simple and varied grammatical structures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> write accurately check your verbs for the future, yo or 'iré', etc.
	linked your sentences with conjunctions/connectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use connectives (
	used mostly accurate language?	<p>When you have finish</p> <p>carefully. Check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> spelling articles (el/la/los adjective agreem the end of femin end of plural one

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Write-on paper

Spanish
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Foundation Tier Practice Paper 3

Name

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

The maximum mark for this paper is **50**.

Information:

- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- You should answer all of question 1 and question 4.
- You should answer **Option A** or **Option B** for questions 2 and 3.
- Answer all questions in Spanish and use full sentences.
- You may use a dictionary.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.



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1. Describe the photo. Write four short sentences in Spanish.

(a)

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(b)

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(c)

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(d)

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Answer **either** Question 2(a) **or** Question 2(b)
Only answer **one** of these questions.

2. (a) Write an article for the school newsletter about friendship.

You **must** include the following points:

- a description of your best friend
- give your opinion on how friendship is important
- what you will do with your friends in holidays

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

[14 marks]

2. (b) Write an article about jobs.

You **must** include:

- state if you want to work
- give your opinion on what you would like to do while studying
- what job you would like to do

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

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Answer **either** Question 3(a) **or** Question 3(b)
Only answer **one** of these questions.

3. (a) Write a blog post on a forum about holidays.

You **must** include the following points:

- a description of your typical summer holiday
- your opinion about travelling to other countries, with reasons
- the means of transport you used to travel last year
- where you will go on holiday in the future

Write your answer **in Spanish**. You should aim to write between 80 and 90 words.

[18 marks]

3. (b) Write a blog post about the environment.

You **must** include:

- describe the environment in your local area
- your opinion about the environment in your area, with reasons
- what you can do to improve the environment
- how you will contribute to the environment in the future

Write your answer in Spanish. You should aim to write between 80 and 90 words.

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4. Translate the following five sentences **into Spanish**.

(a) I have a new computer.

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(b) I like watching action films at the cinema.

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(c) I think that the Internet is useful for doing homework.

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(d) Last year, I played a lot with my game console.

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(e) She uses her tablet when she is at work.

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Non-write-on paper

Spanish
Writing



Foundation Tier Practice Paper 3

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

The maximum mark for this paper is **50**.

Information:

- Answer all questions in your exercise book.
- You should answer all of question 1 and question 4.
- You should answer **Option A or Option B** for questions 2 and 3.
- Answer all questions in Spanish and use full sentences.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.



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1. Describe the photo. Write four short sentences **in Spanish**.

- (a) [2 marks]
 (b) [2 marks]
 (c) [2 marks]
 (d) [2 marks]



Answer **either** Question 2(a) **or** Question 2(b). Only answer **one** of

2. (a) Write an article for the school newsletter about friendship.

You **must** include the following points:

- a description of your best friend
- give your opinion about why friendship is important
- what you will do with your friends in the holidays

Write your answer **in English**. You should aim to write between 70 and 90 words.



[14 marks]

2. (b) Write an article about jobs.

You **must** include:

- state if you like or dislike the job
- give your opinion about the job while studying
- what job you would like to do

Write your answer **in English**. You should aim to write between 70 and 90 words.

Answer **either** Question 3(a) **or** Question 3(b). Only answer **one** of

3. (a) Write a blog post on a forum about holidays.

You **must** include the following points:

- a description of your typical summer holiday
- your opinion about travelling to other countries, with reasons
- a means of transport you used to travel last year
- where you will go on holiday in the future

Write your answer **in Spanish**. You should aim to write between 70 and 90 words.



[18 marks]

3. (b) Write a blog post about the environment.

You **must** include:

- describe the problem
- your opinion about the problem
- what you can do to help the environment
- how you will help

Write your answer **in English**. You should aim to write between 70 and 90 words.

4. Translate the following five sentences **into Spanish**.

- (a) I have a new computer.
 (b) I like watching action films at the cinema.
 (c) I think that the Internet is useful for doing homework.
 (d) Last year, I played a lot with my game console.
 (e) She uses her tablet when she is at work.

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Indicative Content

Practice Paper 1

1. (a) Es una fiesta.
(b) Es el cumpleaños de una niña pequeña.
(c) Hay una abuela y un abuelo.
(d) Hay un regalo en la mesa.
2. (a) Vivo en un pueblo pequeño cerca de una ciudad más grande. Hay un autobús que va a la ciudad pero no tenemos tren, lo que es una pena. Tenemos una gran conexión a Internet y una gran comunicación con mis amigos.
(b) Mi colegio es muy nuevo con clases modernas. Es un colegio grande y hermoso. Sin embargo, desafortunadamente los profesores son muy aburridos y ponen mucho deber. Mi asignatura favorita es Arte. Me gusta hacer dibujos y pintar.
3. (a) Me gusta mucho la tecnología; uso siempre el móvil para para bajar música y películas. Uso la tableta para hablar con mis amigos y hacer fotos. Me gusta tener mi estar en contacto con ellos. También tengo un ordenador para hacer tareas y estudiar, porque puedo buscar información fácilmente en Internet. En el futuro será muy importante para mí porque quiero trabajar haciendo aplicaciones nuevas.
(b) No soy una persona sana y no me gusta el deporte. Prefiero quedarme en casa. En el colegio tengo que hacer deporte en la clase de Educación Física. Odio los deportes pero me divierto y siempre acabo demasiado cansado. La semana pasada tuve un accidente y me caí. Fue terrible. En el futuro voy a comenzar a hacer ejercicio y a moverme más para no tener problemas de salud. Voy a escoger comidas más saludables, como verduras y fruta.
4. (a) Me gusta viajar.
(b) Viajamos a la ciudad en tren.
(c) Siempre van a América Latina de vacaciones.
(d) Ella quiere visitar España para disfrutar de la comida española.
(e) El año pasado fui a las montañas con mis primos.

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