
Spanish 409B Challenge Exam Study Guide

Instructions: The student will demonstrate the ability to read, write and speak Spanish at the third year College level. The exam consists of 2 parts. Each part has been dividing into the following two components:

❖ Proctored part, 2 hours to complete:

1. **Reading Component:** The student will be given two general reading samples and will select **one** to answer question(s) about detail. In addition, the student must write a short essay about the main ideas in the reading sample he/she selects.
2. **Written Component:** The student will be provided with cartoons by the Testing center, and must select **one** to write a sentence (in Spanish) about what is happening in each situation based on what is depicted in the pictures. In addition to this, the student should write a brief paragraph from the perspective of one person involved in the cartoon.

❖ Take-home part, five days to complete:

3. **Student Input:** The student must submit an audiotape in which she/he narrates about any topic that is important to him/her. The student narrates the experience from the third person perspective on an audio tape. The tape is submitted with a typed outline about the narrative.
4. **Cultural Component:** The student will select a cultural topic based on his or her personal experience. The selected cultural topic must be about the Hispanic World, such as: death, the family, religion, the arts, or the Hispanic influence in all aspects of the American life. The topic must be supported by photographs or other documentation (these will be returned). These examples should be limited to no more than 10 and no less than 5. An outline in Spanish about the topic must accompany the examples.

Please note: Although the SP409A and SP 409B exams are very similar, they are separate exams. Each must be taken separately, with topics unique to each exam. Call the Testing Center if you have any questions.