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NEW SOUTH WALES

2012 HSC Italian Beginners 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

Guitar lessons.

Question 2

Sample answer:

She is going to Luca's house then to the movies.

Question 3

Sample answer:

The male is catching a plane on Friday morning, whereas the female is catching a train on Saturday morning.

Question 4

Sample answer:

She says that she will record the soccer match for him, she will prepare his favourite meal for dinner and she promises to watch the game with him.

Question 5

Sample answer:

- People who like skiing
- People who have a car
- People who are free this weekend

Question 6***Sample answer:***

Silvia will take her pillow because she can't sleep without it, a change of clothes to go into the city, and a swimming costume so they can swim in Paolo's pool if it is hot.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

Marino tries to persuade Sandra to reconsider her career choice by advising her to enrol in a TAFE course rather than take up nursing. That way, she won't have to work on the weekends, she will have more time with her friends and she will earn money sooner.

Question 8***Sample answer:***

Maria is likely to return because she saw all her favourite groups and she could see and hear them really well. Lorenzo will probably not return because he thought the tickets were too expensive, there were too many people and he couldn't see the singers.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

Signor Rinaldo is being interviewed because he is the Environment Minister. He will be able to answer any questions that listeners have about the local recycling program. He will also explain the importance of maintaining clean parks and beaches and inform listeners about the council's initiatives for getting rid of graffiti on monuments and buildings.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

In the beginning the father assumes Alessia will go straight to university as planned. He questions the point of wasting a year on a trip which has nothing to do with her studies. However, by the end, he admits that he would have loved to have done the same thing at her age and agrees that her studies can wait for a year.

At first, the daughter is undecided about her original intention to go straight to university and asks her father's opinion about her idea of a trip to Italy. However, by the end, she is certain that she will go as she feels that she won't have another chance like this, and she does not want to miss the opportunity of meeting her Italian relatives.

Section II — Reading

Question 11

Sample answer:

Elisa has sent the message to tell her aunt when she will be arriving and to ask if she can pick her up.

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

A new gym with special offers.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Giorgio would be more interested because the gym is near his home, he can go after work, and he will get a family discount, as his sister will join as well.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

He is being interviewed because he has sent in an application for a work/study program in Bologna, Italy.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

He would be able to take a step forward in his career as a cook. He can also improve his knowledge of the Italian language. The program offers free food, accommodation and schooling. From the small weekly payment of 100 euros, he will be able to save money to travel.

Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:

To go on a holiday. To choose a warm destination (tropics and beach).

Question 14 (b)***Sample answer:***

Boar (Cinghiale) because they might get a promotion in their job and an increase in their salary.

Question 14 (c)***Sample answer:***

The Dragon will face difficulties at work all year. The Rat will be offered a new position in the first half of the year, but the second half may prove more difficult.

Personal relationships will be favourable for the Rat, but difficult for the Dragon.

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

Happiness and how it is attained.

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

Chiara believes that happiness comes from a single event like finishing your exams, but because of her age and experience, Lucia believes that happiness is a much deeper feeling, not associated with a specific event like finishing school. Lucia sees happiness comes from knowing how to appreciate every aspect of your life.

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

Davide disagrees with Michele being materialistic and with Michele's view that money can help you live better. For Michele happiness is earning money and being able to buy whatever he wants. For him, everything is tangible. However, for Davide, happiness is spending time with friends and family – his happiness comes from within. Finally, Davide says he believes Michele's attitude is wrong. For Davide, happiness is 'being' not 'having'.