



## **2011 Italian Continuers HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'**

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## Section I — Listening and Responding

### Question 1

*Sample answer:*

They are discussing the best way for the two of them to get to the Museum of Contemporary Art on Saturday.

### Question 2

*Sample answer:*

Listeners should visit the website, do the suggested research and then choose the destination according to the offer and their own interests.

### Question 3

*Sample answer:*

- A student from this school helped the gentleman to cross a busy road.
- He would like the student's behaviour presented as a role model to other students.

### Question 4

*Sample answer:*

No, she's not likely to accept. While she was interested at first, by the end of the conversation she is rather resentful of Pino's attitude, since he is only interested in asking her to the formal because of the added benefits. This is obvious in her tone of voice and what she says at the end.

### Question 5

*Sample answer:*

(B)

### Question 6

*Sample answer:*

Valentina thinks that Anna is crazy in wanting to drop out of university at this stage in order to follow a career in music. She thinks that even though Anna may have some talent as a singer, it is not a sure thing that she will succeed in a very competitive music industry. On the other hand, Valentina knows that Anna is very good at her studies and she is limiting her options.

**Question 7*****Sample answer:***

At first Mario's attitude is one of anger and disappointment. He is angry because Giulia has posted what he believes to be an unflattering photo of him on Facebook and he feels betrayed. Giulia, however, manages to convince him that this shows a different side of his personality, therefore his attitude changes. By the end of the conversation he is no longer angry, he is still a bit sceptical but more hopeful.

**Question 8*****Sample answer:***

She agreed to be interviewed because talking about it will help her to move on. She knows that she will be able to help other students in similar situations. She is also happy to advertise the service, which has helped her to sort out her problems, and she agreed because she was able to remain anonymous and therefore not feel anxious about it.

**Section II — Reading and Responding  
Part A****Question 9 (a)*****Sample answer:***

It was the topic of older children of Italian families who are still living at home and being supported by their parents.

**Question 9 (b)*****Sample answer:***

The minister says that it is a global phenomenon. Families are experiencing this problem in other European countries and also in the United States. It is also a problem in Japan where they have even developed their own expression to describe these young people.

**Question 9 (c)*****Sample answer:***

It can be justified if one considers the changing nature of the workplace and the lack of opportunities for young people to obtain permanent work and have a reliable income. Since they are not prepared to make the sacrifice of having to change their lifestyle, then they have no real alternatives and they are forced to live at home.

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

Because he loves reading and thinks it is a shame the greatest majority of people don't read a great deal. He wants to explain what books are and wants to encourage people to read.

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

- It's healthy for our mind as it helps us to think more clearly.
- It helps us to make better choices in our daily lives.
- It helps us to detach from reality.

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

The statement is ironic because the author refers to reading as an adventurous trip for which the reader must prepare by first 'emptying' the backpack rather than filling it, as one would when going on a journey. This means ridding oneself of any prejudices about books as for example choosing a boring book or the books forced on us when at school.

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

The writer is knowledgeable about books so he may be a librarian as he offers his advice to readers about choice of books. We can also assume he is not necessarily very young because he is not into technology. He makes references to being of another generation and the fact that his enjoyment comes from reading real books. He is committed to helping others maintain a healthy lifestyle and he is also so passionate about reading that he prefers it to being sociable.