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Question 1

Most candidates scored 3 of the 4 marks available for this question. Most frequently wrong response was:

1 (iii) *grupos escolares*

Question 2

Most candidates scored 2 or 3 out of the 4 marks available. As in the Foundation paper some candidates lost marks because they ticked 5 boxes instead of 4.

Question 3

This question targeted Grade B+ and proved challenging to many candidates. Most candidates scored 1 or 2 out all of the 4 marks available for this question.

The main cause for the loss of marks in this section was where:

Q3(c) - candidates failed to recognise *acostumbrarme*.

Q3(d) - candidates missed the link between *formar parte de un equipo* and *be part of a team*.

Q3(f) - candidates incorrectly ticked this answer because they did not focus sufficiently on the key words in the passage *no sé si en el futuro*.

Question 4

Typical Grade A candidates generally scored well on this question. However only the very high end of the entry scored the full marks available.

4(a) Around 50% of candidates scored the one mark available.

4(b) Slightly more than 50% of candidates answered this question correctly. Candidates needed to explain that this album went back to Shakira's Latin roots; it had a Latin feel to it but some candidates thought that it was an album for Latin people. Also some candidates confused the word *raíces* with *racist* and thought that the album was racist.

4(c) Most candidates managed to score at least one of the two marks available for this question.

4(e) Most candidates identified that Dizzie Rascal performed with Shakira in this album and scored the one marked available. However some candidates thought incorrectly that Reino Unido was also a singer.

4(f) This section of the question discriminated well between candidates. Whilst the most able were successful in identifying the correct responses, there was some evidence of significant guesswork. In particular where candidates offered their own speculative responses linking Shakira's performance at the 'Football World Cup in Africa' with poor children being helped by 'Unicef'.

4(g) Most candidates correctly identified the key points as noted in the mark scheme.

Question 5

Most candidates scored 3 marks for this question. The most frequently wrong response was:

3 (iii) *edad*

Question 6

Whilst overall candidate performance was better on this paper than on Paper 3F, candidates still found this question challenging. References in the passage to tenses other than the present confused some candidates causing fluctuation in outcomes. There was some evidence of random guesswork.

Question 7

Overall candidates attempted this question well with many scoring the 3 of 4 marks available for this question. The most frequent wrong response was:

7 (iii) *Skills*

Question 8

The final question in this examination targets Grade A*. The following key points are worthy of note.

Q 8 (i) - few candidates provided the right answer to this question.

Q 8 (ii) - this question was more frequently correct than incorrect.

Q 8 (iii) - this question was problematic to all but the very few.

Q 8 (iv) - candidates failed to recognize *poco común*.

Q 8 (v) - was largely successful.

Q 8 (vi) - only 50% of all candidates were able to answer correctly.

Q 8 (vii) was largely successful.

Q 8 (viii) - most candidates answered this question correctly.

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