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[C061/SQP095]

Intermediate 2 Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS

Italian

Paper I

Reading

Specimen Question Paper

Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

Full name of school or college

Town

First name and initials

Surname

Date of birth

Day Month Year

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Candidate number

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Number of seat

When you are told to do so, open your paper and write your answers in English in the spaces provided.

You may use an Italian dictionary.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.

Your study group is exchanging information with students in Italy with a view to choosing exchange partners and finding temporary work while abroad.

1. Andrea has written about his studies in Italy and how he finances himself.

Abito a Bari e non ho molte possibilità economiche. Un anno fa ho vinto una borsa di studio per sette milioni di lire, che corrisponde al costo di iscrizione al primo anno della Scuola Superiore Interpreti e Traduttori (S.S.I.T.). Ho scelto di fare il corso per traduttori e ho passato gli esami del primo anno. La preparazione lì è veramente ad altissimi livelli. Finito il corso, vorrei lavorare presso una casa editrice.

- (a) (i) How much is the first year's enrolment fee at the "Scuola Superiore Interpreti e Traduttori"? (1)

- (ii) How did Andrea manage to pay for this? (1)

- (b) Which course did he choose to do? (1)

- (c) What is his opinion of language learning at the "S.S.I.T."? (1)

- (d) Where is Andrea hoping to work when he has finished his course? (1)

2. Andrea has sent this article about an idea for part-time work.

Vacanze Alternative?

In Italia in tantissimi posti è vietato portare il cane: specialmente in spiaggia. Quindi andare in vacanza può essere una cosa molto problematica per numerose famiglie. Infatti, questo problema offre a studenti possibilità per guadagnare qualche lira durante le vacanze, portando a spasso il cane dei compagni di classe o dei vicini. Si può provare a mettere un annuncio sul giornale locale o anche un biglietto nella vetrina della tabaccheria di quartiere.

- (a) According to the article, what problem do families face in Italy, when taking their dog on holiday with them? **(1)**

- (b) How can students profit from this problem? **(1)**

- (c) What does the article suggest you do to take advantage of the opportunity? **(3)**

3. Carla has written about going on holiday last year.

L'anno scorso sono partita prestissimo in vacanza con quattro miei amici nel monovolume* che mio padre ci aveva prestato. Volevamo soprattutto evitare di viaggiare nelle ore più calde, però è successo l'inevitabile, e siamo rimasti bloccati sull'autostrada, un ritardo dovuto probabilmente a qualche incidente stradale. Inutile dire che la macchina non aveva l'aria condizionata. Seconda me l'aria condizionata è una necessità per chi deve affrontare un lungo viaggio d'estate! Meno male, la vacanza stessa è andata bene!

Glossary

* monovolume: a Multi Person Vehicle, a "people carrier".

- (a) Why did Carla and her friends leave early to go on holiday? (1)

- (b) (i) What happened to them on the motorway? (1)

- (ii) What does Carla think caused this? (1)

- (c) What does Carla think about air conditioning in cars? (2)

4. Carla has sent you this article from an Italian magazine. It is an interview with Alessandro Del Piero, a famous Italian footballer.

Alessandro del Piero, quanto ha cambiato la tua vita il successo?

Da tre, quattro anni la mia vita è totalmente cambiata, soprattutto nei rapporti con gli altri.

Sei felice?

Sì. Sono molto fortunato. Prima di tutto posso contare su una splendida famiglia e faccio un lavoro che mi piace tantissimo.

L'amicizia è importante per te?

Sono un tipo riservato, tendo a nascondere quello che ho dentro perché sono fondamentalmente timido. Ma quando trovo un vero amico, divento molto più aperto. Capisco bene le persone, e mi accorgo subito se qualcuno mi vuole essere amico solo perché sono un giocatore famoso.

Qual'è il più bel regalo che hai fatto o ricevuto?

Un sorriso: a mille oggetti preferisco un bel sorriso. È il regalo più gradito. Vedere la gente sorridere, fa bene al cuore.

Che cosa ti fa perdere la pazienza?

In assoluto detesto la mancanza di rispetto, soprattutto quella nei confronti dei bambini.

