



SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE : SPA118
COURSE TITLE : Functional Spanish III
LECTURER(S) : Dr Regis-Charles
DATE : May 9, 2025
TIME : 9 a.m.
DURATION : 1 ½ hrs
STUDENT ID # : _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Students must sign IN and OUT on the examination class list.
- Write your ID Number on each answer sheet.
- Please number your responses accurately.
- This paper has 3 sections: Section A- 20 marks, Section B- situations to respond to in Spanish, 10 marks and Section C a writing component worth 24 marks. You must complete all sections of the paper.

Total /50 marks (10%)

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Section A: Reading Comprehension

Instructions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow in English.

El turismo en el Caribe

El Caribe es uno de los destinos turísticos más populares y visitados del mundo. Cuba, Puerto Rico y la República Dominicana reciben grandes ingresos del turismo cada año. La actividad turística en el Caribe es muy variada. Los turistas tienen la posibilidad de disfrutar de gran cantidad de opciones: playas paradisíacas, rutas en crucero, tours por las ciudades o visitas a museos, monumentos o edificios históricos. Sin embargo, en este almanaque vamos a conocer Cuba y sus relaciones con Los Estados Unidos.

Cuba

Las relaciones turísticas entre Cuba y Estados Unidos estuvieron y están marcadas por las sanciones y decisiones políticas entre los dos países. Durante el gobierno de Fidel Castro (1976-2008), estaba totalmente prohibida la entrada de turistas de Estados Unidos a Cuba. Sin embargo, en el año 2014, el líder cubano Raúl Castro y el presidente Barack Obama abren la puerta al diálogo y acuerdan normalizar las relaciones diplomáticas y eliminar las restricciones de viajes y comercios a la isla. La apertura del turismo estadounidense a Cuba se paralizó recientemente con la llegada de Donald Trump a la presidencia.

Actualmente, los viajes de turismo a Cuba no están todavía autorizados en la legislación actual de los Estados Unidos. Solo las personas con permisos especiales, por ejemplo, investigadores profesionales o periodistas, pueden viajar y visitar Cuba.

Sin embargo, Cuba sí admite la entrada turística a otras nacionalidades. En el año dos mil diecisiete, cuatro millones de personas visitaron el país desde enero a septiembre. Por eso, el turismo, después de la industria azucarera, representa el mayor ingreso de moneda extranjera en Cuba.

Answer the questions that follow in English.

- a) Which Caribbean countries use tourism as one of the main sources of national income? (3 marks)

- b) Name at least four (4) activities that tourists can participate in while visiting the Caribbean. (4 marks)

- c) What has affected relations between Cuba and the United States? (2 marks)

- d) What policy decision marked Fidel Castro's governance (2 marks) and who made changes to that policy? (1 mark)

- e) US citizens were not always able to visit Cuba. When and what change occurred (2 marks) and through which US president? (1 mark) 3 marks

- f) What restrictions are placed on US citizens now for visits to Cuba and give at least one example? (2 marks)

- g) In 2017 how many people visited Cuba in the first 9 months? What is the other major foreign exchange industry in Cuba? (3 marks)

(20 marks)

Section B: Situational Responses in Spanish

Instructions: Read the following situations carefully and provide the most appropriate response in Spanish for each one.

1. At an interview, the interviewer asked you whether you have any questions for the panel. Provide one question that you would like to ask about the company you seek to work with.

(2 marks)

2. How does the interviewer ask you what is your area of study? (2 marks)

3. You want to set up a tour for a group of tourists who are seeking an adventure. Ask them where they'd like to visit. (2 marks)

4. They are interested in visiting a local site. What do they say to express this desire? (1 mark)

5. You've been asked to prepare an organizational chart for your team. Identify three key positions you'd include to help the team function effectively. (3 marks)

(10 marks)

Section C: Letter Writing

Instructions: You are seeking employment at a new company that is hiring. The advertisement requires you to write a letter of **150-200** words in **SPANISH** to the Human Resource manager seeking employment with the company.

In your letter be sure to include **ALL** the following details:

- a) an appropriate greeting
- b) state your reason for wanting to join the company
- c) what are your qualifications and skills?
- d) how can you contribute meaningfully to the company
- e) close your letter appropriately with a request for an opportunity for an interview

Your letter must follow a formal format and should be between 150-200 words in Spanish

(Total: 24 marks)

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