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Paper 3F Foundation Tier

Most candidates seemed to have been entered at the correct level. The paper was accessible to the vast majority so that almost all candidates were able to attempt every question.

Question 1
This was answered reasonably well, as it targeted familiar food vocabulary. Some candidates incorrectly chose "tuna", "peppers" or "sweetcorn".

Question 2
The vast majority of candidates were familiar with these items of vocabulary, with *scuola* oddly not being recognised at times.

Question 3
This overlap question was answered quite well at Foundation level, with only a few candidates struggling with part (i).

Question 4
This overlap question proved more demanding at Foundation level, with the vast majority of candidates answering parts (ii) and (iv) incorrectly: key words like *nave* and *pensione completa* were clearly not known at this level. *Età/anni* were more widely recognised and the majority knew *fine settimana*.

Question 5
This question was answered quite well at Foundation level, with *parco divertimenti* being the only item of vocabulary that proved slightly more testing. The name *Gardaland* probably helped candidates in identifying the correct answer anyway.

Question 6
This question tested some basic vocabulary relating to parts of the house but surprisingly it did not reach very high scores, with about 30% of candidates not being familiar with *camera* and 40% with *soggiorno*.

Question 7
On the other hand this overlap question was answered quite well at this level, though some candidates incorrectly opted for B in part (ii), possibly swayed by *Europeo* in the text, and also in (iii), maybe confused by the word *Design*.

Question 8
This overlap question testing free time activities was quite accessible to Foundation candidates with the exception of (iv), where the vast majority incorrectly chose D rather than B, possibly by a process of elimination.

Question 9

Most candidates managed to score well in this question, with most candidates being able to recognise vocabulary relating to tourist information. The only item of vocabulary that was not widely recognised was *piantina della città*.

Question 10

This produced some varied responses. Most candidates correctly identified one place of interest in (c) but very few understood how many places were offering reduced entry in (b) and when you can get into museums for free in (d). Most resorted to guessing. The dates in (a) were more widely recognised but there were still about 40% of candidates who answered incorrectly.

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