

Italian
PAPER 3: Reading and understanding in Italian
Higher Tier

Total Marks

Monday 15 May 2023 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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Text Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions in Sections A, B and C.

Questions in Sections A and C are set in English.

Questions in Section B are set in Italian.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

You must NOT use a dictionary, but in some questions translations are provided for a few words that were not included in the Specification vocabulary lists.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 50.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

– you should spend approximately 15 minutes on the translation question.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Try to answer every question.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☐. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☐.

A competition

- 1 Look at the text for Question 1 in the Text Booklet. Read this information from a website.**

Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH. You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (a) What do the participants need to write about?
(1 mark)**

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**(b) Where will the articles be published?
(1 mark)**

**(c) When will the winner of the competition receive
their prize?
(1 mark)**

(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

LA TRAVERSATA DEI VECCHIETTI by Stefano Benni

- 2 Look at the text for Question 2 in the Text Booklet.
Read the extract about Aldo and Alberto trying to
cross the road.**

**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH. You do
not need to write in full sentences.**

- (a) Why did the two elderly men want to cross
the road?
(1 mark)**

- (b) Why were there so many cars on the road?
(1 mark)**

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**(c) What did Aldo suggest they look for?
(1 mark)**

**(d) What happened when Aldo tried to cross the road?
(1 mark)**

(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)

Learning languages

- 3 Look at the text for Question 3 in the Text Booklet. Read what these young people say about learning languages.**

Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH. You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (a) Who says that learning a language takes a lot of time?
(1 mark)**

- (b) Who is learning a language in order to be able to communicate with family members?
(1 mark)**

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(c) Which country is Anna planning to visit?
(1 mark)

(d) What does Dario like most about learning a new language?
(1 mark)

(e) Why was Giorgia happy after completing her summer course?
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 3 = 5 marks)

CONVERSAZIONE IN SICILIA by Elio Vittorini

- 4 Look at the text for Question 4 in the Text Booklet.
Read the extract. Silvestro describes his journey
to Sicily.**

Put a cross ☒ in the correct box.

(5 marks)

EXAMPLE: Silvestro started his journey in ...

☒ **A Florence.**

☐ **B Rome.**

☐ **C Naples.**

☐ **D Calabria.**

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(i) He arrived at Termini station at ...

☐ **A midday.**

☐ **B 6 o'clock in the evening.**

☐ **C midnight.**

☐ **D 6 o'clock in the morning.**

(ii) During the train journey he spent some time ...

☐ **A drawing.**

☐ **B writing.**

☐ **C reading.**

☐ **D sleeping.**

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(iii) The weather was ...

- ☐ **A pleasant.**
- ☐ **B warm.**
- ☐ **C cold.**
- ☐ **D changeable.**

(iv) On the ferry, many of his fellow travellers were ...

- ☐ **A bored.**
- ☐ **B restless.**
- ☐ **C hungry.**
- ☐ **D tired.**

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(v) As they watched him eating, they were ...

☐ **A friendly.**

☐ **B excited.**

☐ **C curious.**

☐ **D smiling.**

(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)

Homework

- 5** Look at the text for Question 5 in the Text Booklet.
Read what these young people say about homework.

I compiti

Who says what? Choose the correct answer from **RICCARDO**, **SERENA**, **GIOVANNI** or **ILARIA**. Some names may be used twice or not at all.

- (a) _____ thinks that doing physical exercise can help with the stress of homework.
(1 mark)
- (b) _____ sees homework as a way of developing problem-solving skills.
(1 mark)
- (c) _____ says that planning your time helps to reduce time spent doing homework.
(1 mark)
- (d) _____ believes that it is important to take a break when doing homework.
(1 mark)

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Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.

- (e) How can you ensure that you are not distracted when doing homework?
(1 mark)**

- (f) In what way might talking to teachers help if you are having a problem with homework?
(1 mark)**

(Total for Question 5 = 6 marks)

A major sporting event

- 6** Look at the text for Question 6 in the Text Booklet.
Read this information from a website.

