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General comments on performance

In general, candidates' performance on this paper was of a high standard. Most of the questions proved accessible to a considerable number of candidates. However, there were some responses which relied on general descriptions and left out essential details.

Question 1

This question proved straightforward to all the candidates.

Question 2

This question was generally answered well, but 2b proved challenging for many candidates, especially the word "αξιοθέατα". Very few candidates lost marks because they answered the question in Greek instead of English.

Question 3

There was overall excellent performance on this question. The topic proved very accessible and the majority of candidates managed to score full marks.

Question 4

This question was handled well by the majority of candidates, but proved challenging for weaker candidates especially Question 4 (ii), possibly due to the fact that they did not know the word "ομίχλη" and Question 4(v), as a few candidates failed to make the connection between the word "οθόνες" and "information screens" on the question paper.

Question 5

This question proved challenging for a number of candidates but on the whole it was answered well. Errors were rather frequent in Question 5(iv), where almost half of the candidates failed to identify that the library is open on Friday mornings. Also, errors were made in Question 5(ii), where a number of candidates failed to make the connection between the seminars offered at the library on how to write a CV and the statement that library helps people to find a job.

Question 6

There was evidence of very good performance on this question. The topic proved accessible and incorrect responses were more frequent on Question 6(i), where

the word "πολυθρόνα" proved challenging to weaker candidates and 6(v), where a fair number of candidates thought that the word "ντουλάπα" is a lamp.

Question 7

This question was handled very well by the majority of candidates and the topic proved accessible to most of them. Incorrect responses were rare.

Question 8

Performance in this question was varied, as was expected at this level, but overall it was answered fairly well. Errors were rather frequent in Question 8(v), where the phrase "εκπροσώπησα τη χώρα μου σε διεθείς διαγωνισμούς" proved challenging to a fair number of the candidates. Similarly, in Question 8(iv) a number of candidates failed to make the connection between "βιολογικά προϊόντα" and "organic produce".

Question 9

This question proved accessible to a fair number of candidates and it was generally answered well. Many candidates were able to extract some relevant information and identify the details that contributed to a full answer. Marks were lost where candidates' answers showed insufficient attention to the recorded text or detail of the question to be awarded marks at this level. Some responses were not inclusive enough and left out essential details, especially with regard to 9(c), where a significant number of candidates mentioned that the speaker stayed with a family, but failed to identify that this was a local family. Other examples include:

Question 9(a)

This question proved challenging to a significant number of candidates who misspelled the word "Kalamata" and/or stated that the tournament took place "in May" instead of "March" or "two weeks ago".

Question 9(b)

This question proved challenging to almost a third of the candidates who could not translate the word "Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση" (European Union) and restricted themselves to writing "European Government" or "Lydia's school", both responses worthy of no marks.

Question 9(d)

This question proved challenging to more than half of the candidates who either did not pay attention to the detail "leisure activities" mentioned on the question, and as a result they restricted themselves to writing "they did some training and their homework", a response worthy of no marks or they wrote the words "chess" and "backgammon" the way they are phonetically called in Greek ("tavli" and "skaki").

Question 9(e)

This question required mostly factual information and was answered fairly well with the majority of candidates scoring full marks in these questions.

Question 9(f)

This question proved challenging for a significant number of candidates who failed to answer the question accurately and simply stated that the speaker will continue to play basketball in the future without stressing that she was thinking of becoming a professional basketball player.

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