

Seattle Central Community College

Credit by Examination

Course Title: ELEMENTARY SPANISH

Course Numbers: SPA 101, 102, 103

Credits: 5 Quarterly Credits Each

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Prerequisite(s): For Spanish 101—Eligibility for English 101

For Spanish 102—Spanish 101 or permission

For Spanish 103—Spanish 102 or permission

Course Descriptions:

Spanish 101—Pronunciation, fundamentals of grammar and syntax, oral and written exercises, reading and conversation, and cultural aspects of the countries in which Spanish is spoken. For students who have not previously studied Spanish.

Spanish 102—Continuation of Spanish 101.

Spanish 103—Continuation of Spanish 102.

What Level To Test: To determine what level of Spanish is most appropriate for you, review the competencies and grammatical concepts outlined in the self-screening examinations and choose the level that best matches your Spanish ability. Do not choose a level that is beyond your ability. You will receive credit only for the level(s) for which you apply and successfully pass.

Example: If you test for Spanish 101, 102, and 103 at the same time, and fail to pass Spanish 103, you will receive credit only for the preceding levels of Spanish 101 and 102. There are no partial grades given. To ensure that you are successful, you should review college textbooks that coincide with the concepts outlined in the self-screening examinations.

Instructional Materials: The textbook used for Elementary Spanish at Seattle Central Community College is ¡Tú dirás!, which can be ordered directly from the publisher, Heinle & Heinle at, 1-800-354-9706.

Assessment Process: Examinations for Spanish 101, 102, and 103 will be paper and pencil examinations that consist of multiple choice and fill-in questions. Each level of Elementary Spanish will consist of a reading and grammar component. Use of dictionaries is not permitted. The Spanish 101 examination consists of a 50 question reading component and a 80 question grammar component, with a 2 hour time limit. The Spanish 102 examination will consist of a 100 question reading component and a 100 question grammar component, with a 2 ½ hour time limit. The Spanish 103 examination will consist of a 150 question reading component and a 125 question grammar component with a 3 hour time limit.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR TESTING OUT OF SPANISH 101 - 103

The following are some sample exam questions to help determine which placement test might be most appropriate for you to take. The correct answer follows each question so you may confirm if you have a clear understanding of the relevant grammatical concept, vocabulary, expression, etc.

If you can address the following grammatical concepts with reasonable certainty it is recommended that you take the **Spanish 101** Placement Exam.

1. Tengo _____ amigas mexicanas.

- a. un
- b. una
- c. unas
- d. esta

Answer: c

2. Ricardo y Javier _____ estudiantes _____.

- a. es ... inteligentes
- b. están ... inteligentes
- c. es ... inteligente
- d. son ... inteligentes

Answer: d

3. ¿_____ hermanos tienes?

- a. ¿Por qué
- b. ¿Cuántas
- c. ¿Quién
- d. ¿Cuántos

Answer: d

4. ¿Dónde _____ la escuela?

- a. es
- b. estamos
- c. está
- d. están

Answer: c

5. _____ las tres de la tarde.

- a. Son
- b. Está
- c. Están
- d. Es

Answer: a

6. Los artistas _____ la guitarra.

- a. toquen
- b. toca
- c. toque
- d. tocan

Answer: d

7. _____ a comprar unos chocolates.

- a. Vamos
- b. Tenemos
- c. Queremos
- d. Hago

Answer: a

8. _____ libro es mejor que aquel.

- a. Este
- b. Estas
- c. Esta
- d. Un

Answer: a

9. _____ coche es viejo.

- a. Mi
- b. Ti
- c. Nuestro
- d. a y c

Answer: d

10. ¿Necesitas el número telefónico?

- a. Sí, la necesito.
- b. Sí, necesito la.
- c. Sí, necesitolo
- d. Sí, lo necesito.

Answer: d

11. ¿Te _____ las películas románticas?

- a. encantan
- b. gusta
- c. interesta
- d. gustas

Answer: a

12. ¿Le vas a dar la información?

- a. No, no se te voy a dar.
- b. No, no se la voy a dar.
- c. No, no voy a dartela.
- d. No, no le la voy a dar.

Answer: b

13. Ella _____ a las once de la noche.

- a. se acueste
- b. se acuesta
- c. se duerme
- d. levanta

Answer: b

14. 500 chicas = _____ chicas

- a. quinientos
- b. quinientes
- c. cinco cieras
- d. quinientas

Answer: d

15. El plato está encima _____ la mesa.

- a. de
- b. a
- c. al
- d. que

Answer: a

In addition, you should have a good understanding of the differences between the preterit and imperfect past tenses, and be able to use them appropriately.