E in futuro, ti piacerebbe essere papà?

Sì, anche se non so quando. Penso anche al matrimonio; conto proprio di sposarmi prima o poi, ma voglio dare tempo al tempo. In questo momento sono single ma, forse, se avessi una fidanzata non lo direi.

Sai cucinare?

Mi piace mangiare ma non cucinare. Strano, dato il fatto che sono andato fuori di casa a 13 anni e sono abituato a vivere da solo, ma cucino pochissimo, preferisco andare al ristorante. Mangio di tutto: a un piatto di pasta non dico mai di no.

Ho sentito dire che fai collezione di tappi di champagne. È vero?*

Come fai a saperlo? Ne ho una trentina. Il tappo più importante è datato dicembre '95 quando ho celebrato il mio contratto con la squadra della Juventus. È stato un momento molto importante, sia come uomo sia come giocatore.

Quando capita, cosa fai per cambiare una giornata difficile?

In alcuni momenti preferisco stare da solo, altre volte cerco la compagnia di persone care che mi vogliono bene, con cui mi posso rilassare.

Dove andrai in vacanza, mare o montagna?

Decisamente al mare, alle Bahamas o alle Maldive. Me lo merito, no?

Glossary

* un tappo: a cork

4. (continued)

(a) How has success affected Del Piero? (2)

(b) Why does he consider himself very lucky? (2)

(c) Del Piero talks about friendship.

(i) How does he describe himself as a person? (1)

(ii) How does friendship change him? (1)

(iii) He says he understands people. What is he immediately aware of in others? (1)

(d) What does Del Piero dislike most of all? (2)

(e) What does he think about getting married? (1)

(f) Why is it surprising he does not know how to cook? (2)

4. (continued)

(g) Del Piero likes collecting champagne corks. Why is the cork dated December 1995 especially important to him?

(1)

(h) How does Del Piero react if he is having a bad day?

(2)

Total (30)

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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Intermediate 2
Italian
Paper I
Reading
Specimen Marking Instructions

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- 1 Andrea has written about his studies in Italy and how he finances himself.**
- (a) (i) How much is the first year's enrolment fee at the "Scuola Superiore Interpreti e Traduttori"?
- 1 point**
- **7,000,000 lire**
- (ii) How did Andrea manage to pay for this?
- 1 point**
- **he won a bursary/he got a grant**
- (b) Which course did he choose to do?
- 1 point**
- **the course for translators**
- (c) What is his opinion of language learning at the "S.S.I.T".?
- 1 point**
- **it's a very high level**
- (d) Where is Andrea hoping to work when he has finished his course?
- 1 point**
- **with a publisher**
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- 2 Andrea has sent this article about an idea for part-time work.**
- (a) According to the article, what problem do families face in Italy, when taking their dog on holiday with them?
- 1point**
- **Dogs are forbidden in many places**
- (b) How can students profit from this problem?
- 1 point**
- **They can earn money during the holidays**
- (c) What does the article suggest you do to take advantage of the opportunity?
- 3 points**
- **Take dogs for walks**
 - **Put an ad in the local paper**
 - **Put a notice in a shop window**

- 3** Carla has written about going on holiday last year.
- (a) Why did Carla and her friends leave early to go on holiday? **1 point**
- To avoid travelling when it is hot
- (b) (i) What happened to them on the motorway? **1 point**
- they got stuck
- (ii) What does Carla think caused this? **1 point**
- an accident
- (c) What does Carla think about air conditioning in cars? **2 points**
- very necessary in summer
 - for a long journey
- 4** Carla has sent you this article from an Italian magazine. It is an interview with Alessandro Del Piero, a famous Italian footballer.
- (a) How has success affected Del Piero? **2 points**
- it has changed his life totally
 - it has changed his relationship with others
- (b) Why does he consider himself very lucky? **2 points**
- he has/can count on a wonderful family
 - he has a job he likes doing very much
- (c) Del Piero talks about friendship.
- (i) How does he describe himself as a person? **1 point**
- timid/reserved/he hides what he feels
- (ii) How does friendship change him? **1 point**
- he becomes more open
- (iii) He says he understands people. What is he immediately aware of in others? **1 point**
- people who befriend him because he is famous
- (d) What does Del Piero dislike most of all? **2 points**
- lack of respect
 - especially towards children
- (note: the second point cannot be awarded independently)*

