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Question 4

Essay: Text Comparison

Texts and Theme

Text 1: “*A Julia de Burgos*,” Julia de Burgos

Text 2: “*Tú mequieres blanca*,” Alfonsina Storni

Theme: *El sistema patriarcal*

5 The essay clearly analyzes the literary devices and compares the theme in both texts.

- Effectively analyzes rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in both texts in relation to the development of the theme.
- Analyzes the development of the theme in both texts to support comparative analysis.
- Includes an explicit statement of purpose (thesis), a coherent structure, and a cohesive and logical progression of ideas in a well-developed essay.
- Supports analysis by integrating specific, well-chosen textual examples throughout the essay.

4 The essay analyzes the literary devices and compares the theme in both texts; description and narration are present but do not outweigh analysis.

- Discusses rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in both texts in relation to the development of the theme.
- Explains and compares the presence of the theme in both texts.
- Includes an explicit statement of purpose (thesis), a coherent structure, and a logical progression of ideas.
- Supports analysis with appropriate textual examples.

3 The essay attempts to analyze the literary devices and compare the theme in both texts; however, description and narration outweigh analysis.

- Describes some rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in both texts and attempts to explain their relevance to the theme.
- Describes the presence of the theme in both texts.
- Includes a statement of purpose, evidence of organization (a stated topic, an introduction, a conclusion), and a logical progression of ideas.
- Elaborates on main points and supports observations with examples; however, the examples may not always be clear and relevant.
- Contains some errors of interpretation, but errors do not detract from the overall quality of the essay.

Note:

A. If the essay has a significantly unbalanced focus on one of the texts, the analysis must be good to merit a 3.

B. If the essay does not include literary devices, the comparison of the theme in both texts must be good to merit a 3.

C. If the essay suggests a lack of understanding of the theme, the analysis of literary devices in both texts must be good to merit a 3.

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2 The essay shows little ability to analyze the literary devices or compare both texts; summary and paraphrasing predominate.

- May identify some rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in one or both texts, but may not explain their relevance to the theme.
- Describes the presence of the theme in one text, but the description of the theme in the other text is weak.
- May not clearly state a purpose or be organized around a central idea or argument; progression of ideas may not be logical.
- Presents main points and some details, describes basic elements of texts, but may do so without examples or supporting an argument.
- Contains some errors of interpretation that occasionally detract from the overall quality of the essay.

Note: An essay that treats only one text cannot earn a score higher than 2.

1 The essay is inaccurate and insufficient; there is no attempt to analyze the literary devices or compare both texts; irrelevant comments predominate.

- May identify some rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in one or both texts, but does not explain their relevance to the theme.
- Demonstrates lack of understanding of the theme.
- Does not state a purpose, show evidence of organization, or offer a progression of ideas.
- May consist entirely of plot summary without examples relevant to the theme.
- Contains frequent errors of interpretation that significantly detract from the overall quality of the essay.

0 The response is so brief or so poorly written as to be meaningless, is not in Spanish, or is otherwise off-task.

Note: An essay that merely restates part or all of the prompt receives a score of 0. An essay that receives a 0 in content must also receive a 0 in language.

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Question 4 (continued)

