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Report on the examination

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General Comments

The overall performance in 9280/R has continued to show that students can read, understand and respond to a range of written texts in an appropriate, sophisticated and discriminating perceptive and discerning way. The majority of students achieved good scores.

Students did very well in answering multiple-choice questions on Text 1, but also tended to do quite well on the other multiple-choice questions on other texts. In line with previous series, Text 4, about the experiences of a new father, proved to be the most difficult.

Questions 19, 24, 25, 27 and 32 seemed to be the most challenging, as outlined below.

Students on the whole need to avoid copying out whole sections from the passage on questions which required longer lists, as some of them ran the risk of including information which was not relevant. In general, they needed to answer some of these questions with more precision and discrimination. That being said, some questions of this type were handled very well by students.

Text 1

This text was very accessible, with each question being answered correctly by over 90% of students. The percentages ranged from 99%+ for Q02 to 93% for Q06.

Text 2

Question 07

This question was correctly answered by about 97% of students.

Question 08

Just under 70% of students got 2 marks, while about 30% got 1 mark.

Question 09

Just under 85% of students got a mark for identifying the answer as the film being long.

Question 10

This was a well answered multiple choice question with 95% of students listing a correct response.

Question 11

This was a rather more challenging question with 40% of students gaining a full two marks and 38% of students getting 1 mark. While most students got the sense of "authentic", others found the definition of "situations" more difficult.

Question 12

96% of students gained the full two marks for this question.

Question 13

Just over 85% of students gained both marks for this multiple-choice question.

Question 14

75% of students chose the correct answer in identifying the main purpose of the text, which was down on the comparable question in the previous series in November 2022.

Text 3

Question 15

Just over 90% of students answered this multiple-choice question correctly.

Question 16

About 70% of students answered this question correctly.

Question 17

This question was well answered, with about 90% of students correctly identifying 3 facts about the solar farm in Qinghai province.

Question 18

This question was answered very successfully, with about 95% of students getting the mark.

Question 19

This question was a little more difficult, with 40% of students getting 2 marks, 30% getting 1 mark and 30% getting zero marks.

Question 20

This multiple-choice question elicited a range of responses: 30% got 4 marks, 55% got 3 marks and 15% got 1 mark.

Question 21

Just over 60% of students conveyed the correct sense of "harnessed" in the context.

Question 22

This was a well-answered question, with about 70% of students gaining the full two marks.

Question 23

The marks for this question were quite evenly spread, with nearly 35% getting 2 marks and just over 35% getting 1 mark.

Question 24

Nearly 65% of students answered this correctly by identifying the main point of the whole article, which was significantly down on the comparable question in the previous series in November 2022.

Text 4

Question 25

This question acted as a good discriminator, as it was very challenging for most students. About 2% of students explained all three ideas accurately, 10% explained two of the ideas and 30% explained one of the ideas.

Question 26

An impressive 85%+ gained the full four marks in listing what the writer said his son had learned to do.

Question 27

This question presented some challenge with about 20% of students gaining the full two marks and 45% of students gaining one mark.

Question 28

This question was very well answered with just under 95% of students gaining all three marks.

Question 29

This question was very well answered with 95%+ of students choosing correctly in identifying the main point of paragraph 4.

Question 30

An encouraging 60%+ of students answered correctly explaining what 'He's blasting ahead' meant and gaining one mark.

Question 31

This multiple-choice question was very well answered with over 90% of students getting the full two marks.

Question 32

This multiple-choice question was rather more challenging with just under 65% of students getting the available mark.

Question 33

This was quite well answered with over 65% of students getting the full 4 marks.

Question 34

Students responded well to this question with 75% gaining the two marks available.

Question 35

A very encouraging 85% of students chose the correct answer.

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