

MA exam rubric

A good MA exam:

Is logically organized and coherent

Identifies and addresses the salient issues posed by the question

Demonstrates in-depth familiarity with and understanding of the texts directly alluded to in the question or that an informed reader would deem relevant to the question posed.

Shows a high level of critical thinking

Engages the question with some originality

Demonstrates a solid command of Spanish

An unacceptable MA exam:

Is disorganized and incoherent

Does not address the thrust of the question or some portion of the question

Presents arguments that do not adequately demonstrate first-hand knowledge and understanding of the appropriate texts.

Is narrative instead of analytical

Is wholly lacking in originality or an interesting perspective on the issue(s) discussed

Is written in poor Spanish