Language Usage

- 5 Language usage is appropriate to the task, generally accurate, and varied; the reader's understanding of the response is clear and supported by the student's use of language.**
- Vocabulary is varied and appropriate to the text(s) being discussed, presents main ideas and supporting details, and communicates some nuances of meaning.
 - Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is very good; use of verb tenses and moods is generally accurate; word order and formation are accurate; use of cohesive devices and transitional elements or both is appropriate to guide understanding.
 - Writing conventions (e.g., spelling, accent marks, punctuation, paragraphing) are generally accurate; paragraphing shows grouping and progression of ideas.
- 4 Language usage is appropriate to the task and generally accurate; the reader's understanding of the response is clear and not affected by errors in the student's use of language.**
- Vocabulary is appropriate to the text(s) being discussed and presents main ideas and some supporting details.
 - Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is good; occasional errors in the use of verb tenses and moods do not detract from understanding; word order and formation are mostly accurate.
 - Writing conventions (e.g., spelling, accent marks, punctuation, paragraphing) are generally accurate; occasional errors do not detract from understanding; paragraphing shows grouping and progression of ideas.
- 3 Language usage is appropriate to the task and sometimes accurate; the reader understands the response though the student's use of language is somewhat limited.**
- Vocabulary is appropriate to the text(s) being discussed but may limit the student's ability to present some relevant ideas.
 - Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is adequate; errors in the use of verb tenses and moods may be frequent but do not detract from overall understanding; word order and formation are generally accurate.
 - Writing conventions (e.g., spelling, accent marks, punctuation, paragraphing) are sometimes accurate; numerous errors do not detract from overall understanding; paragraphing shows grouping of ideas.
- 2 Language usage is sometimes inappropriate to the task and generally inaccurate; the reader must supply inferences to make the response understandable.**
- Vocabulary may be inappropriate to the text(s) being discussed and forces the reader to supply inferences.
 - Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is weak; errors in verb forms, word order, and formation are numerous and serious enough to impede comprehension at times.
 - Writing conventions (e.g., spelling, accent marks, punctuation, paragraphing) are generally inaccurate; errors are numerous and serious enough to impede comprehension at times; paragraphing may not show grouping of ideas.

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Question 4 (continued)

Language Usage (continued)

- 1 Language usage is inappropriate to the task, inaccurate, or insufficient; the reader struggles to create an understanding of the response.**
- Vocabulary is insufficient or inappropriate to the text(s) being discussed; errors render comprehension difficult.
 - Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is inadequate; errors in verb forms, word order, and formation are nearly constant and impede comprehension frequently.
 - Writing conventions (e.g., spelling, accent marks, punctuation, paragraphing) are inaccurate; errors are nearly constant and impede comprehension frequently; there may be little or no evidence of paragraphing.
- 0 The response is so brief or so poorly written as to be meaningless, is not in Spanish, or is otherwise off-task.**

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En la obra de "A Juju de Burgos" se desarrollan los temas del Ser interior que no quiere ser dominado. Así también, en el Poema de Alfonso Sánchez se ve como es que ella no quiere ser manipulada por otro yo externo, es decir quiere ser ella misma. Con esto dicho el tema del sistema patriarcal es desarrollado a lo largo de los poemas cuando deciden tomar las riendas. Esto primero es visto a lo largo de "A Juju de Burgos" que trata sobre una mujer que se pregunta a si misma. Ella es dividida por los yo líricos, uno el patriarcal y el otro externo. Aquí el yo interno es el sistema patriarcal que quiere tener control porque no está de acuerdo con el yo externo. Esto crea un conflicto en ella misma cuando el yo interno le roba al yo externo todo lo que está mal en su vida. Esto principalmente es visto en la tercera estrofa cuando el autor usa la personificación en una muñeca para simbolizar que el yo externo es hecho un falso, "Tu eres frío máscara de mentira social, y yo, viril destello de la humanidad". (Estrofa 3, versos 4-8). Después de esto ella la tacha de hipócrita y el un interno dice que ella es un apresado. La autora desafía al uso del simbolismo para comprender el yo

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externo con el mundo exterior y que ella no
 que ella es lo que quiere ser (estrofas 5 versos
 11 y 12), "Tu como tú me respondes yo no". Despues ella
 manda un la manifiesta de la estrofa numero 3
 a la estrofa numero 10 para insistir que el yo
 externo tiene la culpa asi ella se dirige a Poder
 para que su vida, Asimismo en la solucion
 de Alfonso el Sabio surge el sistema Patriarcal.
 Ella usa la epifora en la estrofa numero dos
 para ser muy clara de quien le esta pidiendo
 reglas. Estrofa 2 verso (11 - 14) "Tu me quieras mirar
 Tu me quieras blanquearme quieras alba". Ella
 se refiere a una persona externa que quiere que ella
 sea como la mas perfecta, Asimismo se puede confirmar
 en el yo interno de Juana. En la estrofa
 numero 3 ella usa una metáfora diciendole
 a esa persona externa que no deberian dixerla
 en forma de burla. Estrofa 3 verso "16 - 17"
 Tu que el efecto coheres tanto.
 De esto pasa a decirle al yo externo
 que hacer para poder entrar o dejar de
 mandar a ella usando convencion. En conclusion
 ambos personajes continuan el tema de ser

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independientes y el tema de Nájera Dar si quisas.
Tambien el de Ser heredado como son y tienen
el espíritu farragista.