Giochi Olimpici in Italia

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- (i) What does this information sheet tell us?
(3 marks)**

**Put a cross ☒ next to the THREE
correct sentences.**

- ☒ **EXAMPLE** The Winter Olympics will take place in
Italy in February 2026.
- ☐ **A** All of the events will take place in either Milan
or Cortina.
- ☐ **B** This will be the fourth time that the Winter
Olympics are held in Italy.
- ☐ **C** The opening and closing ceremonies will take
place in different cities.
- ☐ **D** Only newly built venues will be used for the
sporting events.
- ☐ **E** The organisers will take into account the
environmental impact of the Games.
- ☐ **F** One thousand volunteers will be needed for
the Games.
- ☐ **G** It is not yet possible to sign up to be
a volunteer.

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Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.

- (ii) What do the organisers of the Games hope to encourage more people to do?
(1 mark)**

- (iii) How can you get more information about being a volunteer at the Games?
(1 mark)**

(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 28 MARKS

SECTION B

L'albergo Europa

- 7 Look at the text for Question 7 in the Text Booklet.
Leggi l'opinione di Giulia su un albergo.

Metti una croce ☒ nella casella corretta.

ESEMPIO: Giulia ha soggiornato in questo
albergo in ...
(5 marks)

☐ A primavera.

☒ B estate.

☐ C autunno.

☐ D inverno.

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(i) Ha passato ... notti nell'albergo.

☐ **A due**

☐ **B sette**

☐ **C dieci**

☐ **D quattordici**

(ii) Le camere dell'albergo non erano ...

☐ **A sporche.**

☐ **B brutte.**

☐ **C pulite.**

☐ **D scomode.**

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(iii) La camera di Giulia era troppo ...

- ☐ **A fredda.**
- ☐ **B grande.**
- ☐ **C moderna.**
- ☐ **D rumorosa.**

(iv) Hanno deciso di rimanere nell'albergo perché ...

- ☐ **A non avevano più soldi.**
- ☐ **B erano stanchi.**
- ☐ **C avevano già pagato.**
- ☐ **D erano ricchi.**

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(v) L'unica cosa che piaceva a Giulia era ...

☐ **A l'edificio.**

☐ **B il cibo.**

☐ **C l'ascensore.**

☐ **D la piscina.**

(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)

Racconti di volontariato

**8 Look at the text for Question 8 in the Text Booklet.
Leggi questi racconti.**

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Chi è? Scegli tra: STEFANO, PAOLA, GABRIELLA e ARTURO.

ESEMPIO: Gabriella è restata con una famiglia.

(a) _____ ha lavorato con i bambini.
(1 mark)

(b) A _____ non è piaciuta l'esperienza all'inizio.
(1 mark)

(c) _____ ha imparato una nuova lingua.
(1 mark)

(d) _____ si sentiva molto differente dopo l'esperienza.
(1 mark)

(e) _____ ha passato il tempo in un posto bellissimo.
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

Consigli per una madre

- 9** Look at the text for Question 9 in the Text Booklet.
Leggi questo blog.

Rispondi a queste domande IN ITALIANO. Non è necessario scrivere frasi complete.

- (a) Che cosa ha studiato la figlia all'università?**
(1 mark)

- (b) Dove vorrebbe abitare nel futuro?**
(1 mark)

- (c) Perché non ha trovato un lavoro?**
(1 mark)

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(d) Che cosa fa al computer il pomeriggio?
(1 mark)

(e) Dove va il fine settimana?
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 9 = 5 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 15 MARKS

SECTION C

Translation

- 10** Look at the text for Question 10 in the Text Booklet.
Translate this passage INTO ENGLISH.
(7 marks)

Answer space continues on the next page.

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(Total for Question 10 = 7 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 7 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS

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