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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 question, which targeted vocabulary related to shops, produced varied responses. Quite a lot of candidates (about 60%) were not able to recognise macelleria and many (40%) had difficulties also with panetteria, while almost all candidates were familiar with fruttivendolo and most with farmacia.

Question 2

The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these common items of vocabulary, with only a few opting incorrectly for F in (i), possibly being confused by the mention of sole in the text.

Question 3

This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level, especially (iv). However, quite a few incorrectly chose D for (i), swayed by the mention of spiaggia in the text, and some thought that the cultural holiday in (i) was B due to the word villaggio in the text.

Question 4

This overlap question proved quite demanding at Foundation level, with (iv) being the lowest scoring question in the whole paper. In (i) any opted for C as porto was mentioned further on in the text. In (iv) the vast majority incorrectly chose C focusing on the mention of fine settimana in the text.

Question 5

Most candidates managed to score quite well in this question, with the exception of (i), where most F candidates incorrectly associated Inghilterra/America with the idea of travelling around the world.

Question 6

This overlap question testing well-rehearsed vocabulary relating to hobbies was answered very well by most Foundation candidates.

Question 7

This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level, though a number of candidates answered (iv) incorrectly. Most incorrect answers were based on guesswork, for example several candidates opted for C in (i) and A in

(ii), possibly based on TV likes and dislikes of typical British teenager rather than Italian ones. Also, some candidates thought that many young Italians wanted to be rich rather than famous, or else that you have to be rich to become famous.

Question 8

This overlap question testing vocabulary relating to mobile phones/technology was answered fairly well at Foundation level. Errors were often due to the fact that candidates focused incorrectly on some key words in the text, for example a few chose A in (i) possibly due to the mention of video in the text, while others incorrectly opted for C in (ii) due to the mention of lezioni in the text. Many also failed to associate emails with posta elettronica.

Question 9

This question tested some basic vocabulary relating mainly to clothes but surprisingly it did not reach very high scores, as several candidates were not able to recognise borsa and maglione. Many oddly chose E, un pacco di biscotti, as an incorrect answer for any of the sub-questions, despite it being a cognate.

Question 10

This produced some varied responses. Most candidates answered correctly (a), (c) and (d) but only just over half of the candidates were able to render the idea of va in giro per le strade. Most resorted to guessing, with little success. Surprisingly, over 20% of candidates did not recognise the number ventiquattro in (d), with a variety of incorrect answers (14, 34, 54!).

As a final point, this year there were many instances of marks being lost because candidates had ticked more than one box or else had left some boxes empty. Candidates are advised to choose only ONE answer and to always choose an answer, even if just randomly, rather than leave it empty!

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