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Question 3: Text Analysis

9 Demonstrates Superiority

- A very well-developed essay that clearly and thoroughly **analyzes** how the ideas in the quotation are reflected in García Lorca's *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.
- Integrates appropriate examples from La casa de Bernarda Alba into the essay.
- Demonstrates insight; may show originality.
- Virtually no irrelevant or erroneous information.
- Reveals an exceptional understanding of the relevance of the ideas in the quotation to *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.

7-8 Demonstrates Competence

- A well-developed essay that **analyzes** how the ideas in the quotation are reflected in *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.
- Provides appropriate examples from the text.
- May reveal some insight or originality.
- Analysis outweighs description or enumeration; any plot summary serves to illustrate how the ideas in the quotation are reflected in *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.
- The reader may need to make occasional inferences because the response is not always sufficiently explicit.
- May contain some erroneous information, but this does not detract from the overall quality of the essay.
- The essay <u>must</u> **analyze** how two or more ideas from the quotation are reflected in *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.

5-6 Suggests Competence

- Plot summary outweighs analysis; relatively superficial commentary.
- Student essentially understands the question, the quotation, and *La casa de Bernarda Alba*, but the essay is not 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.
- If the student analyzes how only one idea from the quotation is reflected in *La casa de Bernarda Alba*, the discussion must be good to merit a score of 5.

3-4 Suggests Lack of Competence

- Essay is so general as to suggest that the student has not adequately understood the quotation or *La casa de Bernarda Alba* and is unable to deal competently with the question.
- Poorly organized essay; focus wanders; comments are sketchy.
- May consist almost entirely of plot summary with little or no connection to the question and/or the quotation.
- Irrelevant comments may predominate.
- Possibly a prepared overview of *La casa de Bernarda Alba* or García Lorca with limited connection to the quotation.
- May contain major errors that undermine the overall quality of the essay.

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Question 3: Text Analysis (continued)

1-2 Demonstrates Lack of Competence

- Essay demonstrates a lack of understanding of the question, the quotation, and/or *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.
- Essay lacks organization or is chaotic.
- Examples are inappropriate, incorrect, or inapplicable to the work and/or the quotation.
- Demonstrates unfamiliarity with La casa de Bernarda Alba.

0 No Credit

• Blank page; OR mere restatement of the question and/or the quotation; OR response 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 appropriate 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.

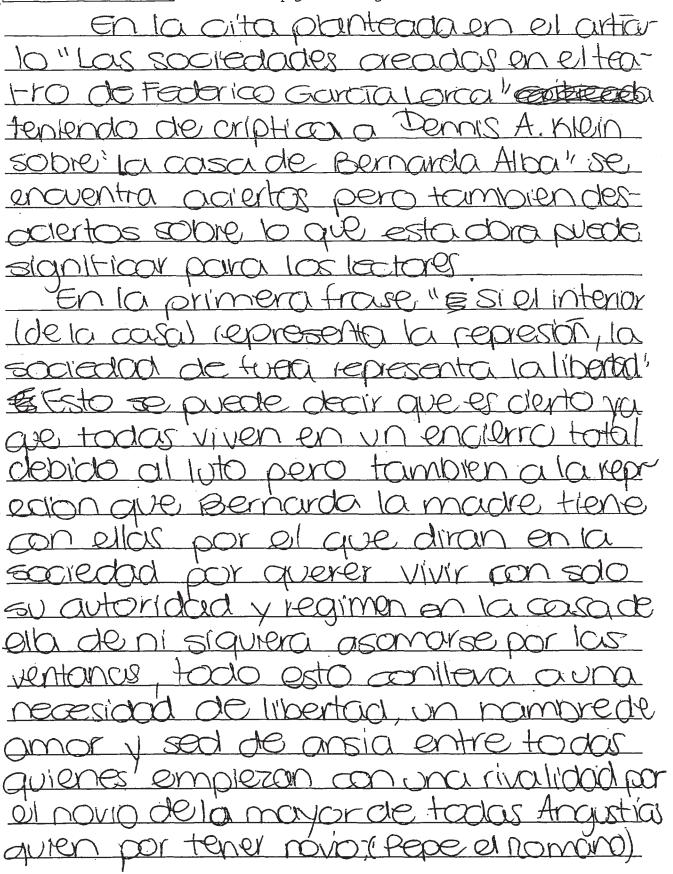
1 Inadequate Command

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

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• Unintelligible, written in English, or off task.

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Question 3: Text Analysis

Note: Student samples are quoted verbatim and may contain grammatical errors.

