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Unit 3: Reading and Understanding

Most candidates seemed to have been entered at the correct level but there were a few who performed extremely well at this level and should have been entered for the higher tier. The paper was accessible to the vast majority so that almost all candidates were able to attempt every question.

Question 1

This was reasonably well done, as most candidates are familiar with accessories. Some candidates incorrectly chose the wallet (possibly instead of the handbag) or the sun glasses.

Question 2

The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these items of vocabulary relating to every day objects with all candidates understanding *macchina fotografica*. Surprisingly *cellulare* was at times not known.

Question 3

This overlap question was answered very well at Foundation level, with only a few not able to recognize *chiacchierare* (despite the reference to friends in both the text and the question) or to link *canzoni* in the text with "music" in the question.

Question 4

This overlap question was also answered reasonably well at Foundation level: some candidates were possibly swayed by the mention of pizza in (C) so they incorrectly opted for it. Others confused *letto* in text with "bed" so chose incorrectly (B). Most candidates however were able to score at least 3 points in this question.

Question 5

This was another overlap question. Most Foundation candidates coped well with it with the exception of (iii): *correre* was often not known and somehow often associated with Luisa instead of Paola.

Question 6

In this overlap question (c) was often answered incorrectly with Marco, possibly because he is a man and therefore less likely to be interested in fashion.

Question 7

This question tested some basic school vocabulary but surprisingly many incorrectly linked clothes with *Tutto per la casa*.

Question 8

This question was answered correctly by most candidates, with only a few incorrectly choosing the fountain or the theatre instead of the museum.

Question 9

This was one of the most demanding questions for Foundation candidates despite testing some basic vocabulary relating to the house. Quite a few candidates confused *terzo piano* with the thirteenth floor, whilst *ascensore* was at times not recognised.

Question 10

Most candidates managed to score well in this question, with everyone being able to link tomatoes with summer. (iv) proved more problematic, with many candidates resorting to guess work.

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