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On the whole the paper was quite accessible and many candidates were able to cope well with it and achieve very high marks.

Question 1

This overlap question was answered reasonably well by almost all higher candidates although even at this level a few candidates did not take in all the details in the text and opted incorrectly for C in (iii) and (iv).

Question 2

This overlap question was answered well at this level, though (i) and (iii) scored slightly lower marks even at this level.

Question 3

This question was answered quite well, with virtually all candidates scoring full marks.

Question 4

This is possibly the most challenging question in the paper as it is the only section of the exam where candidates have to answer with verbal responses, but on the whole it was answered reasonably well. Many marks were lost due to lack of details. In (a) some candidates were not familiar with *tedesco* or else lost marks by not providing enough detail about the nationalities of Alvaro's parents. Some Italian native speakers were not able to translate it into English.

In (b) some candidates lost marks because their answers were a bit vague, such as "he went to Japan": the idea of moving to Japan/going to live there was fundamental for the mark. Some Italian native speakers unfortunately understood the text but were not able to translate *Giappone* into English.

Part (c) proved challenging at times, again due to lack of detail. Some simply wrote that Alvaro played at university, which was not enough as the mark scheme required them to say that he won a competition at university. Many were possibly not familiar with *concorso* and again some Italian native speakers failed to translate it into English ("concourse").

In (d) *registrare il suo primo disco* was also challenging for some candidates who struggled to render it in English ("register"). Weaker candidates were confused by *disco* and thought Alvaro had gone to Berlin to open a disco. Most candidates managed to answer (e) correctly, picking on the word *errori*, although some guessed incorrectly that he prefers to sing in Spanish because it is his mother tongue.

Part (f) was generally answered correctly although some answers were too short and therefore slightly ambiguous (simply "cheaper").

Part (g) was answered correctly by virtually all candidates.

Question 5

This overlap question was answered well by most candidates at this level.

Question 6

This question was answered quite well, with most candidates scoring at least three marks out of four. The most common incorrect answers were (ii) where some candidates thought that the chicken was raw, and (iv) where some candidates incorrectly associated *pulite* with polite.

Question 7

This question was also answered quite well, with most candidates scoring at least three marks out of four. Some again did not take in all the details in the text and incorrectly opted for A or F.

Question 8

This multiple choice question in Italian was answered successfully by most. The sub-questions were answered with varying degrees of success. Most incorrect answers seemed to be due to wrong guesses by candidates that had got the gist of the article but failed to identify all the details.

Most sub-questions were answered well by the majority of candidates.

The lowest scoring sub-question was (v) where many candidates opted incorrectly for C, missing *costo supplementare* in the text.

Overall this question produced some very pleasing scores given that for most of the multiple choice questions all options were feasible from a logical point of view (but obviously only one answer was correct based on the text).

As a final point, this year 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!

There were also more instances of Italian native candidates who struggled with the question requiring verbal responses in English as their knowledge of English was not good enough to translate the text.