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Question 2: Thematic Analysis

9 Demonstrates Superiority

- A very well-developed essay that convincingly and explicitly **analyzes** the theme of identity in the work selected.
- Analyzes appropriate examples from the chosen text to support the response.
- Demonstrates insight; may show originality.
- Virtually no irrelevant or erroneous information.

7-8 Demonstrates Competence

- A well-developed essay that convincingly analyzes the theme of identity in the work selected.
- Analysis predominates; any plot summary or description serves to support the analysis.
- Provides appropriate examples from the chosen text to support the response.
- May reveal some insight or originality.
- The reader may need to make some inferences because the response is not always sufficiently explicit.
- May contain some erroneous information, but errors do not significantly affect the overall quality of the essay.

5-6 Suggests Competence

- Attempts to analyze the theme of identity in the work selected, but commentary is relatively superficial.
- Plot summary predominates.
- Student basically understands the question and the text, but the essay is not always well focused or sufficiently developed.
- May contain errors of fact or interpretation that detract from the overall quality of the essay.
- May require significant inferences because the response is not always explicit.

3–4 Suggests Lack of Competence

- Essay suggests that the student has not adequately understood the question and/or the text.
- Essay is poorly organized; focus wanders; comments are sketchy.
- May consist almost entirely of plot summary.
- Irrelevant comments may predominate.
- Possibly a prepared overview of the text or author with limited connection to the question.
- May contain major errors that weaken the overall quality of the essay.

1-2 Demonstrates Lack of Competence

- Essay is chaotic, confused, or incorrect.
- The response demonstrates a lack of understanding of the question or unfamiliarity with the work chosen.

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Blank page; OR response is on task but is so brief or so poorly written as to be meaningless; OR response is written in English; OR response is completely off task (obscenity, nonsense poetry, drawings, letter to the reader, etc.).

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Language Usage

The AP Spanish Literature Exam tests the ability of students to write well-organized essays in correct and idiomatic Spanish. These scoring guidelines assess **the degree to which language usage effectively supports an on-task response to the question**. All the criteria listed below should be taken into account in categorizing the student's command of the written language as related to each literature question.

5 Very Good Command

- Infrequent, random errors in grammatical structures.
- Varied and accurate use of vocabulary.
- Control of the conventions of the written language (spelling, accents, punctuation, paragraphing, etc.).

4 Good Command

- Some errors in grammatical structures; however, these do not detract from the overall readability of the essay/response.
- Appropriate use of vocabulary.
- Conventions of the written language are generally correct (spelling, accents, punctuation, paragraphing, etc.).

3 Adequate Command

- Frequent grammatical errors, but essay/response is comprehensible.
- Limited vocabulary.
- May have numerous errors in spelling and other conventions of the written language.

2 Weak Command

- Serious grammatical errors that force a sympathetic reader to supply inferences.
- Very limited and/or repetitive vocabulary.
- Pervasive errors in the conventions of the written language.

1 Inadequate Command

- Constant grammatical errors that render comprehension difficult.
- Insufficient vocabulary and control of the conventions of the written language.

0 No Credit

• Unintelligible, written in English, or off task.

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La identidad personal es la más importante para
nosotro en este mundo. Aunque en exocas pasadas
habian conflictos sobre la identidad personal por las
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mandaba en el corazón y en el alma. Cuando Julia
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Question 2: Thematic Analysis

Overview

In the thematic analysis, two types of questions are possible: one type involves the comparison of a given theme or topic in two works from the required reading list; the second is an analysis of a given theme in one work from the reading list. This year's question was of the latter type. Students were asked to write an essay analyzing the treatment of the theme of personal identity in one work chosen from a list of four titles: Borges's "El sur," Allende's "Dos palabras," "Autorretrato" by Castellanos, and "A Julia de Burgos" by Burgos. The theme of identity may be approached from diverse perspectives: self-definition and transformation, often achieved through struggle; gender identification; the contrast between the private and the public self; and the presentation or contrast of the self to/with other individuals or society at large. All of these were considered acceptable approaches, provided that the responses incorporated the analysis required by the question.

