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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 fruit and vegetables, was generally well answered. Almost all candidates were familiar with *insalata* but some had difficulties with *ananas* and even more surprisingly with *arance* and even *mele*.

Question 2

Most candidates were familiar with at least some of these common items of vocabulary relating to free time activities, especially *calcio*, but many failed to associate "music" with *suonare la chitarra/cantare*.

Question 3

This overlap question testing Internet vocabulary proved to be quite demanding at Foundation level: the majority of candidates failed to associate "lack of privacy" with *non mi piace dire a tutti quello che faccio* and many were also not familiar with *pubblicità*.

Question 4

This overlap question was answered reasonably well at this level. However, many incorrectly chose C for (iii), possibly picking on *eBook* in the text, and also C in (iv), ignoring *fino alla fine di dicembre 2019*.

Question 5

Many candidates managed to score reasonably well in this question, which targeted types of holidays, but some were swayed by the mention of *spiaggia* in B, ignoring the preceding *non mi diverto*, and thus opted for B in (iv). Many also failed to associate "abroad" with *in Spagna*.

Question 6

This question testing basic vocabulary relating to hotels was answered well by the majority of candidates though a few were not familiar with *parcheggio* or *servizio in camera*.

Question 7

This overlap question was a good discriminator as it proved fairly demanding for Foundation candidates, who mostly resorted to guesswork. The majority understood that pasta was overcooked but about half of the candidates failed to complete the remaining sentences correctly.

Question 8

This overlap question about transport was answered quite well at this level, though some candidates failed to associate *camminare* with "on foot".

Question 9

This question testing basic vocabulary relating to sports produced some rather disappointing scores as many candidates were surprisingly not familiar with either *sciare* or *nuoto*.

Question 10

This question produced some varied responses. Most candidates answered (a) correctly although some candidates thought that Arianna was 17 or 6 rather than 16. In (b) some candidates mistook *luglio* for June. (c) was often answered incorrectly, with candidates just resorting to guessing (brother/sister). However, the vast majority understood that history was her favourite subject in (d).

As a final point, this year again there were many instances of marks being lost because candidates had ticked more than one box or 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!