

2009 HSC Modern Greek Beginners

Sample Answers

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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:

To ask for money to buy a gift.

Question 2

Sample answer:

You travel for half the price by travelling at night.

Question 3

Sample answer:

Event: Niko’s 18th Birthday (Provided)

Date: 15th April

Venue: Apollo Restaurant

Theme: Dress as something starting with “N”.

Question 4*Sample answer:*

(C)

Question 5*Sample answer:*

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Question 6*Sample answer:*

The main points are:

- Council's failure to clean the streets
- Council's failure to fix damaged footpaths
- We now have to take action

Question 7*Sample answer:*

She's had enough of him. He shows little consideration for her feelings. He always brings his friends with him when they go out. They always go to take-away restaurants even though she's vegetarian. He's always late.

Question 8*Sample answer:*

She is surprised that she doesn't know Stefano as well as she thought she did. Stefano, whom she always considered to be a city boy, has decided to go and live in a Greek village. He wants to do his military service in Greece. He's planning to marry Katerina who he met in the grandfather's village.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

He will join the drama group because it costs nothing; he's free at night, he might meet a girl. He can't do photography because he's not free every weekend.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

(D)

Question 11***Sample answer:***

Anna's career choice as a children's author will mean she will not be financially independent for a long time. She will need to continue working and living with her parents. Foti's choice of career as a musician has forced him to leave home because of his parents' disapproval. He will have to move to Greece to further his career.

Section II — Reading

Question 12

Sample answer:

To inform the public that this shop will be closed for 10 days and that, the public can buy sweets from their other shop in the meantime, as it is open every day till 9pm.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

George was a new student from Cyprus. Mrs Christou was his teacher.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

Mrs Christou helped George develop from a boy who was totally disinterested in school because of family pressures to an accomplished student and academic who was able to work through high school and provide for his family. He holds Mrs Christou responsible for his change in attitude as she recognised his potential and helped him overcome his problems to achieve success.

Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:

To reflect on her first impressions of the village and to express her concerns as to whether she has made the right decision.

Question 14 (b)

Sample answer:

She's met Dimitri and Georgia who she really likes. They share the same interests as her, they will be working together on the fruit harvest.

Question 14 (c)

Sample answer:

In diary entry 3, Alice is excited about the great time she's having with her new friends. She is enjoying herself too much to miss home and the internet. In diary entry 4, she is very disappointed at her friends' sudden departure due to an accident, which will affect her future plans to travel to Spain with them. Alice will miss them and now feels very alone.

Question 15 (a)***Sample answer:***

For young people to discuss future plans now that school has finished.

Question 15 (b)***Sample answer:***

Alexi is motivated by money. He's spoiled, as he doesn't want to leave his comfort zone. He is sexist because he thinks as a woman she won't be able to manage in Africa. His outlook is conservative as he lacks a spirit of adventure.

Question 15 (c)***Sample answer:***

Anna will become a stronger person learning to live without her creature comforts. Through helping those less fortunate than herself, Anna will become a better person. She will have the opportunity to learn more about life in general and daily life in Africa. She is determined to prove that being a woman need not be a hindrance in experiencing something more challenging.