



General Certificate of Secondary Education

Italian 3631 *Specification*

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Mark Scheme

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READING TESTS

Notes on the Marking Scheme

Non-verbal Answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal Answers (English or Target Language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that candidates should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
 - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or in the target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required on these papers because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
 - (b) Where a candidate has given alternatives or additional information in answer, the following criteria should be applied:
 - if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea or make it ambiguous, **accept**;
 - if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
 - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
 - (d) Where a question has more than one **section**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. For instance, the information required to answer section (b) might be given as part of the answer to section (a). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (b), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place.
 - (e) Where a question or part of a question carries more than one mark, candidates are given credit for all the correct answers they give, even if they have given incorrect answers as well, except where any of the latter contradicts a correct answer that they have given.
2./..... means that these are acceptable alternative answers. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks.
3. In questions where candidates are asked to name, for example, three types of vegetable sold in the market, only the first three items they write down should be considered.
4. Accept
 - T/F/?
 - Target language equivalent as instructed in rubric (eg. V/F/PM or R/F/NT)
 - ✓/X/?
 - a mix and match approach using the above, where the response is clear and unambiguous (eg. T and ✓ are both used by the candidate).
5. In multiple choice questions where candidates must choose one letter or number, they should automatically get no mark awarded if they give more than one. If the rubric instructs them to write one letter or number in the box and they do so, but write a second letter or number outside the box too, then the answer in the box should be considered.
6. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt:
 - look for the key idea, where this is appropriate.
 - **t.c.** = tout court **NFP** = no further penalty

READING TESTS**Foundation Tier**

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
1 (a)	July	1	J (Italian) eg Luglio

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
1 (b)	Wednesday	1	W Mercoledì/Italian

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
1 (c)	Square	1	Centre, plaza, pizza, piazza

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (a) (i)	Carlo/C equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (a) (ii)	Laura/L equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (a) (iii)	Daniela/D equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (b)	2/two Daniela+Paolo D+P	1	due

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3	C and D (any order)	2 1 mark for each	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (a)	Beatrice/B equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (b)	Paolo/P equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (c)	Caterina/C equivalent spellings	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (a)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (b)	B	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (c)	A	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (a)	Giovedì	1	English/G

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (b)	Lunedì	1	English/L

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (c)	Mercoledì	1	English/M

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (a)	✓/P/positivo/e	1	Si/yes

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (b)	P + N/? positivo/e+negativo/e	1	both

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (c)	N/X negativo/e	1	No

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (d)	P/✓ positivo/e	1	Si/yes

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (e)	P + N/? positivo/e + negativo/e	1	both

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (a)	Passato/past	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (b)	Presente/present	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (c)	Passato/past	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (d)	Futuro/future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (e)	Presente/present	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (f)	Futuro/future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (g)	Futuro/future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
9 (a)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
9 (b)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
10 (a)	Cucina	1	Kitchen/C

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
10 (b)	Bagno	1	Bathroom/B

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
10 (c)	Camera	1	Bedroom/B

READING TEST**Higher Tier**

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
1 (a)	E	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
1 (b)	D	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (a)	Passato/Past	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (b)	Presente/Present	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (c)	Passato/Past	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (d)	Futuro/Future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (e)	Presente/Present	1	P

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (f)	Futuro/Future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
2 (g)	Futuro/Future	1	F

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3 (a)	✓/P/positivo/e	1	Sì/yes

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3 (b)	?/P + N Positivo/e+negativo/e	1	Both

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3 (c)	X/N/negativo/e	1	No

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3 (d)	✓/P/positive/e	1	Sì/yes

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
3 (e)	?/P + N Positivo/e+negativo/e	1	both

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (a)	V/vero/true/T/✓	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (b)	?/no info/not known	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (c)	F/falso/false/X	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (d)	F/falso/false/X	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (e)	V/vero/true/T/✓	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
4 (f)	F/falso/false/X	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (a) (i)	9 giugno 1963 9/6/1963	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 giugno/ • 1963/ • 9th June 1963

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (a) (ii)	Ingegnere (Acceptable spellings)	1	Engineer

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (a) (iii)	2/due	1	two

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (b) (i)	6	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (b) (ii)	2	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (b) (iii)	5	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (c) (i)	(Il) nonno Adorato nonno Wrong article/possessive	1	Johnny adorato nonno Adorato il nonno

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (c) (ii)	Chiuso / timido Diventato (ragazzo) chiuso	1	Diventare (ragazzo) chiuso

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
5 (c) (iii)	Per essere/ diventare attore (provided communicates message accept even if grammatical errors).	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (a) (i)	F	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (a) (ii)	G	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (a) (iii)	B	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (b) (i)	?/no info/not known	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (b) (ii)	F/falso/false/x	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (b) (iii)	V/vero/true/T/✓	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
6 (b) (iv)	?/no info/not known	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (a)	A magazine/a newspaper (ignore any adjective)	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
7 (b)	You can advertise in it/it comes out every Friday/You can buy and sell /can exchange things (through it)/You can find it at the newsagents/newsstand	1	Send an announcement/it's free

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (a)	Worst (for 100 years)/endless rain/ constant rain/ continuous rain Needs "qualifier"	1	Worst for 10 years/ Rain/ Bad weather/ If contradicts.

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (b)	(Government putting) (air) prices up/have to pay more/now more expensive/very expensive.	1	You have to pay

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (c)	They produce the best/ most valued (olive oil)/enjoyed/most appreciated. These regions are the best.	1	More appreciative/ the regions more appreciated/valued.

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (d)	Unemployment (beating/higher than the 1995 record) A lot of unemployment.	1	If contradicts.

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
8 (e)	Fewer working hours/less working hours	1	Not enough pay.

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
9 (a)	People who are looking for (perfect) love People are single/need a lover etc./romance	1	

Question	Accept	Mark	Reject
9 (b)	C	1	