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It was pleasing to see that the vast majority of candidates answered the questions well.

Candidates should be encouraged to attempt every question and to write in clear and accurate English. Unfortunately in Q9 some candidates lost marks due to poor handwriting and some native speakers lost marks due the quality of their English. However it was pleasing to see that there was no problem with inappropriate answers in Russian this year.

**Questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5** provided hardly any problems for the majority of candidates.

**Question 6** was generally well done, although surprisingly some candidates had problems with *сбор*.

**Question 7** was a more testing question and it was pleasing to see that it was well answered by many candidates.

**Question 8** was accessible to the vast majority of candidates.

**Question 9** proved to be the most testing question, but it was good to see that most candidates attempted all parts.

(a) required university or study AND work or a job to get both marks. Many candidates answered *did not know what to do after school* which did not give them any marks. Candidates should be as accurate and precise as possible.

(b) was well answered in general with the majority of candidates giving an answer to do with *financing or paying for* university.

(c) was the least well answered . Many candidates got at least one mark, but to get both marks, they needed to mention any two from a job in *a bar, a shop or parents' help*. Surprisingly some candidates did not know магазин , answering *magazine* or even more surprisingly *restaurant*. Others got no marks for putting the too vague and guessable *a job or work*.

(d) was answered well by most candidates. Sponsorship or a sponsor was accessible to the majority. Some candidates gave the same answer for parts c and d. this is to be discouraged as the correct answer can only be credited once.

(e) this proved to be less accessible. Candidates needed to show that a job or career was guaranteed.

(f) provided varied responses. Most candidates got *money*, but not all knew опыт. To gain the 2 marks, candidates needed to get any 2 from *money, work experience, training for a speciality* . Специальность proved difficult

for several candidates. There were attempts to explain it *work with specialists, become a specialist, get a speciality*. Some candidates had problems with подготовка, but there were some successful attempts at working out the meaning. Several candidates answered *eat*, which was surprising until closer inspection of the text 'есть и деньги....'

(g) was well answered by most candidates. it was pleasing to see that сложный caused few problems. Most got the mark by answering *hard, difficult, complicated choice*, but many also understood *individual answer to the problem*, which was an alternative.

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