

## **ESAME DI CERTIFICAZIONE LINGUISTICA – FORMAT DELLE PROVE D'ESAME (Regione Lombardia)**

### **Oral Production**

Colloquio in inglese con un esperto linguistico su argomenti compresi nei domini Personal / Public / Educational previsti dal Common European Framework.

Tempi : 5-10 minuti.

### **Written Production**

In **100 words**, write a letter to an English friend to tell him/her about your last holiday.

Tell him/her:

- Where you went, and who you went with
- What the place was like
- How you got there
- How long you stayed and in what type of accommodation
- What you did during the day and in the evening
- Something funny or bad that happened

Begin your letter:

Dear .....,

I want to tell you about my last holiday.

Tempo per la stesura: 30 minuti.

### **Reading Comprehension**

1. Read the following text and then say if the statements are true or false:

Childhood autism is much more wide-spread in Britain than was previously thought, according to a survey of school-age children published today.

One per cent of children aged nine and ten examined at a hospital in London were found to be autistic or to have related disorders. This suggests that autism is 25 times more common than the four to five cases per 10,000 people which was the accepted number in the 1990's.

It is still unknown whether the number of children born with autism is rising. The higher levels are believed to reflect a large number of cases that would previously have gone unrecognised.

In previous years, most children who had autism would perhaps have some learning difficulties, but now autism is being recognised in young people who don't have learning difficulties and, in fact, are very capable.

1) People believed that there was less autism in Britain before the report was published.

a) True

b) False

2) Today, there are more than four to five cases per 10,000 people.

a) True

b) False

3) All children who have autism have some learning difficulties.

a) True

b) False

4) The exact number of cases of childhood autism is well-known.

c) True

d) False

5) All children who have autism have some learning problems as well.

e) True

f) False

2. Read the following text and choose the correct word for each space

Some centuries 1)....., Scotland and England were not part of 2)..... same state but were enemies, often at war with 3)..... other. One night, during one of these wars, a group of English soldiers managed 4)..... surround an enemy camp to make the sleeping 5)..... prisoners. In the dark a soldier put 6)..... hand on one of the many thistles growing in the area. He gave a loud scream!

This 7)..... up the Scottish soldiers and they drove the English soldiers back into England. 8)..... then, the thistle 9)..... been the symbol of Scotland. The rose of the House of Tudor is the symbol of England, the leek is the symbol of Wales (although some people say that the more romantic daffodil is the symbol of Wales) and the four-leafed clover is the symbol of 10)..... Ireland.

1) a) before                      b) ago                      c) then                      d) later

2) a) a                      b) as                      c) the                      d) one

3) a) each                      b) every                      c) some                      d) an

4) a) -                      b) for                      c) to                      d) in

- 5) a) Scottish      b) Scotch      c) Scots      d) Scotchmen
- 6) a) a      b) the      c) your      d) his
- 7) a) waked      b) woken      c) woke      d) wakes
- 8) a) After      b) From      c) Since      d) For
- 9) a) is      b) have      c) was      d) has
- 10) a) north      b) north of      c) Northern      d) northern

Il tempo totale per le prove di ascolto + lettura è di 60 minuti

### Listening Comprehension

- **You are going to hear 3 news items. You will hear each one twice.**
- **Listen and answer the questions for each one**
- **The first two are multiple choice**
- **The third one is true or false**

Indian army engineers yesterday rescued a six year old boy who spent 50 hours trapped at the bottom of a 60ft. well.

The child, who is known by only one name, Prince, was brought out by soldiers.

Villagers said that construction workers had left a partially constructed well-shaft temporarily covered with sacking. The child accidentally stepped on it while playing with friends. Fortunately, the bottom of the well was covered with soft sand but the shaft was only 16 inches in diameter. Engineers had to dig a parallel shaft and then a connecting passageway.

Rescue teams passed biscuits, chocolates and bottles of glucose drink down the shaft and monitored the boy on closed circuit television.

Special prayers were said for the boy in temples, mosques, churches and Sikh places of worship across all India.

