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General Comments

This unit is worth 50 marks and is divided into two sections, A and B. The first 12 questions (Section A) are set in English. The final two questions (Section B) are set in Italian.

There are four open-response questions requiring answers in English and worth a total of 15 marks. The rest of the paper has a variety of multiple-choice questions requiring students to select three correct answers out of seven (Questions 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11), one correct answer out of four (Questions 2 and 9) or five correct answers out of eleven (Question 13). Two of these multiple-choice questions are in the target language and account for 10 marks.

Students have 35 minutes in which to complete their answers; these include five minutes of general reading time at the start of the test.

Question 1

Students were asked to identify three sports activities from a given list of seven.

The most frequent correct answers given were basketball (C), football (F) and tennis (G).

Question 2

Students were asked to answer three questions about work in Italy. For each item, they were asked to select the correct option from a list of four.

The most successful answers given were (i) restaurant (B) and (iii) easy (C).

In (ii) students sometimes failed to understand what time Omar finishes work: 4.30pm (B).

Question 3

Students were asked to identify what some young Italians said about Holiday activities. They were asked to select one example for each teenager from a given list of seven statements.

The most frequent correct answers given were Michele eats at restaurants (G) and Elena listens to music (A).

Less successful students confused Carla goes swimming (D) with (E) goes shopping.

Some students ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Question 4

Students were asked to identify what some Italian young people would like to receive for their birthdays. They were asked to select one example for each teenager from a given list of seven statements.

The most frequent correct answers given were some clothes (E) and (B) money.

Less successful students confused (F) new video games – the correct answer – with (G) a new phone.

Some students ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Question 5

Students were asked to answer questions about school in Italy. They were asked to give short answers in English to three open-response questions. The most successful answers given were (b) one thousand students, (c) geography and (d) they are good. In (a) students sometimes failed to understand where Roberta's school is. The correct answer is (a) on the outskirts.

Question 6

Students were asked to identify information about raising money for charity. They were asked to complete two sentences using three words selected from a given box with seven options.

The most frequent correct answers given were (b) coffee and (c) lunch.

In (a), less successful students confused sold, the correct answer, with made.

Question 7

Students were asked to identify information about a young person and his mobile phone. They were asked to select three correct statements from a given list of seven statements.

The most frequent correct answers given were (B) He couldn't live without his phone and (G), He hopes to spend less time on his phone.

Less successful students confused (D) He prefers to video call his friends– the correct answer - with (E) He prefers to send messages.

Some students ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Question 8

Students were asked to answer questions about local area. They were asked to give short answers in English to three open-response questions.

The most successful answers given were (a) in a small town and (c) in a big city. In (b) students sometimes failed to understand why Lena doesn't like her area. The correct answer was: it is too quiet or there are not many shops.

Question 9

Students were asked to answer four questions about Holiday preferences. For each item, they were asked to select the correct option from a list of four.

The most successful answers given were (i) 30% (A); (ii) car (A) and (iii) spring (A).

In (iv) students sometimes confused, (D) go to the beach – the correct answer – with (B) stay in a hotel.

Question 10

Students were asked to identify information about Mirabilandia, Italy's largest amusement park. They were asked to give short answers in English to four open-response questions.

The most successful answers given were (a) 2 million, (b) in the summer and (c) to visit the region.

In (d) students sometimes failed to understand that families are more likely to visit Mirabilandia in October because *children get in for free*.

Question 11

Students were asked to identify information about apprenticeships. They were asked to select three correct statements from a given list of seven. The most frequent correct answers given were (C) How old you have to be and (E), How old it takes to qualify.

Less successful students confused (F) the advantages of an apprenticeship – the correct answer – with (A) the types of apprenticeship in Italy.

Some students ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Question 12

Students were asked to identify information about the importance of foreign languages. They were asked to give short answers in English to three open-response questions. The most successful answers given were (a) study the language and (b) buying tickets and ordering a coffee.

In (c) students sometimes failed to identify the advantages of speaking another language well: *you can meet new people, or you can understand another culture.*

Question 13

Students were asked to identify information about a visit to the cinema. They were asked to complete five sentences using five words selected from a given box with eleven options.

The most frequent correct answers given were (a) fantascienza , (c) tardi, and (d) mangiare.

In (b), less successful students confused poco - the correct answer with molto. In (e), some students confused bibita- the correct answer - with bere.

Question 14

Students were asked to identify information about Milan Music Festival. They were asked to complete five sentences using five names selected from four options.

The most frequent correct answers given were (a) facile, (b) divertente and (c) difficile.

In (d) and (e), less successful students confused difficile and divertente. The correct answers were (d) facile and (e) lungo.

Summary and advice to centres

Marks lost in this examination are most typified by answers provided in the following questions.

Section A

Qs 1, 2, 3, 4, 9.

These questions tested students' understanding of key vocabulary items listed in the specification for Foundation level. Students should be aware these are the items that will be tested.

Tips

- The question title, e.g. 'The importance of foreign languages' provides an important clue. Advise students to use the reading time available to think about the question title and the key words they are likely to hear.
- Students sometimes ticked too many boxes in the grids. Advise students to check the number of marks available for each question. These are noted at the bottom of each question set. For example: (Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

Qs 5,8,10,12.

These questions asked students to briefly respond to questions asked in English.

Tips

- Advise students to use the reading time available to think carefully about the questions asked. For example, in Q.12 (b) 'When might you need to use a foreign language on holiday?' a time phrase is required for the answer. Advise students to also check the number of marks available for each question.
- Short answers only are required. Too much information given can sometimes negate the given response.

