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This paper contains questions that are targeted at grades A* to D grades. Performance on this paper was generally very good.

Question 1

This overlap question was about healthy eating. The candidates were required to read the information and put a cross in each correct statement – four correct statements out of a possible eight. It was encouraging to see that most candidates scored very good marks with the majority of candidates scoring full marks.

Question 2

This overlap question was based on pocket money and how a group of young people received it. The candidates were required to read short sentences and work out how each person acquired their pocket money. They were required to put a cross in the correct box against the relevant person's name. Most candidates scored full marks on this question.

Question 3

This was a question about voluntary and charity work. The candidates were required to read the information and match the sentences to the short statements in English. The majority of candidates scored full marks.

Question 4

This question was about a holiday experience, from start to finish. Since more and more candidates are enjoying holidays, this question is relevant and accessible in terms of vocabulary and style. The passage was about the experience of the whole journey, modern airports and budget flights. It was unfortunate to note that a large number of candidates were not able to identify the correct number for half and dozen in part (a). Some candidates had difficulty with part (b) as they were unable to identify that the reason Zaffar went shopping was 'to pass time' or 'because the flight was delayed'. The remainder of the question was executed well, and most candidates scored the marks available for parts (c) to (g).

Question 5

This was an overlap question and the performance of the candidates was very good. Very few candidates lost marks in this question.

Question 6

This question is also an overlap question and was generally well done, with the majority of candidates scoring full or nearly full marks on this question.

Question 7

This question required candidates to complete the sentences in Urdu by entering a single English letter that corresponds to the Urdu word options. The short stimulus was about two good friends having different natures. Although this question showed generally good performance, there were still quite a few cases of candidates choosing the wrong letter in the first instance, which then had a knock-on effect on the options they chose for the rest of the question. It is advised that candidates read the stimulus, option words and sentences carefully and ensure the word they choose fit with the sentence and complete it appropriately.

Question 8

It was encouraging to note the generally good candidate performance on this question. In comparison to last year, candidates performed better on this question. The passage was about a family's routine and the questions were well structured.

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