3.9 Theme 2.2: Festivals and Traditions in the Spanish-Speaking World: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Read each short Spanish text and answer the questions in English unless instructed otherwise. Note: accents and the enye are printed correctly; inverted question/exclamation marks are omitted for print compatibility. Write accents and the enye correctly in your answers where needed. Answer every question. Time guidance: 10 minutes.

1 Text A: A short descriptive article about La Tomatina festival in Buñol, Spain. Read the article and then answer matching and comprehension questions. Article: 'La Tomatina es una fiesta que se celebra en Buñol, Valencia, cada último miércoles de agosto. Miles de personas participan en una batalla de tomates en las calles. Antes de empezar hay música, gente que come en plazas y vendedores que ofrecen protección como gafas. La batalla dura una hora y al final se limpia todo con mangueras. La fiesta atrae turistas de todo el mundo y su origen popular se recuerda en cantos y carteles.'

(a) Match each lettered description to the correct fact (1-4). Descriptions: 1) The town where La Tomatina happens. 2) The usual month for the festival. 3) What participants throw. 4) How the streets are cleaned after. Options: A Buñol, B mangueras, C tomates, D agosto. Write the number and the correct letter, e.g. '1 A'. **(4)**

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

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2 Short comprehension/inference: From the three texts (La Tomatina, Semana Santa diary, Día de los Muertos leaflet), answer briefly in English: Which festival explicitly mentions markets selling items? One-word answer.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

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3 Short written comparison: Give two simple differences between how Navidad is often celebrated in Spain and in the UK, based on earlier comparison prompt. Answer in English; one difference per sentence.

(a) Sentence 1: Difference 1 (one full sentence in English). **(1)**

(b) Sentence 2: Difference 2 (one full sentence in English). **(1)**

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Text A: True, False or Not Mentioned questions about the same La Tomatina article above. Answer each in English and give one-word justification from the text where required.

(a) True, False or Not Mentioned: La Tomatina lasts for more than one day. (Answer and justify briefly in one word from the article.) **(1)**

(b) True, False or Not Mentioned: The festival includes music before the fight. (Answer and justify briefly in one word from the article.) **(1)**

(c) True, False or Not Mentioned: Visitors must bring their own goggles. (Answer and justify with one word from the article.) **(1)**

(d) True, False or Not Mentioned: The festival attracts international tourists. (Answer and justify with one word from the article.) **(1)**

(e) True, False or Not Mentioned: The origin of the festival is political. (Answer and justify with one word from the article.) **(1)**

(f) True, False or Not Mentioned: People eat in the plazas before the battle. (Answer and justify with one word from the article.) **(1)**

(Total for Question 4 is 6 marks)

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Question 1

(a) 1 A **B1**

(a) 2 D **B1**

(a) 3 C **B1**

(a) 4 B **B1**

(a) Answer: 1 A; 2 D; 3 C; 4 B

Question 2

Día de los Muertos or Mexico **B1**

Answer: Día de los Muertos

Question 3

(a) Mentions Nochebuena big meal in Spain vs presents on morning of 25 Dec in UK **B1**

(a) Answer: In Spain families often have a big meal on Nochebuena (24 December), while in the UK many open presents on the morning of 25 December.

(b) Mentions Los Reyes Magos gift tradition in some Spanish-speaking countries vs christmas crackers in the UK **B1**

(b) Answer: Some Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Los Reyes Magos on 6 January when gifts are given, whereas in the UK people often have christmas crackers at the meal and gifts are a 25 December focus.

Question 4

(a) False, justification: 'una hora' **B1**

(a) Answer: False, 'una hora'

(b) True, justification: 'música' **B1**

(b) Answer: True, 'música'

(c) Not Mentioned, justification: 'vendedores' **B1**

(c) Answer: Not Mentioned, 'vendedores'

(d) True, justification: 'turistas' **B1**

(d) Answer: True, 'turistas'

(e) Not Mentioned, justification: 'popular' **B1**

(e) Answer: Not Mentioned, 'popular'

(f) True, justification: 'plazas' **B1**

(f) Answer: True, 'plazas'

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