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General Comments

This unit is worth 50 marks and is divided into two sections, A and B. The first 2 questions (Section A) are set in Italian. The final eight questions (Section B) are set in English.

There are three open-response questions requiring answers in English and worth a total of 20 marks. The rest of the paper has a variety of multiple-choice questions requiring candidates to select three correct answers out of seven (Question 4), one correct answer out of four (Questions 3, 5 and 8), five correct answers out of eleven (Question 1), five correct answers out of four (Question 2) or two correct answers out of five (Question 10). Two of these multiple-choice questions are in the target language and account for 10 marks.

Candidates have 45 minutes in which to complete their answers; these include five minutes of general reading time at the start of the test.

Question 1

Candidates were asked to identify what two teenagers said about the problems encountered whilst on holiday. They were asked to complete five sentences using five words selected from a given box with eleven options. The most frequent correct answers given were (b) acqua, (d) pagare and (e) ristorante.

In this question, 79.4% of candidates achieved 5 marks and 14% achieved 4 marks.

Question 2

Candidates were asked to identify which of Massimiliano's friends gave a specific piece of advice against the fear of exams. They were asked to complete five sentences using the correct friend's name.

In this question, 80.9% of candidates achieved 5 marks and 8.8% achieved 4 marks.

Question 3

Candidates were asked to answer four multiple-choice questions about an Italian food charity. For each item, they were asked to select the correct option from a given list of four.

In this question, item (i) was answered correctly by 99.26% of candidates and was the most successful; item (iii) was answered correctly by 83.82% of candidates and was the least successful.

Question 4

Candidates were asked to identify information given by the audio guide to the Uffizi art gallery in Florence. They were asked to select three correct statements from a given list of seven statements.

In this question, 71.3 % of candidates achieved 3 marks and 26.5% achieved 2 marks.

Some candidates ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Question 5

Candidates were asked to understand the information recorded by two students in a podcast about eco-tourism in their region. For each of the three items, they were asked to select the correct option from a given list of four.

In this question, item (iii) was answered correctly by 91.9% of candidates and was the most successful; item (ii) was answered correctly by 85.3% of candidates and was the least successful.

Question 6
Candidates were asked to identify what some young people said about an environmental initiative on a radio phone-in. They were asked to give short answers in English to five open-response questions.

In this question, 27.9% of candidates achieved full marks; 34.6% achieved 4 marks and 20.6% achieved 3 marks.

Question 7
Candidates were asked to identify what a young Italian sprinter said in an interview. They were asked to give short answers in English to four open-response questions.

In this question, 47.1% of candidates achieved full marks; 26.5% achieved 4 marks and 14.0% achieved 3 marks.

Question 8
Candidates were asked to identify what a student who had recently failed his school year said in a radio interview. For each of the six items, they were asked to select the correct option from a given list of four.

In part (a), the most successful answer given was (i), which was answered correctly by 94.9% of candidates. The least successful was (iii) with 91.9% of candidates answering correctly.

In part (b), the most successful answers given answer given was (iii), which was answered correctly by 98.5% of candidates. The least successful was (ii) with 76.5% of candidates answering correctly.

Question 9
Candidates were asked to identify what two Italian teenagers said about social networks. They were asked to give short answers in English to eight open-response questions.

In part (a), only 7.4% of candidates achieved the full five marks; 25.7% and 21.3% were able to achieve 4 and 3 marks respectively.

In part (b), 9.6% of candidates achieved the full 5 marks, whilst 28.7% and 26.5% were able to achieve 4 and 3 marks respectively.

Question 10
Candidates were asked to identify what Lara said about teaching Italian as a foreign language. They were asked to select two correct statements from each of two given lists of five statements.

In (i), 77.9% of candidates achieved the full two marks and 22.1% achieved one mark.

In (ii), 43.4% of candidates achieved the full two marks and 48.5% achieved one mark.

Some candidates ticked too many boxes thereby failing to score any marks for this question.

Summary and advice to centres
Marks lost in this examination are most typified by answers provided in the following questions.

Section A
Qs 1, 2, 3 and 4.
These questions tested candidates' understanding of key vocabulary items listed in the specification for Higher level. Candidates should be aware these are the items that will be tested.
Tips
The question title, e.g. 'Problemi in vacanza', provides an important clue. Advise candidates to use the reading time available to think about the question title and the key words they are likely to hear.
Candidates sometimes ticked too many boxes in the grids. Advise candidates to check the number of marks available for each question. These are noted at the bottom of each question set. For example: (Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)

Section B
Qs 6, 7 and 9.
These questions asked candidates to briefly respond to questions asked in English.
Tips
Advise candidates to use the reading time available to think carefully about the questions asked. For example, in Q 6(e) 'Why is it important to take care of the beach, in Grazia's view?' an opinion is required for the answer. Advise candidates to also check the number of marks available for each question.
Short answers only are required. Too much information given can sometimes negate
the given response.