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## Comments

This unit is worth 50 marks and is divided into two sections, A and B. The first 2 questions (Section A) are set in Italian. The final eight questions (Section B) are set in English. There are three open-response questions requiring answers in English and worth a total of 20 marks. The rest of the paper has a variety of multiple-choice questions requiring students to select three correct answers out of seven (Question 4), one correct answer out of four (Questions 3, 5 and 8), five correct answers out of eleven (Question 1), five correct answers out of four (Question 2) or two correct answers out of five (Question 10). Two of these multiple-choice questions are in the target language and account for 10 marks.

Students have 45 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 information about Italian eating habits. 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 (b) frutti di mare, (c) cinesi, and (d) amano.

In (a), less successful students confused tortellini with pasta - the correct answer. In (e), some students confused buoni- the correct answer - with famosi.

### Question 2

Students were asked to identify information about work colleagues. They were asked to complete five sentences using five names selected from four options.

The most frequent correct answers given were (a) Cristian, (c) Francesco and (e) Maria.

In (b) and (d), less successful students confused Laura and Maria. The correct answers were (b) Laura and (d) Maria.

### Question 3

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

The most successful answers given were (i) very popular (B); (ii) in May (A) and (iii) 40 (C).

In (iv) students sometimes confused, (A) three times - the correct answer - with (B) four times.

#### **Question 4**

Students were asked to identify information about online shopping. They were asked to select three correct statements from a given list of seven. The most frequent correct answers given were (A) Young people buy branded goods online and (D), Italians of all ages shop online.

Less successful students confused (E) Italians don't buy fresh produce online – the correct answer - with (G) online shopping will become less popular in the future.

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

#### **Question 5**

Students were asked to understand a podcast about school trips. For each of the three items, they were asked to select the correct option from a given list of four.

The most successful answers given were (i) coach (B) and (ii) buy gifts (C). In (iii) students sometimes confused, (B) she met nice people – the correct answer – with (A) she loved the shops.

#### **Question 6**

Students were asked to identify information about a disastrous holiday. They were asked to give short answers in English to four open- response questions.

The most successful answers given were (a) the pictures were beautiful, (c) 2km and (d) she had to wait 30 minutes.

In (b) students sometimes failed to understand what was wrong with the room; the answer was any two of the following: no hot water/dirty/no air conditioning.

#### **Question 7**

Students were asked to understand a podcast about Trieste. They were asked to give short answers in English to five open-response questions.

The most successful answers given were (a) French, (c) her husband (d) cold/reserved (e) to historic bars.

In (b) some candidates failed to understand what language, other than Italian, is spoken in Trieste. The answer was: German.

## Question 8

Students were asked to understand a discussion about friendship. For each of the six items, they were asked to select the correct option from a given list of four.

In part (a), the most successful answers given were (i) difficult (D) and (ii) more than 12 years (C).

In (iii) students sometimes confused, (D) comic books – the correct answer – with (B) video games.

In part (b), the most successful answers given were (i) reliable (B), (iii) a large group of friends (D).

In (ii), less successful students confused (B) gives her good advice – the correct answer - with (C) makes her laugh.

## Question 9

Students were asked to identify information about an interview with the Director of Legambiente. They were asked to give short answers in English to nine open-response questions.

In part (a), the most successful answers given were (i) he was a volunteer, (iii) Global warming/pollution/floods (iv) they recycle.

In (ii) some students sometimes failed to put sufficient detail to achieve the marks. In (ii) less successful students limited their answers to 'it helped him think'. The correct answer was: it helped him think *about the environmental problems*.

In part (b), the most successful answers given were (ii) he is optimistic and worried, (iii) to make people understand the consequences of environmental problems, (iv) to pick up litter from the beaches.

In (i) students sometimes failed to put sufficient detail to achieve the marks. Less successful students limited their answers to 'they worry about'. The correct answer was: they worry *about their children's future*.

## Question 10

Students were asked to identify information in an interview about studying abroad. They were asked to select two correct statements from each of two given lists of five statements.

In (i), the most frequent correct answers given was (B) You can finish your studies earlier when studying abroad.

Less successful students confused (E) Studying abroad is becoming more and more common - the right answer - with (A) Boys prefer to study abroad.

In (ii), the most frequent correct answers given was (A) You can get a better paid job abroad.

Less successful students confused (E) Many young people do not regret leaving their country – the correct answer - with (D) It takes longer to find a job abroad.

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

### **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 and 4.

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

#### Tips

- The question title, e.g. 'Studying abroad' 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)

#### Section B

Qs 6, 7 and 9.

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.7 (e) 'Where does Gianna say you should go to meet new people?' a place 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.