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This paper is aimed at the A* to C grades.

Question 1

This was an overlap question and was based on an advert for a young person to work as a receptionist for a Youth Club. The candidates were required to read the requirements of the job and tick the four correct boxes against the sentences that matched these requirements. Candidates scored well on this question but quite a few lost marks. Candidates must be taught to read the sentences thoroughly and pick out the correct ones carefully.

Question 2

This was also an overlap question about hotel rooms. As expected, most candidates scored full marks for this question and a small minority lost a mark.

Question 3

This question was based on career choices being made by young people. The candidates were required to read the information and match it to the short statements. The majority of candidates scored full marks but a few lost a mark as they could not work out the correct profession.

Question 4

This question was about the fairly modern city of Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan. Most candidates gained marks for all the parts but repeated their answers for (c) and (d). They scored marks for writing 'green/greenery' or anything similar but very few wrote 'developed' and other vocabulary written was taken into account when marking this part. Candidates must read carefully and answer the question according to information given in the text.

Question 5

This was an overlap question about healthy lifestyle and as expected the performance of the candidates was very good. Very few candidates lost marks in this question.

Question 6

This question was also an overlap question and was quite well attempted as most candidates scored three to four marks by matching the sentences to the correct letters.

Question 7

This question was based on healthy eating and is targeted at the higher grades. The stimulus passage was based on modern day eating habits especially with reference to fast food or eating out. The candidates were required to read a passage about the changing eating habits and then match the four correct statements to the given information. Their performance was quite good as most candidates scored three to four marks for this question.

Question 8

This question is targeted at A*. The performance of candidates was good as most candidates scored between five and eight marks for this question. The questions were well structured with short statements. The candidates' performance was much better compared to previous years, but some lost the odd mark.

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