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El sistema patriarcal es un sistema que todavía existe hoy en día. En los poemas «A Julia de Burgos» escrito por Julia de Burgos y «Tú me quieras blanca» por Alfonsina Storni podemos observar un sistema patriarcal de modo que a la mujer es esperada limpiar, obedecer, y dar honra a la familia.

Para comenzar, Julia de Burgos usa bastantes recursos literarios para comparar y dar cualidades a objetos. Por ejemplo, "la que se alza en mis versos no es tu voz, es mi voz" para demostrar que las mujeres en un sistema patriarcal no tienen derecho a alzar la voz. Las mujeres tienen la expectativa de obedecer al hombre pero en los versos de Julia de Burgos, ella dice que la que la manda es su corazón, pensamientos, ella y no otra persona. Además, «Tú me quieras blanca» es más concentrada en la mujer siendo expectada a tener pureza en otras palabras, a ser virgen. Storni demuestra el sistema

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patrional de manera que los hombres no tienen la expectativa de estar puros. Al contrario, es visto por la sociedad como una honra que un hombre hable por todos lados y para una mujer, es una deshonra no llegar "blanca" al matrimonio.

Al final, ambos son similares al describir al favor de las mujeres pero si tienen sus diferencias en a quien es dirigido el poema. Por ejemplo, Borges es más devocional a si misma como la obra "Borges y Yo" mientras Storni se enfoca en la pureza.

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Las dos obras se parecen porque las que las cuentan son sencillas y nobles pero ellas se las dedican a otros que son cretinas y que tienen de todo ellas quieren lograr entender que como es la vida de una simple y noble persona.

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Overview

This is an essay question that required students to read two poems related by theme — one from a work on the required reading list, the other from a work not on the list. (The whole work may be included in the case of a short poem.) Students were asked to analyze the effect of literary devices used by the authors in the texts to develop a particular theme. Students were required to compare the presentation of the theme in the two poems and to cite specific examples from both texts to support their analysis. On the 2017 exam, the two texts were poems: “*A Julia de Burgos*,” written by Julia de Burgos, which appears on the required reading list, and the poem “*Tú mequieres blanca*,” written by Alfonsina Storni, which is not on the list. Students were asked to analyze the effect of the literary devices used by the authors in both poems to develop the theme of the patriarchal system (*el sistema patriarcal*) and to compare the presentation of the theme in both poems. Students were asked to write their essay in Spanish to demonstrate their proficiency in Presentational Writing in the target language.

Sample: 4A

Content Score: 4

The essay analyzes the literary devices and compares the theme of *el sistema patriarcal* in both texts; description and narration are present but do not outweigh analysis. The student analyzes the effect of some rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in both poems (“Personificacion”; “simil”; “anafora”; “ePifora”; “enumeracion”) in relation to the development of the theme (“en la tercera estrofa … el autor usa la Personificacion en una muñeca para simbolizar que el yo externo es hueco y falso”; “La autora desPues el uso del simil para comParar el yo externo con el mundo egoista”; “la Poeta usa la anafora … Para insitir que el yo externo tiene la culPa”; “en la Selección de Alfonsina Storni surge el sistema Patriarcal. Ella usa la ePifora en la estrofa numero dos para ser muy clara de quien le esta Poniendo reglas”; “De esto Pasa a decirle al yo externo que hacer para Poder entender o dejar de mandarla a ella usando enumeracion.”).

