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## 1 Question/Item Analysis

### Section A

#### Question 1

Students were asked to learn about favourite fruits and identify the three chosen by the speaker. They had to select three answers from a given list of seven. Overall, this was a very successful question with the majority of candidates making the correct choice.

#### Question 2

Candidates were asked to listen to Bruno talking about the weather where he lives. The candidates had to complete three statements by choosing the correct word from a given list of four. This was also a question where candidates performed very well.

#### Question 3

Candidates were asked to listen to pupils – Alberto, Teresa and Nuno - talking about their school and asked to identify key information related to the school. Candidates had to listen to the recording and put a cross next to one of the three correct statements made by each of them. The majority of the candidates answered this question well and were successful.

#### Question 4

Candidates were asked to listen to the opinions of Eduardo's classmates about how they help the environment. Candidates had to choose the correct answer given by Susana, Paula and Ronaldo. Overall, candidates performed well in this question and were able to recognise each student views and eliminate incorrect statements. Less successful candidates mostly got one or two of the choices wrong by picking any other random statement instead of the correct one. A very small number of candidates got 0 answers wrong.

#### Question 5

Candidates were asked to listen to Maria talking about her sister's new job and answer four open questions in English. While in this question the majority of the candidates still performed well, this is the question that shows more challenges to weaker candidates. Often candidates answered "by car" instead of "by bus" in question 5(d), even a small number of those candidates with all the answers correct.

#### Question 6

Candidates were asked to listen to a conversation between Carlota and José talking about what they like to read. Candidates had to complete two given sentences (6a and 6b), by adding three chosen words from a given list of seven words. The majority of candidates were successful at answering 6(a) but often got 6(b) wrong.

#### Question 7

Candidates were asked to listen to a Brazilian friend on holidays in the Algarve, talking about her accommodation. Candidates had to choose three correct answers from a given list of 7 sentences.

#### Question 8

Candidates listened to their Portuguese exchange partner talking about an event being held in his school. Candidates were asked to answer three open questions in English. This is the question which presented the biggest challenges to the candidates and where candidates performed worse, in particular 8(a) and 8(c).

#### Question 9

Candidates were asked to listen to Carolina talking about her trip to Manchester. They were asked to identify key information related to the trip, and complete four sentences by choosing the correct answer from a choice of four given answers. Overall, this was a question which saw candidates performing well.

#### Question 10

Candidates listened to two Brazilians telling their class about a special celebration that takes place in Portugal – the National Pyjama Day. The candidates had to answer four open questions in English. This is also a question that offered some challenges to candidates.

#### Question 11

Candidates were invited to listen to a radio interview with Natália, a Portuguese footballer, and identify key information about her. They were asked to select three correct statements from a given list of seven. Overall, candidates performed well in this question and demonstrated very well what they learned about Natália by choosing the correct options.

#### Question 12

Candidates listened to a young Brazilian talking about her holiday in Macau. The candidates had to answer four open questions in English. Overall, candidates didn't perform as well in this question as they did in question 1, 2, 3 and 4. Candidates found it particularly difficult to answer correctly to 12(d) and often answered "Portuguese people", instead of the correct answer which was "Portuguese buildings".

### **Section B**

#### Question 13

Candidates were asked to learn about Daniela's course and identify key details presented by the speaker (Daniela's brother). They had to select five answers from a given list of 11. A good number of candidates answered the majority of the questions correctly and with no spelling mistakes. Less successful candidates failed to choose the correct answers and often the sentence did not make sense.

## Question 14

Candidates were asked to identify the opinions of four friends, talking about their favourite teachers. The candidates had to complete five sentences with the correct word from a given list of four. Incorrect answers for different parts of the question were random with some less successful candidates writing made up words that weren't part of the given list.

## **2 Paper Analysis**

### **Summary and advice to centres**

This year went very well, and the papers worked as intended. The work demonstrates that the candidates have an appropriate and effective understanding of how the language is used to communicate information. It is clear that the centres have supported the candidates and have prepared them well for the demands of the paper.

Overall, the candidates performed better in multiple choice questions or those questions where they were asked to complete sentences (such as Question 13 & 14) than in open questions, where students were asked to write their answers (such as 10 & 12). Centres should suggest that students need to practice more their listening and writing skills beforehand, so that they feel more confident when facing the paper. Candidates should also practice using the given vocabulary to help them succeed.