

2009 HSC Italian Continuers

Sample Answers — Written Examination

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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 and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

They have agreed to meet for lunch at the bar near the beach.

Question 2

Sample answer:

He is apologising to the girl for not turning up on their date. He couldn’t contact her but he wants to arrange another date.

Question 3

Sample answer:

She wants Enrico to listen to the radio announcement, she wants him to take notes, and she wants him to give her his opinion.

Question 4***Sample answer:***

They will not go shopping in designer stores because she will still be able to get nice clothes without having to spend too much money and they will have money to spend on going out.

Question 5***Sample answer:***

The mother's reaction is negative because she sees her son as having changed his appearance and behaviour a lot. She is concerned that he is no longer interested in learning English which is why he was sent there and she is appalled by his decision to go to Brazil with a girl.

Question 6***Sample answer:***

By the end of the conversation Alessia realises the consequences of her actions, in plagiarising an essay from the net. She realises that she should not have taken Moretti's advice, her good student reputation will be ruined with her teacher and parents and she may have to cancel her date.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

(C)

Question 8***Sample answer:***

At first the father is annoyed with his daughter's wasteful use of resources at home and he is cynical until he realises the extent of her involvement in an environmental group at school. At this point he acknowledges her willingness to change her attitude and adapt her habits at home and is willing to reward her for her efforts. The daughter at first is defensive towards her father but then she accepts her father's suggestion that she could adopt different habits at home and makes a commitment to do so.

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part A

Question 9 (a)

Sample answer:

It claims to make exercise easier.

Question 9 (b)

Sample answer:

The music is specifically designed to suit the different types of exercise.

Question 9 (c)

Sample answer:

- Rhythm affects heart rate and breathing
- Different rhythms can be used to achieve different results.
- The right type of music can stimulate muscle tone and release energy.

Question 9 (d)

Sample answer:

It's effective because it attracts attention through its title and question at the beginning of the text. It has a wide appeal because it aims to interest all types of people, not just fitness fanatics.

Provides interesting scientific evidence and a persuasive personal perspective.

Question 10 (a)***Sample answer:***

They are participants in a conference about young Italians in the world and their opinion about their cultural identity was sought.

Question 10 (b)***Sample answer:***

Living in an Italian family but in an Anglo-Saxon world caused her to feel confused and isolated and somewhat insecure. However because she made the decision not to let go of her roots, she is now a tolerant whole person, she has a positive attitude to herself and her future.

Question 10 (c)***Sample answer:***

In primary he did not feel different because he was treated the same as everyone else. In high school he started to change physically and therefore he became aware and was affected by society's stereotyping. As he matured he realised that it is fashionable to be Italian and is very proud of the contribution Italians have made.

Question 10 (d)***Sample answer:***

They would feel proud of the fact that his Italian background has helped him to achieve success in his work. They would be sad to hear of his negative experiences simply because he was different. They would be proud of the person he has become and would be very happy to realise that society's attitude is changing and as a consequence the third generation have greater opportunities than ever before.