The essay explains and compares each poet’s representation of the inherent injustice, internal conflict, and suffering present within a patriarchal system that imposes limitations on women (“*A Julia de Burgos*’ que trata sobre una mujer que se pregunta a si misma. Ella es dividida en dos yo liricos, uno el interno y el otro externo. Aquí el yo interno es el sistema Patriarcal quiere tomar control porque no está de acuerdo con el yo externo. Esto crea un conflicto en ella misma cuando el yo interno le reclama al yo externo todo lo que está mal en su vida”; “Asimismo en la Selección de Alfonsina Storni surge el sistema Patriarcal. Ella usa la ePifora en la estrofa numero dos para ser muy clara de quien le esta Poniendo reglas.”).

The essay begins with a statement of purpose (thesis) (“En la obra de ‘A Julia de Burgos’ Se desarrollan los temas del ser interior que no quiere ser dominado. Así tambien, en el Poema de Alfonsina Storni se ve Como es que ella no quiere ser manipulada Por Otro yo externo, es decir quiere ser ella misma. Con esto dicho el tema del sistema patriarcal es desarrollado a lo largo de los Poemas cuando deciden tomar las riendas.”). Although the essay is not divided into paragraphs, it has a coherent internal structure, and the student uses transitions to explain and compare the presentation of the theme in both poems (“Esto primero es visto a lo largo de ‘A Julia de Burgos’ que trata sobre una mujer que se pregunta a si misma. … Esto crea un conflicto en ella misma cuando el yo interno le reclama al yo externo todo lo que está mal en su vida”; “Asimismo en la Selección de Alfonsina Storni surge el sistema Patriarcal”; “En conclusión ambas obras contienen el tema de ser independientes y el tema de valerse Por si mismas. También el de Ser aceptadas como son y levantar el espíritu feminista”). The student supports analysis with appropriate textual examples (“Esto Primeramente es visto en la tercera estrofa cuando el autor usa la Personificacion … para simbolizar que el yo externo es hueco y falso, ‘Tu eres fría muñeca de mentira social, y yo, viril destello de la humana verdad’. [Estrofa 3, versos 7–21]”; “en la Selección de Alfonsina Storni surge el sistema Patriarcal. Ella usa la ePifora en la estrofa numero dos para ser muy clara de quien le esta Poniendo

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reglas. Estrofa 2 verso [11–14] ‘Tu me quieres, nívea Tu me quieres blanca, Tu me quieres alba.’’’). If the student had clearly and effectively analyzed the effect of literary devices in relation to the development of the theme to support comparative analysis in both poems, the essay would have merited a higher score.

Language Score: 4

The essay demonstrates language usage that is appropriate to the task and generally accurate; the reader’s understanding of the response is clear and not affected by errors in the student’s use of language. The student’s vocabulary is appropriate to the texts being discussed (“Se desarrollan los temas del ser interior que no quiere ser dominado”; “no quiere ser manipulada por Otro yo externo”; “quiere ser ella misma”; “se pregunta a si misma”; “Esto crea un conflicto en ella misma cuando el yo interno le reclama”; “simbolizar”; “es hueco y falso”; “la tacha de hipócrita”; “valerse Por si mismas”) and presents main ideas and some supporting detail (“el tema del sistema patriarcal es desarrollado a lo largo de los Poemas cuando deciden tomar las riendas”; “Ella es dividida en dos yo líricos, uno el interno y el otro externo. Aquí el yo interno es el sistema Patriarcal quiere tomar control porque no está de acuerdo con el yo externo.”; “en la Selección de Alfonsina Storni surge el sistema Patriarcal. … Ella se refiere a una persona externa que quiere que ella sea Pura y Casi Perfecta.”; “En la estrofa número 3 ella usa una metáfora diciéndole a esa Persona externa que no debería Juzgarla en forma de burla”).

