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MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper

for the guidance of teachers

1346 SHORT COURSE ITALIAN

1346/01 Paper 1 (Speaking), maximum raw mark 30

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Prepared topic discussion (30 marks)

- Factual knowledge and opinions (14 marks)
- Range and accuracy (10 marks)
- Pronunciation and intonation (6 marks)

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13–14 *Excellent* Excellent factual knowledge of subject, understanding, illustration and opinion. Excellent preparation and discussion.	**9–10 *Excellent*** Excellent level of accuracy. Confident and effective use of wide range of structures.	**6 *Excellent*** Authentic pronunciation and intonation.
11–12 *Very good* Comprehensive knowledge of the subject, demonstrating clear understanding and using appropriate illustration. Range of relevant opinion, confidently discussed.	**7–8 *Very good*** Very good level of accuracy, over range of structures. Tenses and agreements generally reliable, but some lapses in more complex areas.	**5 *Very good*** Very good pronunciation and intonation.
9–10 *Good* A good range of knowledge, generally well used. Relevant opinions. Ideas discussed well.	**5–6 *Good*** Good level of accuracy, with some inconsistency. Some complex language attempted. Errors do not impair communication.	**4 *Good*** Generally good pronunciation and intonation.
7–8 *Satisfactory* Solid base of knowledge, but insecure in some areas. Opinion adequate. Not always able to develop discussion.	**3–4 *Satisfactory*** Gaps in knowledge of grammar. Communication impaired by errors.	**3 *Satisfactory*** Satisfactory pronunciation and intonation.
4–6 *Weak* Limited knowledge, with obvious gaps. Some irrelevance and repetition. Opinions limited. Discussion pedestrian and/or hesitant.	**1–2 *Weak*** Little evidence of grammatical awareness. Accuracy only in simple forms.	**2 *Weak*** Many sounds mispronounced.
1–3 *Poor* Very limited knowledge. Material very thin and vague. Very hesitant discussion.		**1 *Poor*** Native language heavily influences pronunciation and intonation, impeding communication.
0 No knowledge shown of topic.	**0** No rewardable language.	**0** Wholly inauthentic pronunciation and intonation.

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