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There were very many native speakers doing this exam. The level of language ranged from very accurate to phonetic spelling, which communicated the messages perfectly well, but had an impact on the language mark.

Question 1 (a)

This question was not as popular as 1 (b). Those who did answer it, did so very well. All bullet points covered and developed with some very interesting ideas. Some candidates approached the first bullet point from an environmental point of view, which was fine. Topic specific vocabulary was very secure.

Question 1 (b)

This was well attempted on the whole. Bullet point 4 was often half answered; the part about with whom they would spend their next holiday was well done, but often candidates omitted to say why or candidates wrote about where they would spend the next holiday and why.

Question 2 (a)

This question was more popular than 2 (b). It was well attempted on the whole. Bullet point 4 was not answered as clearly in the future as the question indicated it should be; some used the present tense.

Question 2 (b)

This was well attempted on the whole with some very interesting and often heartwarming responses, Bullet point 4 was often combined with bullet point 2 skilfully.

Question 3

Candidates had quite a good attempt at the translation, but the problem areas were 'had to repeat a year' the tense for 'used to do' and 'to help me with my career plans'. Many didn't give the present participle for 'by working hard' and many didn't know the verb 'to succeed'.