The student’s control of grammatical and syntactic structures is adequate (“Se ve como es que ella no quiere ser manipulada”; “es visto”; “no está de acuerdo con”; “Esto crea un conflicto en ella misma”; “se refiere a una Persona externa que quiere que ella sea Pura y Casi Perfecta”), despite some errors that do not affect the reader’s understanding (“Ella es dividida en dos yo líricos”; “es el sistema Patriarcal quiere tomar control”; “La autora después el uso del similitud para comparar”; “y que ella no que ella es to”; “y así ella SePararse y Poner orden a su vida”; “Para ser muy Clara de quien le esta Poniendo reglas”). Writing conventions are generally accurate, although there are a few errors in spelling (“pregunta”; “to lo que”; “insistir”) and numerous errors in accentuation (“Así”; “también”; “a si misma”; “líricos”; “Aqui”; “no está de acuerdo”; “Personificación”; “Tu eres”; “fria”; “DesPues”; “hipócrita”; “simil”; “egoista”; “anafora”; “numero”; “Selección”; “epifora”; “de quien”; “metáfora”; “diciéndole”; “debería”; “Pasa a decirle … que hacer”; “enumeración”; “conclusión”; “espíritu”) and the use of capitalization, especially with the letters “p” and “s” (“en el Poema”; “manipulada Por Otro”; “el Sistema Patriarcal”; “la Personificación”; “DesPues”; “oPuesto”; “ella SePararse”; “la Selección”); however, these errors do not detract from overall understanding. Although there is no paragraphing, there is evidence of a grouping of ideas.

Sample: 4B

Content Score: 3

The essay attempts to analyze the literary devices and compare the theme of *el sistema patriarcal* in both texts; however, description and narration outweigh analysis. The student acknowledges the presence of some rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in both poems (“Julia de Burgos usa bastantes recursos literarios para comparar y dar cualidades a objetos”), but their identification is implied rather than explained. These features include the use of juxtaposition (“no es tu voz, es mi voz”; “Storni demuestra el sistema patriarcal de manera que … es visto por la sociedad como una honra que un hombre hande por todos lados y para una mujer, es una deshonra”) and symbolic color (“para una mujer, es una deshonra no llegar ‘blanca’ al matrimonio”) to draw attention to the unequal social privileges enjoyed by and placed upon men and women. The student attempts to explain the relevance of the literary devices to the theme of *el sistema patriarcal* (“Las mujeres tienen la expectativa de obedecer al hombre pero en los versos de Julia de Burgos, ella dice que la que manda es su corazón, pensamientos, ella y no otra persona”; “‘Tú me quieres blanca’ es más concentrado en la mujer siendo expectada … a ser virgen”) and identifies the presence of the theme in both poems (“En los poemas ‘A Julia de Burgos’ escrito por Julia de Burgos y ‘Tú me quieres blanca’ por Alfonsina

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Storni. podemos observar un sistema patriarcal de modo que la mujer es expetada limpiar, obedecer y dar honra a la familia"). The essay follows a somewhat logical progression of ideas but consists of three rather schematic paragraphs. In the opening paragraph the student establishes the thematic topic of the essay ("El sistema patriarcal es un sistema que todavía existe hoy en dia. En los poemas 'A Julia de Burgos' escrito por Julia de Burgos y 'Tú me quieras blanca' por Alfonsina Storni. podemos observar un sistema patriarcal de modo que a la mujer es expetada limpiar, obedecer, y dar honra a la familia"). The first sentence of the second paragraph introduces the discussion about the importance of literary devices within the works ("Para comenzar, Julia de Burgos usa bastantes recursos literarios para comparar y dar qualidades a objetos"). In the remainder of the second paragraph, which is the main body of the essay, the student attempts to analyze and compare the two poems ("Las mujeres tienen la expectativa de obedecer al hombre pero en los versos de Julia de Burgos, ella dice que la que la manda es su corazón ... Además, 'Tú me quieras blanca' es más concentrado en la mujer siendo expectada a tener pureza en otras palabras, a ser virgen"). In the final, concluding paragraph the student provides a comparative summary of the poems ("Al final, ambos son similares al escribir al favor de las mujeres pero si tienen sus diferencias en a quien es dirigido el poema. Por ejemplo, Borges es más derigida a si misma como la obra 'Borges y Yo' mientras Storni se enfoca en la pureza"). The student elaborates on main points and supports observations with textual examples and references to the poems ("Por ejemplo, 'la que se alza en mis versos no es tu voz, es mi voz' para demostrar que las mujeres en un sistema patriarcal no tienen derecho a alzar la voz"; "Storni demuestra el sistema patriarcal de manera que los hombres no tienen la expectativa de estar puros"); however, the examples are not always clear or relevant. The essay contains some errors of interpretation, most notably when the student confuses the name of Burgos with Borges ("Por ejemplo, Borges es más derigida a si misma"), but errors do not detract from the overall quality of the essay.