4 (continued)

- (e) What does he think about getting married? **1 point**
- **he hopes to sooner or later**
or **he isn't in a hurry to get married**
- (f) Why is it surprising he does not know how to cook? **2 points**
- **he left home when he was 13**
 - **he is used to living alone**
 - **he likes food/eating**
(any two)
- (g) Del Piero likes collecting champagne corks. Why is the cork dated December 1995 especially important to him? **1 point**
- **it commemorates his contract with Juventus**
- (h) How does Del Piero react if he is having a bad day? **2 points**
- **sometimes he prefers to be alone**
 - **sometimes he looks for company (friends)/ he likes to relax with friends**

Total 30 points

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]

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Intermediate 2
Italian

Time: 20 minutes
(approximately)

NATIONAL
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Paper II

Listening

Specimen Question Paper

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Town

First name and initials

Surname

Date of birth

Day Month Year

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Candidate number

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Number of seat

When you are told to do so, open your paper.

You will hear three items in Italian. You will hear each item twice, then you will have time to answer the questions about it before hearing the next item.

Write your answers, **in English**, in this book, in the appropriate spaces.

You may take notes as you are listening to the Italian, but only in this paper.

You may **not** use an Italian dictionary.

You are **not** allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



Points

1. Ottavia is talking about her village, Mortara.

(a) Where is Mortara?

(1)

(b) What does Ottavia say about summer in Mortara?

(1)

(c) Why does she like Sundays in Autumn?

(1)

(d) She mentions some problems she has because she lives in Mortara. What are these problems?

(2)

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Points

2. Donatella is talking about her studies and her work.

(a) What subject did Donatella like at school?

(1)

(b) What particular work did Donatella **not** want to do after she obtained her diploma?

(1)

(c) What type of course did she then decide to do?

(1)

(d) Why does she like her work?

(2)

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Points

3. Alberto is talking about his summer holidays.

(a) Where does Alberto usually go for his summer holidays?

(1)

(b) He talks about what he does during the day when he is on holiday.
Name **two** things he does.

(2)

(c) What does he do in the evenings?

(2)

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Total (15)
= 20 marks

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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Intermediate 2
Italian
Paper II
Listening Transcript
Specimen Question Paper

Time: 20 minutes
(approximately)

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This paper must not be seen by any candidate.

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Question number one.

Ottavia is talking about her village, Mortara.

- (f) **Abito in un paese che si chiama Mortara. È a quaranta chilometri da Milano, nel nord d'Italia. In estate, certo, fa più caldo che in Scozia. Però, in inverno può anche far freddo. Secondo me, la stagione più bella a Mortara è l'autunno. La domenica si mangia fuori in giardino con tutta la famiglia. Ci sono anche delle belle stradine dove facciamo delle lunghe passeggiate.**

Però ci sono anche dei problemi ad abitare a Mortara. Per esempio, per studiare devo andare tutti i giorni a Milano. Quando ero piccola, andavo a scuola nel villaggio. E poi, qui a Mortara, non c'è lavoro. Per trovare un lavoro, dovrò andare a Milano.

(3 minutes)

Question number two.

Donatella is talking about her studies and her work.

- (f) **Mi chiamo Donatella e ho ventitre anni. A scuola mi piacevano le materie tecniche e ho finito per prendere il diploma d'istituto tecnico. Non mi piaceva l'idea di fare l'impiegata o lavorare in ufficio, e così ho deciso di fare un corso di disegno e ho specializzato nel disegno di mobili per la casa. Facciamo mobili in legno . . . tavole, sedie, divani, poltrone, tutto per la casa. Facciamo mobili nuovi . . . sì . . . certo . . . ma anche restauriamo vecchi mobili. Mi piace molto. È un lavoro vario, è sempre diverso . . . ho anche buoni rapporti con le colleghe.**

(3 minutes)

Question number three.

Alberto is talking about his summer holidays.

