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in Urdu

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**Unit1 Listening and Understanding in Urdu**  
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**General Comments**

A number of question types are used in the Foundation tier paper inviting nonverbal responses such as multiple choice questions and matching exercises. A mixture of visual and short verbal cues in English are given and the question titles and rubrics are in English throughout the papers (both Foundation and Higher tier).

The Foundation tier paper includes one question (Q10) requiring responses in one or two words of English. The Higher tier paper includes the same questions targeting the C and D grades as used in the Foundation tier paper. This paper also contains one question (Q4) that requires short answers in English. Both papers carry a total of 40 marks.

This Unit draws on vocabulary and structures from across the four specified Common topic areas as described in the new specification thus providing more focused and accessible areas for the students.

**Foundation Tier**

There were no issues with the non-verbal responses and the majority of the Students scored high or full marks. However there were some issues with the responses to Q3, Q4 and Q10.

**Question 3**

Question 3 was a multiple choice question and was on both higher and foundation papers. Students were asked to choose one out of three words. Students doing higher and foundation had difficulties with some parts of this question for example:

In Q3(i) the correct answer was 'post office' but some students chose market.

In Q3(ii) the correct answer was 'brown' but some students chose 'blue'.

In Q3(iii) the correct answer was '£35' but students either chose '£25' or '£45'.

**Question4**

This question was on both higher and foundation papers. It was a multiple choice question however, most pupils found it very challenging and did not answer it correctly. This question was about holidays, likes and dislikes.

Most students were confused and had great difficulty.

The correct answer was Faraz liked 'weather and location', he disliked 'food and car journeys'.

**Question 10**

In Q10 the students were required to write short sentences or key words in English, there were some problems in either understanding the question or writing the appropriate English word for the chosen answer.

For example:

In Q10(b) the key vocabulary was 'computer work' or similar response. A few

Students gave the answer 'filing or paper work' because they didn't understand the vocabulary.

In Q10(d) most students wrote 'posting the form or by phone' which was the incorrect answer because the correct answer was 'by email'.

The performance of students for the Foundation paper was comparable to last year.

## **Grade Boundaries**

Grade boundaries for this, and all other papers, can be found on the website on this link:

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