Language Score: 3

The student's use of language is appropriate to the task and sometimes accurate; the reader understands the response though the student's use of language is somewhat limited. Vocabulary is varied and appropriate to the poems being discussed ("todavía existe hoy en dia"; "podemos observar"; "limpiar, obedecer, y dar honra a la familia"; "no tienen derecho a alzar la voz"; "la expectativa de obedecer"; "la que la manda es su corazón"; "para una mujer, es una deshonra"; "a quien es dirigido el poema"; "derigida a si misma"; "se enfoca en la pureza") but may limit the student's ability to present some relevant ideas ("es expetada"; "siendo expectada"; "de estar puros"). Control of grammatical and syntactic structures is adequate ("Al contrario, es visto por la sociedad como una honra que un hombre hande por todos lados"), despite occasional errors that do not detract from overall understanding ("podemos observar un sistema patriarcal de modo que a la mujer es expetada limpiar"; "la que la manda es su corazón, pensamientos, ella"; "los los"; "al favor de las mujeres"; "Borges es más derigida a si misma como la obra 'Borges y Yo'"). Word order and formation are generally accurate, in spite of the use of an invented word ("expetada"; "expectada"). Writing conventions are sometimes accurate; however, there are numerous errors in spelling ("systema"; "qualidades"; "demonstrar"; "patriarcal"; "derecho"; "expetativa"; "pureza"; "hande"; "derigida"), an error in accentuation ("dia"), and the use of a poorly punctuated fragment ("Por ejemplo, 'la que se alza en mis versos no es tu voz, es mi voz.' para demostrar que las mujeres en un sistema patriarcal no tienen derecho a alzar la voz."). Paragraphing shows grouping of ideas.

Sample: 4C

Content Score: 1

The essay is inaccurate and insufficient; there is no attempt to analyze the literary devices and the comparison of the works is superficial; irrelevant comments predominate. The student does not identify rhetorical, stylistic, or structural features in either poem and consequently does not explain their relevance to the theme. The essay demonstrates a lack of understanding of the theme of *el sistema patriarcal* ("Las dos

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obras se parecen porque las que las cuentan son sencillas y nobles pero eyas se las dedican a Otras que son creídas y que tienen de todo eyas quieren lograr entender que como es la vida de una simple y noble persona”), and the student does not state a purpose, show evidence of organization, or offer a progression of ideas. The essay consists of a single-sentence paragraph with a reference to both poems (“Las dos obras se parecen”), but the reference is weak. The essay contains errors of interpretation (“eyas se las dedican a Otras que son creídas y que tienen de todo eyas quieren lograr entender que como es la vida de una simple y noble persona”). If the essay had analyzed the effect of literary devices and supported the comparison of the theme with appropriate textual examples and explanation, this essay would have received a higher score.

Language Score: 1

Language usage is inappropriate to the task, inaccurate, and insufficient; the reader struggles to create an understanding of the response. The response is brief and vocabulary is insufficient and inappropriate to the poems being discussed (“*las que las cuentan son sencillas y nobles*”; “*se las dedican a Otras que son creídas y que tienen de todo*”); language usage is insufficient to create an understanding of the response in relationship to the poems or the theme of *el sistema patriarcal* (“*eyas quieren lograr entender que como es la vida de una simple y noble persona*”). Frequent errors in spelling (“*eyas*”), an error in capitalization (“*eyas se las dedican a Otras*”), and lack of punctuation in this brief response impede comprehension. There is no paragraphing.