- (m) **Di solito per le vacanze estive vado giù in Calabria a passare tutto il mese di agosto nella casa dei miei nonni, in un paese a dieci chilometri dal mare. Mi diverto un sacco lì perché ritrovo tutti i vecchi amici che non vedo durante il resto dell'anno. Prendiamo l'autobus ogni mattina e andiamo al mare insieme. Fare il bagno lì è bellissimo. Mangiamo un panino e ascoltiamo un po' di musica al bar della spiaggia verso mezzogiorno, . . . giochiamo anche a carte. La sera mi piace fare un giro in macchina, sempre con gli amici. Spesso andiamo ad una discoteca all'aperto, e balliamo sotto le stelle fino a tardi.**

(3 minutes)

End of test.

Now look over your answers.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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Intermediate 2
Italian
Paper II
Listening
Specimen Marking Instructions

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- 1 Ottavia is talking about her village, Mortara.
- (a) Where is Mortara? **1 point**
- **40 kilometres from Milan/in N Italy**
- (b) What does Ottavia say about summer in Mortara? **1 point**
- **it is hotter than in Scotland**
- (c) Why does she like Sundays in Autumn? **1 point**
- **she eats outside (in the garden) with her family
or they (her family) go for long walks**
- (d) She mentions some problems she has because she lives in Mortara.
What are these problems? **2 points**
- **she has to go to Milan to study (every day)**
 - **there is no work in Mortara/she will (probably) have to
look for work in Milan**
- 2 Donatella is talking about her studies and her work.
- (a) What subject did Donatella like at school? **1 point**
- **technical subjects**
- (b) What particular work did Donatella not want to do after she obtained
her diploma? **1 point**
- **clerk(ess)/work in an office**
- (c) What type of course did she then decide to do? **1 point**
- **a course specialising in furniture design
or an art (design) course**
- (d) Why does she like her work? **2 points**
- **it is satisfying/varied/always different**
 - **she gets on well with her colleagues**

3 Alberto is talking about his summer holidays.

(a) Where does Alberto usually go for his summer holidays? **1 point**

- he goes to Calabria
or he goes to his grandparents' house
or he goes to a village 10km from the sea

(b) He talks about what he does during the day when he is on holiday.
Name two things he does. **2 points**

- sees his (old) friends
- goes to the seaside/goes swimming in the sea
- has a sandwich at the bar (on the beach)
- listens to music at the bar
- plays cards
(any two)

(c) What does he do in the evenings? **2 points**

- goes for a ride in a car (with his friends)
- goes to (open air) disco/dances till late

Total 15 points

= 20 marks

Conversion Table 15 to 20

Points	Marks
15	20
14	19
13	17
12	16
11	15
10	13
9	12
8	11
7	9
6	8
5	7
4	5
3	4
2	3
1	1
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[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]

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Intermediate 2 Time: 40 minutes
Italian
Paper III
Writing
Specimen Question Paper

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You are preparing an application for the job advertised below.

Business Ahead Services

La "Business Ahead Services" di Milano cerca personale per lavorare in albergo. Bisogna scrivere una lettera in cui sono specificate le esperienze lavorative, le abilità (come per esempio l'uso del pc, le lingue conosciute), perché volete lavorare in albergo, e anche gli hobby. Il personale selezionato dovrà accogliere i clienti sul posto di lavoro e rispondere al telefono per prendere prenotazioni.

Rivolgetevi alla

Business Ahead Services,
Via XX settembre, 92,
Milano

To help you to write your application, you have been given the following checklist of information to give about yourself and ask about the job:

- * name, age, where you live
- * leisure interests
- * school/college career—subjects studied previously/being studied now
- * any previous links with the foreign country
- * work experience, if any
- * reasons for application
- * request for information about the job

You have also been given a way to start and finish this formal type of letter:

Start your letter with the following: Spettabile Ditta,

Finish your letter with the following: Distinti Saluti.

Use all of this help to prepare and copy out your finished version of the letter. You should write 120–150 words, excluding the formal phrases you have been given.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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Intermediate 2
Italian
Paper III
Writing
Specimen Marking Instructions

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This paper will be assessed according to performance descriptors and pegged marks. Full details will be issued in due course.