



National Qualifications 2007

Senior Verifier Report

Subject: Italian

Assessment Panel: Modern Languages

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification which has taken place within National Qualifications in this subject.

COMPONENT / COURSEWORK IN NATIONAL COURSES

Speaking - Italian

COMPONENT/COURSEWORK MODERATED

SPEAKING

COURSE NUMBERS:

C061/10 (CENTRAL)

C061/11 (CENTRAL)

C061/12 (CENTRAL)

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

At all levels, Verifiers found clear evidence of the following:

- 1 good understanding of the course specifications and requirements
- 2 use of appropriate language resources
- 3 good preparation
- 4 a clear understanding, on the part of the interlocutors, of the criteria required to determine the pegged marks

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

At all levels there was clear evidence of very sympathetic and encouraging interlocutors. All centres sampled were correctly applying the criteria for speaking performance.

At Intermediate 1 level most candidates chose the personal communication role-play. It enabled beginners in the language to perform at a reasonable level but it was felt it did not allow better candidates to fully exploit their linguistic abilities. Centres should remember to include the NAB/assessment being attempted.

At Higher and Intermediate 2 level the vast majority of candidates chose to talk about school. Inevitably at Higher and Intermediate 2 levels the quality of the presentations was inevitably better than the subsequent discussion for many candidates. Perhaps centres could emphasize to candidates the need to sustain their effort throughout the entire length of the test.

It was noted that, in some instances, the length of both the presentations and the discussions was prolonged. The time allocation indicated should be followed.