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Most candidates seemed to have been entered at the correct level. The paper was accessible to the vast majority so that almost all candidates were able to attempt every question.

Question 1
This question, which targeted vocabulary related to food, was generally well answered. Almost all candidates were familiar with *formaggio* but some had difficulties with *verdure* and even more surprisingly with *prosciutto* and *tonno*.

Question 2
The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these common items of vocabulary relating to common pastimes.

Question 3
This question testing mainly common ailments produced some pleasing results, with some candidates failing to recognise *febbre*.

Question 4
This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level. However, quite a few incorrectly chose B for (iii), possibly swayed by the mention of *vicina* in the text, which however referred to the nature reserve and not a nearby town.

Question 5
This overlap question proved partly demanding at Foundation level. Most candidates coped well with (i) and (ii) but only about half of the candidates answered correctly (iii) and (iv), failing to link *dormire* in the text with the youth hostel and *visitare in città* with the tourist office.

Question 6
Most candidates managed to score quite well in this question, which targeted types of TV programmes.

Question 7
This overlap question proved quite demanding for Foundation candidates who mostly resorted to guesswork, especially in (ii) and (iii). Q.7(iii) - together with question 10(d) - was the lowest scoring question in the Foundation paper, with many candidates opting for A or F rather than B.

Question 8
This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level, though a number of candidates answered (ii) and (iv) incorrectly, with some confusion somehow between *girare il mondo* and *leggere*.

Question 9
This question testing basic vocabulary relating to jobs was answered well by virtually all candidates.

Question 10
This question produced some varied responses. Most candidates answered (a) correctly but many were not able to mention both Saturdays and Sundays as the days of opening in (b). Most understood that discounts were available for children under 12 in (c) but the vast majority answered (d) incorrectly, surprisingly failing to recognise *pranzo*.

As a final point, this year again there were many instances of marks being lost because candidates had ticked more than one box or else had left some boxes empty. Candidates are advised to check the number of marks available for each question and to choose only ONE answer and to always choose an answer, even if just randomly, rather than leave it empty!

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