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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 answered very well, as it targeted familiar TV vocabulary. Most candidates scored full marks.

Question 2

The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these items of vocabulary relating to places of interest. Oddly enough a few candidates failed to associate the cognate *ristorante* with "restaurant" and *albergo* with "hotel" while virtually everyone recognised *ospedale* and *stazione*.

Question 3

This crossover question was answered reasonably well at Foundation level, but some candidates incorrectly matched (b) (surfing the Net) with "*ascoltare musica da CD o Internet*", possibly because of the mention of Internet, whilst others confused (c) and (d), not being able to differentiate between *rivista* and *giornale*.

Question 4

This crossover question proved a little more demanding at Foundation level: about 40% of candidates failed to associate *orecchini* with "jewellery", *giacca* with "clothing" and *romanzo* with "book".

Question 5

This was another crossover question. Most Foundation candidates coped well with it, with only about 15% of them failing to identify the key words in the text. *Natale* in (i) was at times matched with "Easter", in (iii) some missed the *almeno* in front of *due giorni*, in (iv) some confused January and June. As usual there were also some errors with numbers, as not everyone recognised *venti* in (ii), thus opting for a wrong number.

Question 6

This crossover question was answered quite well at this level, with candidates ticking more than half of the correct options. Some candidates incorrectly thought that Adriana's father was a great cook or that they ordered food online, possibly swayed by the mention of Internet.

Question 7

This question tested some basic vocabulary relating to jobs and was answered correctly by virtually all candidates, with just a few missing *segretaria*.

Question 8

This question was also answered correctly by most candidates, with only a small number missing *scuola*.

Question 9

This produced some varied responses. Most candidates correctly identified the price of the meat menu in (a) and the drinks in (b), but many failed to understand *torta* in (c) and quite a few, as usual, were not familiar with the days of the week in (d).

Question 10

Most candidates managed to score well and this question was answered reasonably well. The vast majority of candidates answered (c) correctly but a few failed to recognise *periferia* in (a) or *giardinetto* in (d) and many were not familiar with *metropolitana* in (b) and wrongly opted for "bus".

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