Articles - Definite and Indefinite

Adjective - Noun Agreement

Question Words

SER vs. ESTAR Present Tense Verb Conjugation

Telling Time

Regular Present Tense Verb Conjugation

Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns

Expressions of Future Tense with IR

Possessive Adjectives

Direct Object Pronouns

Verbs like GUSTAR

Common Irregular Verbs in Present Tense

CONOCER vs. SABER

Reflexive Verbs

Numbers

Preterite

Imperfect

Common Prepositions

The previous 15 questions reflect grammatical concepts and vocabulary presented in Spanish 101.

If you feel your skill level is more advanced please proceed to the next set of questions. However, if you feel that these 15 questions encompass your current skill level stop here and request the Spanish 101 placement exam.

16. La oficina está _____

- a. cerrados
- b. cerrado
- c. Seattle
- d. cerrada

Answer: d

17. ¿_____ tomado tu medicina?

- a. Estás
- b. Hay
- c. Has
- d. Ha

Answer: c

18. Carmela había _____ un pastel.

- a. hecho
- b. hecha
- c. hace
- d. hacía

Answer: a

19. La madre le dice a su hija, " _____ tu cuarto, por favor."

- a. limpies
- b. limpia
- c. limpias
- d. limpie

Answer: b

20. ¿Te presto mi chaqueta?

- a. No, no me la prestas.
- b. No, no te la prestas.
- c. Préstamela.
- d. a y c

Answer: c

21. Este restaurante es _____ elegante _____ el otro.

- a. más ... como
- b. más ... que
- c. muy ... de
- d. mejor ... que

Answer: b

22. Juana quiere que tú _____ a la fiesta.

- a. vas
- b. ir
- c. vaya
- d. vayas

Answer: d

23. Ella dudaba que Roberto _____ estudiante.

- a. fuera
- b. era
- c. iba
- d. sea

Answer: a

24. ¿Hay _____ en casa?

- a. nadie
- b. algien
- c. algúien
- d. nunca

Answer: b

The previous questions reflect grammatical concepts and vocabulary presented in **Spanish 102**.

If you address the following grammatical concepts in addition to those mentioned previously with reasonable certainty it is recommended that you take the Spanish 102 Placement Exam.

Present and Past Perfect Tense

Past Participles

Conjugation of the Verb HABER - Present and Past

Command Forms

Comparisons of Equality, Inequality and Irregular Comparisons of Adjectives and Adverbs

Subjunctive of Regular and Common Irregular Verbs

Negative and Affirmative Expressions

If you feel your skill level is more advanced please proceed to the next set of questions. However, if you feel that these questions encompass your current skill level, stop here and request the Spanish 102 placement exam.

25. Busco un apartamento que _____ económico.

- a. es
- b. era
- c. sea
- d. será

Answer: c

26. Estos libros no son _____.

- a. tus
- b. tu
- c. tuyo
- d. tuyos

Answer: d

27. Trabajaré hasta que nosotros _____.

- a. terminamos
- b. terminemos
- c. termine
- d. termino

Answer: b

28. ¿_____ mucho el año que viene?

- a. Vas a viajar
- b. Viajarás
- c. Viajarés
- d. a y b

Answer: d

29. Este sombrero nuevo es _____ mi hermana.

- a. por
- b. para
- c. en
- d. a

Answer: b

30. Antonio fue a la tienda _____ chocolate.

- a. por
- b. para
- c. en
- d. a

Answer: a

31. Se me _____ el vaso de leche.

- a. caiga
- b. caen
- c. cayó
- d. cayeron

Answer: c

32. Si Ramón _____ más responsable _____ esta noche.

- a. era ... estudiaba
- b. fuera ... estudiaría
- c. es ... estudia
- d. sería ... estudiaría

Answer: b

33. Esperamos que Lilia _____ hecho el pastel.

a. había

b. haya

c. ha

d. hace

Answer: b

The questions in the preceding section reflect grammatical concepts and vocabulary presented in **Spanish 103**.

If you address the following grammatical concepts in addition to those mentioned previously with reasonable certainty it is recommended that you take the Spanish 103 Placement Exam.

Additional Uses of Subjunctive

Future Tense with Subjunctive

Future Tenses

Por vs. Para

Reflexive Expressions

Conditional and Subjunctive Expressions

HABER and the Subjunctive

Please keep in mind that the preceding descriptions should be used to provide a general sense of material covered in these courses.