1. The boy spent
  - a) 15 hours in the well
  - b) 50 hours in the well
  - c) 40 hours in the well
2. When the boy fell into the well, he was
  - a) going home from school

- b) playing
- c) looking for his dog

3. The bottom of the well was covered in

- a) sand
- b) water
- c) sand and water

Suburban Los Angeles suffered weekend temperatures as high as those of Death Valley, as a tremendous heatwave affecting much of the west of the country showed no sign of ending. Records were broken across California as stifling heat and unusual humidity caused scattered power cuts.

Temperatures reached 48.3° C in Woodland Hills, 42.7°C in Sacramento and 46°C in Livermore.

San Francisco, often foggy and cool, reached 30.5°C.

Demand for power reached record levels on Saturday and there were some power failures.

No relief is forecast until the end of the week. Last week, deaths were reported in a number of states, including Oklahoma, Illinois and Kansas, because of the high temperatures.

1. The temperature in Los Angeles last weekend was

- a) the same as in Death Valley
- b) higher than in Death Valley
- c) not as high as in Death Valley

2. The highest temperature was in

- a) Sacramento
- b) San Francisco
- c) Woodland Hills

3. The temperature will fall

- a) tomorrow
- b) at the weekend
- c) in the first part of the week

Despite ever greater competition from television, the internet and Pods for people's free time, book sales in Britain have increased considerably. Although in the USA book sales were fairly quiet, in Britain they rose by 19%.

The rise was found particularly in books about food and drink, crafts, photography and travel which are areas of practical need, passion and enthusiasm.

Despite the improvement, publishing houses know that they must adapt to the internet and they are starting to provide e-books and podcasts.

16 to 24 year olds are turning away from newspapers as well as from television and radio in favour of the internet, and it is these people that the publishing houses want to reach. The internet plays a central role in our daily lives and so it is important to move with the times.

1. Book sales in the USA increased more than in Britain.
  - a) True
  - b) False
2. Novels were the most popular.
  - a) True
  - b) False
3. Young people are more interested in television than newspapers.
  - a) True
  - b) False

**Now you are going to hear two dialogues**

- One is multiple choice
- One is true or false

Pat: Where are you going on holiday this year Simon?

Simon: Don't really know. I'd quite like to go to Denmark but my girlfriend would prefer somewhere warmer. Northern Europe's quite expensive too and we've just bought a new car so money's a bit tight.

Pat: Well, countries like Lithuania, Estonia and Poland are still quite cheap. Especially if you don't go through an agency. You can always find accommodation.

Simon: That sounds like an interesting idea. I'll try to convince my girlfriend!

Her idea of a holiday is roasting on a crowded beach. She'd like to go to La Costa Brava or Majorca but in August everywhere is packed and with high season prices.....

Pat: If you don't make your mind up soon, the holiday will be over and done with!

1. Simon
  - a) has already booked his holiday
  - b) has no idea where he wants to go
  - c) doesn't agree with his girlfriend

2. Simon and his girlfriend have
  - a) just bought a new house
  - b) just bought a new car
  - c) just bought a motor bike

3. Pat suggests countries in
  - a) southern Europe
  - b) northern Europe
  - c) western Europe

A Switchboard, can I help you?

B Is that Sally?

A No, it's Joan, Mr. Phelps. Sally's at the dentist so I'm standing in for her.

B Oh, hello Joan. I can't seem to find the phone number of Mason & Co. in London. Do you happen to have it handy? I'm a bit pushed for time.

A Just a moment. I'll have a look. Was that Nason & Co.?

B No, Mason & Co. 'M' for mother.

A Sorry..... M..... Mason & Co. Yes, here it is.

B Thanks. 1073.....

A No! 1074

B Oh, right 1074 523 7 double four.

Thanks a lot.

A You're welcome.

1. Joan's gone to the dentist.

a) True

b) False

2. Mr. Phelps wants the phone number of Nason & Co.

a) True

b) False

3. The phone number is 1074 523 744.

a) True

b) False

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### **KEY**

#### **Reading Comprehension**

1. True False False False False

2. b c a c c d c c d c

#### **Listening Comprehension**

1. b b a

2. a c b

3. False False False

4. c b b

5. False False True