Overview

The text analysis question has two possible variations: one involves an analysis of a critical commentary about one work from the required reading list; the other is the analysis of an excerpt from a work on the reading list. This year's question was of the former type. It was based on an excerpt from "Las sociedades creadas en el teatro de Federico García Lorca," an article by Dennis A. Klein in which he discusses the symbolic use of walls to express the enforcement or transgression of social, sexual, and gender norms by the characters in *La casa de Bernarda Alba*. Students were asked to analyze how the ideas in the excerpt from Klein's commentary are reflected in the play.

Sample: 3A Content Score: 8 Language Score: 4

Content: This well-developed essay demonstrates competence and earned a score of 8. From the onset, it focuses on the ideas included in the quotation in Klein's article and establishes the premise that not all the ideas are correct ("En la cita planteada . . . se encuentra aciertos pero tambien desaciertos sobre lo que esta obra puede significar para los lectores"; "La segunda frase 'Son los muros que separan la decencia de la inmoralidad' esto no puede ser sierto"). Analysis outweighs description. The essay provides appropriate examples from La casa de Bernarda Alba to support and refute ideas in the quotation ("todas viven en un encierro total debido al luto pero tambien a la reprecion que Bernarda la madre tiene con ellas por el que diran"; "tanto como afuera y como adentro de la casa ocurren cosas inmorales"; "esta lucha entre hermanas como Angustias y Adela y termina en un tragico desenlace con la muerte de Adela"; "la autoridad de Bernarda que se rompe justo cuando Adela le rompe el bastón a Bernarda"). The essay offers insight ("ella tendría una dicha"; "son armas . . . para poder salir solo que por una puerta falsa"). There are no irrelevant comments or erroneous information. Had the conclusion been more focused, the essay would have earned a higher score.

Language: The essay demonstrates good control of the language. There are some errors in grammatical structures ("gran dolor por el cual no puede soportar"; "calabozo oscuro . . . por el cual ellas estan encerradas), but they do not detract from the readability of the essay. The vocabulary is appropriate ("encierro," "asomarse por las ventanas," "conlleva," "rivalidad por el novio"). Except for some errors of spelling ("reprecion," "peliarse," "ostilidad") and accents ("diran," "amante de el," "tragico"), the conventions of the written language are generally correct.

Sample: 3B Content Score: 5 Language Score: 3

Content: This essay suggests competence and earned a score of 5. The student communicates an essential understanding of the question, the quotation, and La casa de Bernarda Alba and attempts an analysis, but the ideas are not sufficiently developed. References to the quotation are present ("la represión," "la libertad," "la frustación de la sexualidad"). Commentary is relatively superficial ("En la casa de Bernanda noy hay libertad. La madre, Bernarda, hasta vive con sus hijas"; "Bernarda... a veces no tiene corazon para nada"; "por supuesto que se sientiran frustadas de la sexualidad"), but significant inferences must be made because the response is not always explicit ("Federico Garcia Lorca nos presentó con un dialogo que nos sumerja varios efectos que ocurieron durante el cuento"). Had both the commentary as well as the

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Question 3: Text Analysis (continued)

relationship between the quotation and the work been better developed, the essay would have merited a higher score.

Language: The essay contains grammatical errors ("El primero son las mujeres de los hombres," "tambien le tiene cariño sobre el," "si logra a suicidarse," "un diálogo que nos sumerja varios efectos"), but it is comprehensible. The vocabulary is limited ("pasan muchas cosas," "Adela si tiene algo por Pepe"), and there are numerous errors in accents ("¿Por que . . . ?," "esta comprometia," "unico," "sientiran") and spelling ("ocurieron").

Sample: 3C Content Score: 3 Language Score: 3

Content: This essay suggests lack of competence and earned a score of 3. It is very general and repetitive and consists mainly of plot summary with little connection to the quotation, suggesting that the student is unable to deal competently with the question. The essay is poorly organized. Major errors that undermine the overall quality are present ("solo 1 hombre podia entrar y este hombre estaba enamorado de la hija mas adulta"; "cuando . . . la hija de Bernarda murio tuvieron que hacer otroz 7 años de luto"; "su hija mayor murio virjen"). A more accurate response that revealed a better understanding of the question and quotation would have merited a higher score.

Language: The essay is comprehensible, but the absence of paragraphing and punctuation demonstrates a lack of control of the conventions of written language. Vocabulary is limited (repetition of "y," "ella"). There are numerous errors in spelling ("hico," "veirian," "de el," "proivio," "suiccido," "abia," "virjen") and accents ("ningun," "mas," "decia," "murio," "paso," "vivia").