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Foundation Paper (3F)

Most candidates seemed to have been entered at the correct level. The paper was accessible to the vast majority so that almost all candidates were able to attempt every question.

Question 1

This was not answered as well as one would have expected, given that it targeted simple food vocabulary. Quite a lot of candidates (about 40%) were not able to recognise *prosciutto* and many (30%) had difficulties also with *pomodori*.

Question 2

The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these items of vocabulary targeting sport, with *pallacanestro* being the least widely recognised.

Question 3

This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level, especially (i) and (iii). Less than half of the Foundation candidates, however, were able to link *binari* with "station". Some incorrectly matched "department store" with D, possibly swayed by the mention of a price, and "motorway" with A, perhaps due to the mention of *pericoloso* in the text.

Question 4

This overlap question proved more demanding at Foundation level, with the vast majority of candidates answering (iii) and (iv) incorrectly. Some were perhaps confused by the mention of "friends" in (iii) B misunderstanding the verb *uscendo* in the text. Most also ignored ***raramente*** *prima delle 11* and therefore opted for A ("before 11 p.m.") in (iv).

Question 5

Most candidates managed to score well in this question, as they were able to recognise vocabulary relating to school. The only item of vocabulary that was not widely known was *brava*.

Question 6

This overlap question testing rules was quite accessible to Foundation candidates with only (ii), testing *parcheggiare*, having slightly lower scores.

Question 7

This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level, though a number of candidates answered (iv) incorrectly, as they were not able to spot the longest stay from the choice given (a weekend or five days or four days).

Question 8

This overlap question testing jobs was answered fairly well at Foundation level, with *fabbrica* being the most demanding item of vocabulary (probably due to the fact that it is a "false friend"). Many candidates also failed to match *commessi* with "shop".

Question 9

This question tested some basic vocabulary relating to clothes but surprisingly it did not reach very high scores, as only just over half of the candidates were able to recognise *camicia*, *maglione* and *gonna*.

Question 10

This produced some varied responses, including the lowest scoring sub-question in the whole paper (c). Most candidates answered with the correct date in (a) (though 40% of them did not manage to recognise *luglio*) but very few were able to mention which objects can be seen in the museum from a choice of *cappelli*, *divani*, *abiti* and *scarpe* ("shoes" being the most widely known). Even fewer understood that what was 111 metres height was the tower of the cathedral and only about half of the candidates were familiar with *Natale*. Most resorted to guessing, with little success.

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