

ITALIAN (ITN315114)

ORAL

Overall, the standard was incredibly high for the Orals this year. The smaller number of students appears to have given teachers more opportunities to practice with in preparation.

The main weaknesses came in recognising the key words "passato and scorso" for the perfect tense. There was also some difficulty in using the infinitive after modal verbs and confusion with "preferisco" and "preferito".

It can be said, that it was very pleasing for the examiners to be able to engage in a naturally flowing conversation where the candidates were able to respond to tangents as well as the questions they were expecting.

READING

The reading sections were also well handled by the majority of the candidates, with very few gaps being left. This was the case for both Section A as well as Section B of the reading passages. Some students were very inventive with possible titles for the passages, using some humour to make the title particularly catchy.

Unfortunately a few candidates wrote the title of the passage in Italian in keeping with the language used rather than giving it in English as required for that section of the paper. In the future, should a question like that be asked, the setting examiner will reinforce that the title should be in English.

LISTENING

It appears that this section of the exam caused the most problems for candidates. As in past years, students are urged to learn vocabulary groups around themes such as shopping, travelling etc.

ESSAY

There was a wide range of standard in the essays with 5 choosing a diary entry, 2 the letter, 4 each the biography and narrative and only one the interview. The interview would have been better handled had it been written as a script rather than essay format.

READING COMPS

QUESTION 6 KEY

a) Allows you to grow up / quickly 2

b) Scholarship – 1 mark

With host family – 1 mark

Or

can go for 1yr or 3 months	2
c) 45/ minutes/ from nearest city (or Dubbo)/ population of 2700 – ½ mark for each detail	2
d) You learn to love – 1 mark your own county – 1 mark and its culture – 1 mark	3
e) People don't make friends easily 1 mark and He spent a lot of time by himself - 1 mark He missed his family and friends at first – 1 mark	3
f) Accent different to what he learnt,/ they spoke too fast – 2 marks Food different to Mediterranean diet / have eggs and tea for breakfast / he is used to coffee and croissant – any two for 2 marks	4
g) ii) open minded and willing to learn	2
h) To encourage students to consider doing an exchange abroad or anything similar	2
Total /20	

QUESTION 7 KEY

a) suggesting that once you have read the article you will be shocked about where your cat goes when you are not there/ you won't want to let your cats out –	2
b) small / irish / company – 1 mark each	3
c) monitor cats - 1 mark 24 hours – 1 mark Keeping control / surveillance of them– 1 mark	3
d) 14 cats – 1 mark In a small town – 1 mark Quiet/ safe suburbs – 1 mark With least traffic – 1 mark	4
e) how many kms the cats travelled – 2 marks or can cover many km in little time	2
f) it says that next edition will report on the findings of travels of a cat monitored over 10 days.	2

g) eg Cats on the Move	
or Where's your cat when you're not there? (anything similar)	2
	Total /18

QUESTION 8 KEY

a) le persone che camminano velocemente – 1 mark	1
b) almeno /30 /minuti/ 5 /volte /alla settimana – ½ mark each	3
c) il cuore – 1 mark	1
d) persone anziane/ vecchie / con più di 70 anni (any of these)	2
e) equilibrio, memoria, tempi di reazione, tempi di attenzione , or declino fisico and declino mentale (any 2)	2
f) farlo con un partner – 2 marks	2
g) bambini – 1 mark	1
h) Francia, Germania, America, Svezia – 1 mark each	4
i) i) studio 1 – La passeggiata salva il cuore	
ii) studio 2 – Ballare fa bene	
iii) studio 3 – dimagrire insieme	
iv) studio 4 – sport da piccoli, forti da grandi	4
j) i) il benessere	2
	Total / 22

Overall total /60

Key Spoken Text 1 – Interviews (Chiaro Uno pg 8)

a) Music conservatorium – 1 mark	
Flute - 1 mark	2
b) To be an actress – 1 mark	
Become famous ½ and Earn lots of money – ½ mark	2
c) He's already At uni	1
d) She's good ½ at drawing ½ – 1 mark	
Likes the thought – ½ mark	
of planning/ designing houses – ½ mark	2

e)i) His age / or finding a job – 1 mark	1
ii) Any job – 1 mark	
So as not to be unemployed -1 mark	2
f) Sara – they ask her what she wants to be when she grows up or Daniele, because of his age	2
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Spoken text 2 Un messaggio blog Esplora uno pg 124

a) Tired , but well– 1 mark each	2
b) Her sister – 1 mark	
Her friends – 1 mark	
At the beach – 1 mark	3
c) Hostels – 1 mark	
At friends'- 1 mark	
Saves money – 1 mark	3
d) Very / cute – 1 mark	
Sometimes / a little / boring 1 mark	2
e) red Vespa/ scooter -1 mark	
feels afraid (of traffic)	2
f) Give/throw a huge party	1
g) Gets on her nerves or only thinks of himself - 1 mark	1
h) Any two, 1 mark each	
He is Swiss	
Fun	
Non very intelligent	
Doesn't help much	
His friends call him Max	2
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Spoken Text 3 Annunci Attenzione prego pg 46/47

a) Tomorrow – ½ mark	
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At nine – ½ mark	1
b) i) near ½ / the entrance ½ – 1 mark	1
ii) Have their bags checked – 1 mark	1
c) i) Any three	
Makeup – 1 mark	
Sunglasses – 1 mark	
Black wallet – 1 mark (1/2 each)	
Keys – 1 mark	3
ii) Information desk – 1 mark	
ID – 1 mark	2
d) ½ mark for each piece of information	
On/ stairs / Between /Second and /Third /Floor	3
e) Shop / closing – 1 mark	
In 5 / minutes – 1 mark	2

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Spoken text 4 “Rischiatutto” Viaggio a Roma pg 23

a) It's raining outside – 1 mark	
“Rischiatutto” or (a show she loves) is on – 1 mark	2
b) Dedicated to ads – 1 mark	1
c) They are shown all together – 1 mark	
Rather than during shows (like in Aus) – 1 mark	2
d) Any two	
once famous Italian presenter – 1 mark	
Really is American – 1 mark	
Years ago had success with show called “Lascia o Raddoppia”	
Or with quiz show	2
e) Can earn bigger amounts of money	
Or	
Can earn up to 500,000 Euro	2

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Spoken text 5 Un diario Viaggio a Roma pg 50

a) Disastrous -1 mark

Car trip – 1 mark

2

b) On foot

1

c) Rita had high heels or sore feet – 1 mark

Bought more comfortable shoes – 1 mark

2

d) The view or panorama - 1 mark

1

e) Any three – 1 mark each

Richest park she has ever seen

Beautiful pond

Biggest zoo in Italy

Galleria Borghese

Gallery of Modern art

3

f) surrounded by tall pines – 1 mark

1

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Total /60