MARKSCHEME BARÈME DES NOTATIONS RESPUESTAS Y PUNTUACIÓN

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Higher Level Niveau Supérieur (Option Forte) Nivel Superior

ENGLISH / ANGLAIS / INGLÉS B

Paper/ Épreuve / Prueba 2

Notes for the guidance of Assistant Examiners

1. A good answer...

- will have some of the recognisable features of a hard-news report: a fairly objective, factual
 approach, methodical explanation, perhaps a headline and use of (succinct) quotation. At this
 level, candidates cannot be expected to have a strong grasp of newspaper idiom and phrasing; those
 who do should be rewarded.
- must at least mention the four specified details (persons, events, causes and consequences).

2. A good answer...

- must be clearly 'for' or 'against', and be credibly relevant to the motion.
- should give clear indications of being a speech: there should be phrases of direct address to the audience.
- should be phrased in a way that indicates a balance between the informality suggested by 'fellow students', and the relative formality required in a debate: in other words, some colloquial phrases, combined with a methodical and clear structure.

3. A good answer...

- should be about one CD/tape, and show evidence of detailed reference to it.
- should show that the candidate has made an effort to approach the subject with the 'general audience' in mind by:
 - explaining the unfamiliar
 - choosing language which is neither too colloquial, nor too intellectual

4. A good answer...

- will show signs of an effective 'essay' style relatively formal and methodically structured.
- should have a central interpretation of 'progress'.
- should make effectively relevant use of references to 'one or two different areas of human life'.

5. A good answer ...

- should have a believably colloquial feel to the phrasing of the language.
- should express some sense of genuine interchange between the (three) participants.
- should contain both general remarks about gossip, and details of one particular case.
- should remain largely relevant to the subject of gossip: only a small amount of (introductory) chit-chat is acceptable.

6. A good answer...

- should have a believably warm tone, expressed in language which may be informal/colloquial.
- should contain three elements: thanks, events during the visit, and detailed compliments.
- need not have a full address, and should not end 'Yours sincerely'!