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(a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and

(b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:
Paola is upset because her Dad is insisting that she eat meat. She is also angry because she feels her parents do not listen to her.

Question 2

Sample answer:
- Trekking shoes
- Tracksuit
- Sun hat
Question 3

Sample answer:
(C)

Question 4

Sample answer:
Working in a bookshop is ideal for Roberto because he likes reading. Also the working hours allow him to attend university in the morning. Also the pay is good.

Question 5

Sample answer:
(D)

Question 6

Sample answer:
Lara’s mother wants her to go to the deli to buy some butter. Then she could tidy the lounge room and set the table.

Question 7

Sample answer:
Renzo may go to see the film suggested by Sandra because it is science fiction, which is his favourite type of film. However, he has been let down by Sandra’s advice before to go and see a film she recommended. Therefore, he will do his own research on the internet to make sure the film is as good as Sandra says, before making up his mind.

Question 8

Sample answer:
The speaker delivers the speech because she is at her friend’s 18th birthday. They have been close friends since childhood. As part of the friendship group they have done many things together. Moreover, she is the only one of the group present at this time. She also wishes to repay the compliment to Daniela who spoke at her eighteenth birthday three months earlier.
Question 9

Sample answer:
It is very probable that Carla will leave her boyfriend as they fight a lot and he doesn’t tell her what he does with his friends. She has also lost trust in him as she has discovered that he receives SMS messages from a certain Lucia. She is not convinced by Ernesto’s explanation as to why Lucia might be sending these SMS messages.

Question 10

Sample answer:
Initially, Professor Dini might be impressed with her high career aspirations of becoming an ambassador. Yet, his initial impression soon changes, as Ginetta has made no plans to pursue the relevant studies. In fact, from her response, he would note that she is attracted to that career as it involves travel, but she has not applied for any courses yet. She is also very casual about the need to learn other languages. He might also not be impressed by Ginetta’s assumption that her American relatives would support her travels rather than her earning and saving money herself. For example, she got sick of her job at the supermarket. Professor Dini’s final remarks sum up his possible impression that Ginetta is still immature, self-centred and more concerned with having fun than seriously planning for her future.
Section II — Reading

Question 11

Sample answer:
A young person, preferably a university student, wanting to share an apartment in the suburbs of Bologna. They most likely would be willing to help in the kitchen.

Question 12

Sample answer:
Date: 26 September
Time: 8 pm
Location: School Library
Purpose: To inform parents to come to view the display of miniature Italian monuments built by the students in Year 10, to check the work completed in exercise books this year and to meet the teachers over refreshments.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:
Sebastiano cannot do sport at his Italian school because it is not offered there, unlike Australian schools. He has to get up half an hour earlier than in Australia, because school starts at 8 am everyday.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:
Sebastiano says initially that he gets on with Margherita but at the end of the email he says that he had a big argument with her. At first he says she is nice but later contradicts himself by saying she is not that nice. He says that she is a good listener but then he complains that she does not listen to his views about Australia. He also describes her as being open and interested in everything but later states that this girl is odd with her fixed ideas.
Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:
(D)

Question 14 (b)

Sample answer:
They have both finished school this year. Both intend taking a gap year next year and both wish to travel overseas. They both want their boyfriends to join them overseas so that they can travel together for a while.

Question 14 (c)

Sample answer:
Most likely Gianna will not take a gap year because she does not want to jeopardise her relationship with her new boyfriend Maurizio. He wants her to enrol in the same university course as him next year. She also doesn't have enough money to take a year off to travel overseas, as suggested by the other online chatters. Also her parents would not be able to help her financially as they have just purchased a new car. Moreover, they might be hesitant to allow her to travel alone with her boyfriend at her age.
Question 15 (a)

Sample answer:
He fell in love with it straight away. It helped him feel good about himself. It allowed him to express himself. It improved his self-esteem, that is, it helped eliminate his feelings of inferiority at school. He realised that he could have success in life without continuing with his studies.

Question 15 (b)

Sample answer:
(B)

Question 15 (c)

Sample answer:
You would agree with the interviewer to the extent that Max has used his talents for skateboarding to improve his self-esteem, which was badly bruised at school. His commitment to doing his best is evident in his becoming a world champion in his sport. His strength of character in overcoming the death of his parents and his addiction to drugs is an example to young people in how to deal with crises in their personal life. He has used his passion for skateboarding to counterbalance the negativity in his life and has achieved success despite not having pursued his studies.