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Paper 3H Higher Tier

On the whole the paper was quite accessible and many candidates were able to cope well with it and even achieve very high marks.

Question 1

This overlap question was answered reasonably well by Higher tier candidates, though quite a few were not familiar with *nave* and *pensione completa/centro benessere* even at this level.

Question 2

This overlap question was answered well at this level, with almost all of the candidates scoring full marks.

Question 3

This question was answered well, with only a few candidates opting for the obvious distractors like "happy" in (a) and "music/photos" in (b).

Question 4

This was possibly the most challenging question in the paper, and was the only question where candidates had to write in their own answers but on the whole it was answered quite well.

Questions (a), (b) and (c), which basically targeted numbers, were accessible to most candidates though some lost marks by not providing enough details, for example in (c) "eighteen year old people" was not sufficient, "**at least/over** 18" was required to score the mark.

Most candidates managed to score at least one mark in (d) although again marks were lost when they answered just "16 year old people" rather than "people **under** 16". The second point about promoting messages against alcohol abuse was answered correctly only by the better candidates, with many taking incorrect guesses about not abusing alcohol.

In (e) the majority failed to mention the issue of "noise". Part (f) also proved quite challenging, with many candidates again losing marks by not providing sufficient details, for example simply mentioning "incidents/accidents" or "alcohol related accidents" rather than the required "**road** accident".

There were also many wrong guesses in trying to render *trasformare Roma in una città più sicura per i giovani*, though it was almost a full cognate, with many answering simply "make Rome better/more suitable for young people".

Question 5

This overlap question was generally answered well at this level, but quite a few candidates incorrectly chose D in (iv) even at this level.

Question 6

This overlap question was answered very well at Higher level, with virtually all candidates achieving full marks.

Question 7

This question was answered quite well, with most candidates scoring at least three marks out of four. Some mistakenly thought that Lisa was already working for the family business and thus incorrectly selected C.

Question 8

This multiple choice question in Italian was answered successfully by many. The sub-questions were answered with varying degrees of success. Most incorrect answers were probably due to wrong guesses by candidates that had got the gist of the article but failed to identify all the details.

Most sub-questions were answered well by the majority of candidates. Part (iii) was the most demanding sub-question, with less than half of the candidates choosing the correct option. Many thought that to join Interscambio you had to speak two foreign languages, possibly due to the fact that the article was about a foreign exchange.

In part (vi) a few were not familiar with *passare le selezioni* and therefore opted incorrectly for *ospitare un altro studente*, which was probably the most reasonable (wrong) guess.

Overall, however, this question produced some pleasing results, with most candidates coping well with numbers, time descriptors and words like *almeno/più/pochi*.

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