

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

PORT 120 MIDTERM EXAM STUDY GUIDE

The Portuguese Language Program Midterm Exam in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese consists of a machine-scored multiple-choice test, a composition exam, and an oral interview. The multiple-choice test includes: Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, and Grammar and Vocabulary. The test consists of 80 items. ***The exam score is obtained from the scanned NCS sheet. Only the NCS sheet will be graded, No Exceptions.*** This study guide is to assist you in your preparation for the exam.

MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

I. LISTENING COMPREHENSION (20 PTS)

Texts based on themes from lessons Preliminar, 1, and 2 in Ponto de encontro. First, your instructor will read the questions and answers and then the listening text. The texts will be read twice, once slowly, and then once at normal speed. It is advisable to take notes on the content of the text in the margins of your test as your instructor reads. Answer the questions based on the information in the texts.

II. READING COMPREHENSION (20 PTS)

Texts based on the themes from lessons Preliminar, 1, and 2 in Ponto de encontro. Read the texts carefully and then answer the questions based on the information from the texts.

III. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (40 PTS)

Passages with multiple choice, fill-in the blank questions based on themes, grammar points, and vocabulary drawn from lessons Preliminar, 1, and 2 in Ponto de encontro:

Structures:

- Greetings and good-byes (pp.6-7)
- Expressions of courtesy (pp.8-9)
- Spelling in Portuguese (p.10)
- Identifying and locating people and objects (p.11)
- Cognatos (p. 12)
- Using numbers from 0-99 (pp. 16-17)
- Expressing dates (pp. 18-19)
- Telling time (pp. 20-21)
- Using classroom expressions (pp.24-25)
- Subject pronouns (p. 38)
- Articles and nouns (pp. 44-45)
- Língua (p. 45)
- Contractions of a, de, and em with articles (pp. 46-47)
- Present tense of verb estar (pp.48-49)
- Present tense and some uses of the verb ser: (p. 80)

- Adjectives: (pp.75-77)
- Possessive adjectives: (pp. 88-99)
- Mais um passo: some idiomatic expression with estar: (pp. 90-91)

Vocabulary:

- Cognatos (p. 13)
- Numbers 0-99 (p. 16)
- Days of the week, months of the year (pp. 18-19)
- Vocabulário Lição preliminar (pp. 26-27)
- Question words (p. 50)
- Vocabulário Lição 1 (pp. 64-65)
- Vocabulário Lição 2 (p. 103)

COMPOSITION EXAM

The composition exam is a timed, writing proficiency task. You will be given two topics, from which to select one, on which to write your composition. You will have twenty minutes to write your composition without any outside assistance whatsoever. You will be expected to conform to the requirements of the topics and write a coherent and cohesive, level-appropriate composition of 10-15 sentences that includes an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.

ORAL INTERVIEW

The oral interview is an oral proficiency assessment. Your instructor will define the specific task(s) through which you will be expected to produce a speech sample. Your speech will be evaluated by your instructor within the context of your first semester level of language study.