Sample: A Content Score: 8 Language Score: 4

Content: This well-developed, well-organized essay demonstrates competence and earned a score of 8. It successfully analyzes the theme of identity in "A Julia de Burgos." The student accurately focuses on three aspects of identity present in the poem—how the poetic voice describes her internal struggle, contradictory personalities, and desdoblamiento. These central ideas are well substantiated with specific textual examples ("Burgos opta por escoger las palabras de cierta manera en que da la impresion [sic] de estar hablando con sigo [sic] misma"). The essay reveals insight ("Este tipo de sentimiento hacia la hypocresia [sic], demuestra que Julia de Burgos quisiera poder mostrar su 'identidad verdadera' tanto en su poesía como en la sociedad que la rodea"). The reader may have to make some inferences because the ideas are not always clear ("Dejando espacio entre estrofas le da al lector mas [sic] tiempo de reflectar [sic] en los ultimos [sic] pensamientos de la estrofa anterior y facilita el poder apreciar mejor las ideas siguientes"). Had the ideas been more tightly focused and had there been less irrelevant or erroneous information, the essay would have earned a higher score.

Language: Good language usage supports an on-task response. There are some errors in grammatical structures ("El no saber quien es por que tiene dos aspectos diferentes de su personalidad muestran," "referirse de la misma persona," "a el") that do not detract from the overall readability of the essay. Vocabulary is varied and appropriate ("se contradicen," "fomenta," "la sociedad que la rodea"), despite occasional interference from English ("reflectar," "depictar"). Although there are some errors in spelling and the use of accents ("orgulloza," "ritmica," "mostrandole"), other conventions of the written language are generally correct.

Sample: B

Content Score: 6 Language Score: 4

Content: This essay suggests competence and earned a score of 6. It demonstrates an essential understanding of the question and the poem "A Julia de Burgos" and provides examples from the text to support its ideas. The student makes an attempt at analysis by focusing on identity in relation to the poetic voice's conflict between $t\acute{u}$ and yo and her interior and exterior, but the commentary is relatively superficial ("La identidad personal es lo más importante para nosotro [sic] en este mundo"), and irrelevant statements intrude ("Siempre debemos ser nosotros mismo [sic] para ser felices en esta vida"). Had there

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Question 2: Thematic Analysis (continued)

been more thorough treatment of the theme, had there been fewer irrelevant statements, and had the examples been more specific, the essay would have merited a higher score.

Language: Good language usage supports an on-task response to the question. There are some errors in grammatical usage ("habian conflictos," "nosotros mismo," "nos conviertamos," as well as run-on sentences) that do not detract from the overall readability of the essay. Vocabulary is varied and appropriate ("aparentar," "sin avergonzarnos"). Although there are errors in spelling ("mostra," "nosotro"), accents ("epocas," "diran," "corazon"), and capitalization ("julia"), conventions of the written language are generally correct.

Sample: C

Content Score: 3 Language Score: 3

Content: This essay suggests lack of competence and earned a score of 3. The student appears to have understood the question but not the poem. There is little evidence of familiarity with the text beyond the awareness that the poetic voice refers alternately to a "'tu' [sic]" and a "'yo," possibly suggesting a prepared overview of the poem. Major errors weaken the overall quality of the essay ("quiere hablar con ella mismo [sic] para ver que [sic] lo que esta [sic] haciendo mal"). Irrelevant and superficial comments predominate ("este poema es muy interesante," "este poema ha sido muy recordado por muchas personas"). A more accurate and focused response that revealed a better understanding of the poem would have earned a higher score.

Language: This essay demonstrates an adequate command of the language in support of an on-task response to the question. There are frequent grammatical errors ("nos trata de habla," "cuando estemos jovenes," "con ella mismo"), but the essay is comprehensible. There are spelling errors ("a cerca," "escojido"), missing accents ("simil," "esta hablando"), and omissions of punctuation (run-on sentences). The vocabulary is limited and repetitive.